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# The Broadcaster



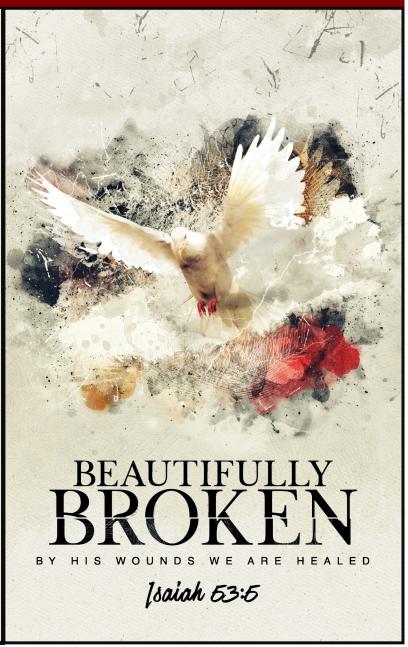
**April 2019** 

#### **Dates to Remember**

- April 4 Mom's Group
  Daytimers
  Walking Through Grief
  Church Council
- April 6 Royal Family Kids
  Dinner/Concert at MUMC
- April 7 Leadership Luncheon
- April 8 Girlfriends in God
- **April 11 Trustees**
- April 12 Tetelestai at St. Andrews
  Episcopal
- April 13 Journey to the Cross
  McKinley Distribution
- April 14 Palm Sunday Tenebrae Rehearsal
- **April 15 Broadcaster Articles Due**
- April 16 McKinley Distribution
- April 18 Maundy Thursday
- April 19 Good Friday Tenebrae Service Cross Walk

#### **April 21 - Easter Sunday**

- April 25 R & R SPR
- April 26 Burroughs
- April 27 McKinley Distribution
  District Spring Conference
- April 29 Broadcaster Mails





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### Fair-Weather Faith



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Spring is in the air! I can feel the warmth of the sun, I can hear the melodies of praise being sung by the birds and I can feel the itch in my bones to hit a solid drive right down the middle of the fairway. Admittedly, I am a fair-weather golfer. I don't find joy in putting on frozen greens or trying to feel the cold grip of my club with numb hands. It's hard to be a committed golfer in northern Ohio, where at best you might get eight months of playable weather. However, once the weather breaks, watch out because the golfers who have been dormant all winter come to life and begin their assault on courses around the region.

The Masters tournament always sparks inspiration in all of us golfers, as we watch our favorite players make the game look easy. Their shot-making ability gives us hope and we start to believe that, with a little practice, we could have the same success. Gosh, if it were only that easy! Recently, I read a book about Tom Watson's lifelong caddy. I discovered that, on average, professional golfers hit a thousand balls a day at the driving range. A THOUSAND balls a day! I find it difficult just to hit a small bucket of balls, which is about 30-40, once in a while. It's tedious, boring and quite frankly, no fun at all.

I prefer the movement of being on the course itself. Even if I do hit a bad shot, at least I am moving forward and making progress, discovering new aspects of the course. Not so with the driving range. Nope, same spot. No movement forward. Simply drag another ball over to your setup and go through the routine again. The funny thing is, even though I haven't moved, sometimes my ball does. You know, sometimes it goes to the right and sometimes it goes to the left. I guess that's why I should spend more time at the range, so I can figure out how to get them all to go straight!

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## Fair-Weather Faith (continued)

Regardless of how much time I spend on the range, by midsummer, I have finally worked out the kinks of my swing and I tend to score fairly well. So you are probably wondering by now, "Pastor, What does this have to do with faith?" I'm glad you asked. I wonder, does your prayer life ever feel like a fair weather golfer? Maybe, times when you talk to God are only when life is sunny and conditions are good. That might not even be half of the year here in northern Ohio. Paul writes that we are to pray without ceasing. In golfing terms, we are to practice without ceasing. Imagine praying a thousand times a day!

## A prayer life like that would be "Masters" worthy!

The practice the PGA players put in isn't just for the easy shots on the course. Their level of practice prepares them for the occasional shot that goes awry. They can stand over a ball in deep rough and feel confident because they have put in the time and effort. Our prayer life should be the same way. Praying constantly, so that when we find ourselves in the rough, we can stand confident in the Lord, knowing and trusting that our faith is more than just fairweather faith. How would you rate your prayer life today? Is it fairweather? Or is it all-season?

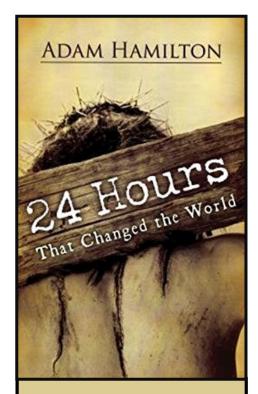
> With a Prayer, Pastor Christopher

## Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC)



Do you know about our ministry of Royal Family Kids Camp? This has been a mission of our church since 2013. This is a weeklong camp in June for children at risk that is run by a partnership of several area churches, (also Willoughby Hills UMC, Mentor UMC, Immaculate, etc.). The purpose of the camp is to give these children an opportunity to experience the love of Christ as they spend a week of fun and safety at a Christian Camp. RFKC is run completely by a staff of faithful volunteers. Pastor Christopher and Pastor Hazel have both been enthusiastically involved in RFKC for several years. You can learn more about this International Organization at www.rfk.org. There are many ways that you can help. Of course, if you can take a week to spend with the kids at camp, you can be on staff. But there are many other ways you can help.

- 1. Donations may be made to our camp. Checks may be made out to WUMC with RFKC #271 in the memo line.
- 2. Support the Benefit Concert (Mentor Top 25) and Silent Auction on April 6 at Mentor United Methodist Church
  - -Make a basket for the Silent Auction
  - -Buy tickets (\$10) from the Church Office

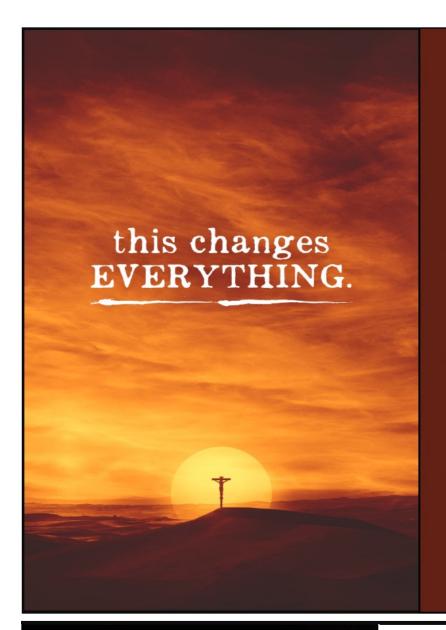


### SERMON SERIES FOR LENT

April 7
The Torture
and Humiliation

April 14
Palm Sunday
The Crucifixion

April 21
Easter
Christ the Victor



### Come and See How During Holy Week

April 14 Palm Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

April 18 Maundy Thursday
Services
1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

April 19 Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
7:00 pm

April 21 Easter Services 8:00 am 9:30 am



#### What is Tenebrae?

By Pastor Hazel

**Tenebrae** [Ten-eh-bray]. This is a Latin word referring to darkness. We will recall and symbolize the growing darkness of the events of Good Friday.

This service will be one of the most beautiful and memorable services you have ever experienced! There will be twelve candles that will be progressively

extinguished as the story of the events of the week before the crucifixion is told by several participants.

The narration will be interspersed with the themes expressed in song by the choir, bell choir, instrumentalists, soloists, etc.

The joy of **Easter** morning will impact you in an incredible way after you have experienced the solemnity of a **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**.

THIS IS ONE SERVICE YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!!

## journey to the CROSS

an interactive EXPERIENCE
Free and open to ALL
Saturday, April 13 from 3 to 5 PM

Join us on April 13 for an interactive experience, Journey to the Cross. At each station, you will experience the sights and sounds of the events leading up to the crucifixion. We hope this afternoon will give you space to reflect on the events of Jesus' crucifixion in a unique and meaningful way. No reservations are needed. This self-guided, free activity is open to the public so invite your friends and family. It is designed for the whole family. Come anytime between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Please park in the city lot and enter through the side door - handicapped access and parking is available in the back lot and door. Hall hosts/hostesses will be available to guide you on your journey.

Volunteers are needed! We need hall hosts/hostesses, parking attendants and people to help set up and take down. If you can help, contact Kim Hayes-Widdersheim at khayes.widder@gmail.com or call the church office at 440-942-9068.





Kingdom Kids meet every Sunday morning during the 10:30 service in room 105. Cara Rinaldi has joined the teaching rotation and the kids love her as you can see. We need more teachers for Kingdom Kids, Sunday school and Toddler Room. If you feel God tugging at your heart to serve in this area even as a sub when someone is sick, or once every other month please email Melissa. Any time that you can give makes the Children's ministry even that much more possible to be here. YOU can have the opportunity to teach little ones how to look up verses in their Bibles! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Email Melissac@willoughbyUMC.org to find out specific opportunities



#### Missions & Social Concerns News

The Food Pantry is requesting spaghetti sauce, peanut butter & cereal as well as paper goods.

Collections for Birthright Lake County will be accepted through Easter (April 21).

The Noisy Collection on March 31 will be to help complete our missionaries' Church in Zambia.

Liberia now has a new water well! Marge Hoffman sponsored this well in memory of her husband, Chuck. We will be sending money for second well, thanks to our congregation's gifts. These photos are from the well dedication.

God bless you all in supporting missions!











## "I was a stranger and you invited me in" *Matthew 25:35*Open Door Ministry



The Open Door Ministry is looking for servants to welcome the community into our Church during the Outdoor Market and special events in downtown Willoughby. The Outdoor Market, which officially opens on May 4 and runs through October 26, will kick off the season with its annual Eco-Flea Market on Saturday, April 27. Help us welcome visitors into our church during the Outdoor Market and special events. Visitors, including vendors and shoppers, are welcome to use our restrooms, tour the church, visit the sanctuary, or

just step inside to warm up or cool off.

We need volunteers to staff our table each Saturday, with shifts available from 8 to 10 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone with a heart for hospitality is encouraged to contact Johanna Stuehr at 440-269-1235 or Edwina Jones at 440-278-4988 for more information or to sign up to volunteer. Sign-up sheets with open market dates are located in the Welcome Centers and side Sanctuary door.

In addition to the Outdoor Market, we open our doors to the community during the following Downtown Willoughby events including Classic Car Cruise-In June 15; ArtsFest July 20; and Last Stop Willoughby August 24. Small Groups, Connection Groups and families are encouraged to participate as Greeters during these events and can contact Susan Gerber at 289-1298 for details or to sign up.

## BE PART OF A COMMUNION TEAM!

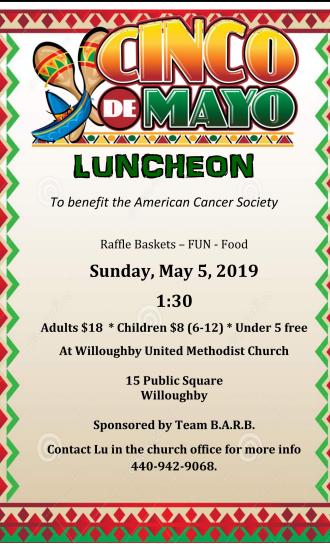
Jesus requested: "Do This In Remembrance of Me"

You are needed to complete this request! We invite you to be part of a Communion Team. The teams serve quarterly - one Sunday per month for 3 months, with additional services during Lent and Advent.

Please consider giving less than an hour of time, normally 3 times a year, to do what Jesus has asked us to do for him.

Contact Carolyn Moore, Communion Steward, to sign up. 440-376-3468





## Would you like to start...



Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World is a program for CHANGE.

This incredible 16 week program is for individuals who want to create a new, individualized future story focused on getting out of poverty!

SESSION STARTS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8,
2019 at Willoughby
United Methodist Church

**APPLY TODAY** 

APPLICATION						
Name						
Address						
City & zip code						
Best Phone number to reach you						
Email address (if any)						
Number of people your household						
Number under 18						
Number over 60						
Would you need child care? (circle one)						
Yes / No						
1657 110						

SEND APPLICATION TO:
Mckinley.outreach@gmail.com
1200 Lost Nation Road Willoughby 44094

## Flower sale benefits the Adult Mission Team Trip.



#### Willoughby United Methodist Church

Orders due on or before May 5, 2019

<u>Payment Due With Order – Checks Payable to Willoughby UMC – Flower Sale</u>

ANNUAL FLATS - \$17  (Half Flats \$9.00)  Ageratum Blue  Alyssum White  Begonia G/L Mix  Begonia R/L Mix  Coleus (mix)  Dahlia (dwarf)  Dianthus (mix)  Impatiens Mix  Impatiens Pink  Impatiens White  Marigold (mix)  Marigold yellow  Petunia Mix  Petunia Pink  Petunia Purple  Petunia Red  Petunia White  Portulaca Mix  Snaps (dwarf-mix)  Viola (mix)  VEGETABLE POTS \$3.00  Eggplant Purple  Pepper Hot  Hungarian Wax  Pepper Sweet  Banana  Pepper Green Bell  Pepper Holy Mole  Pepper Red Bell  Pepper Red Bell	\$4.25 or 10 for \$40  GERANIUMS  Red Rose Salmon White  SPECIALTY ANNUALS Angelonia Purple Bacopa (white) Dahlia Red Dahlia Yellow D'ble Pink Impatie Fuchsia Blue/Red Heliotrope Blue Licorice Plant Lobelia Cas. Blue Million Bells Pink Million Bells White Million Bells White Million Bells White Million Bells White Spikes Verbena Blue Verbena Pink Vinca Vine Swt Potato Vine Gr HERBS Basil Green Basil Purple Cilantro Lavender	PATIO POT COMBOS  10" - \$18.00 Shady Lady (shade) Yellow Begonia, Red New Guinea Impatiens, Blue LobeliaPatriot (sun) Spike, Red Geranium, Blue Lobelia, White PetuniaNot Your (Sun) Grandmother's Planter Juncus Twister Grass, Yellow Marigolds, Red Geraniums, and Yellow PetuniasFlirtini (Sun) Purple Geranium, Yellow Melampodium, Blue Scaevola, Pink VerbenaOrange Popsicles (Shade) Upright Orange Fuchsia, Asparagus fern, Blue Salvia, salmon and violet impatiensHerbalicious (Sun) Rosemary, Basil, Parsley, oregano  SPECIAL OFFERING 2019 Patio Delight \$28 Sun/Light Shade: Big Red Begonias, Blue Browalia, Pink Impatiens	HANGING BASKETS \$17.00  Geraniums 10"  Pink Red Rose Fuchsia 10"  Red/Purple White/Red Lavender/Red Trailing Petunia White Pink Purple Red New Guinea Impatiens Pink Red White Double Impatiens Pink Red Bi Color  MIXED BASKETS \$17.00 La Bamba (Yellow Bidens, Orange Petunia, Blue Verbena) Strawberry Shot Cake (White Bacopa, Burgundy Verbena, Pink Callibrachoa) Cool Breeze (Pink
Pepper Green Bell Pepper Holy Mole Pepper Jalapeno Pepper Red Bell Pepper Yellow Bell Swiss Chard Tom. Carolina Gold	Basil Green Basil Purple Cilantro	Sun/Light Shade: Big Red Begonias, Blue Browalia, Pink Impatiens Contemporary 12" Planter \$28	Cake (White Bacopa, Burgundy Verbena, Pink Callibrachoa)Cool Breeze (Pink Bacopa, Blue Lobelia, Trailing Pink Coleus)Growers Choice
Tom. Grape YellowTomato 4 <sup>th</sup> of JulyTomato Big BoyBrandywineTomato Early GirlTomato Grape Red	Sage Thyme English Thyme Lemon	Sun/Light Shade: Berry Velour Petunias, White Marigolds, Silver Lubularia	Sun/ part sun based  HANGING BASKETS 12"  \$28.00  Begonia Apricot Geranium Red Mix Petunia Mix R-W-B Petunia Mix
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Questions: CONTACT Mary Huey (440) 227-6391 Mail Orders to: Willoughby UMC, 15 Public Square, Willoughby OH 44094



#### 1200 LOST NATION ROAD WILLOUGHBY, OHIO 44094 440-269-8008 mckinleycenter.org

Distributions for residents of Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Eastlake, Willowick, Lakeline, Timberlake and Wickliffe Please bring photo ID & utility bill every visit

MCOC is a 501(c)3 Tax-exempt organization; Donations accepted Volunteer opportunities available

#### **◄◄◄** AVAILABLE AT TAXABLES DISTRIBUTIONS ▶▶▶▶



**847 families** made **3,414** visits during Taxables Distributions in 2018; One visit per family permitted each month In 2018, MCOC gave away **18,468** rolls of toilet paper, **2,690** rolls of paper towels, **2,006** bottles of dishwashing liquid

#### **◄◄◄◄** AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ▶▶▶▶



#### ⇒Durable Medical Goods

Wheelchairs, walkers/rollators, raised toilet seats, canes and shower chairs are available depending on donations received.



#### **⇒**Baby Supplies

Clothes, diapers, wipes, baby furniture & strollers as available depending on donations received.

#### **◄◄◄◄** CHOICE FOOD PANTRY ►►►►

Guests may select items from what is donated and/or purchased from the Cleveland Food Bank. Number of items to select is based on family size; Families may visit once every 30 days.

In 2018, 854 families visited the pantry 2,498 times; MCOC distributed 65,581 pounds of food

#### **◄◄◄◄** FEED THE BODY, FEED THE SOUL MEALS ▶▶▶▶

On the second, fourth and fifth Mondays of the month, a brief message and time of prayer leads into a time of food & fellowship, beginning at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

#### **◄◄◄◄** PROGRAMS & SERVICES ▶▶▶▶

**⇔Voting** Willoughby wards 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2C **⇔AA Men's Insight Group** Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Enter by North door

> **⇔Ohio Guidestone Opportunities First** 216-403-1719

*⇔GED Classes* provided by ABLE 440-358-8027 Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30am-noon

⇒ShadeTree Community Church - 440-497-0251 Sundays at 10:45am; Youth group Thursdays at 6pm

#### WE NO LONGER ACCEPT FURNITURE

The Lake-Geauga Furniture Bank 440-255-3051 <a href="http://lakegeaugafurniturebank.org/">http://lakegeaugafurniturebank.org/</a> can pick up furniture donations for a \$10 fee.

Also, Habitat for Humanity's Restore in Eastlake 440-226-3212 <a href="https://www.habitat.org/restores">https://www.habitat.org/restores</a> offers free pickup.



#### Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, April 13 9:00 - 10:30 am Tuesday, April 16 6:00 - 7:30 pm Saturday, April 27 9:00 - 10:30 am

#### Food Pantry hours:

Mondays: 6:00 - 7:30 pm Wednesdays: Noon-2:30 pm Thursdays: Noon-2:30 pm

#### Feed the Body--Feed the Soul Meal

Monday, April 8 5:30 - 6:00 pm Monday, April 22 5:30 - 6:00 pm Monday, April 29 5:30 - 6:00 pm

#### **Greatest Current Donation Needs**

#### **TAXABLES:**

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper (double rolls), Laundry detergent (32 loads/64 oz size) Dishwashing soap

#### PET FOOD:

**Dry** cat food

#### HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

Children's clothes of all sizes (larger than 2T) Bed sheets, towels, small appliances

## Donation & Building Administration Hours

Mon-Wed: 9:00 am—1:00 pm (No Thursday hours) Saturdays: 9:00—11:30 am

Please note that the McKinley Community Outreach Center does NOT pick up furniture donations.



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#### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Heritage Service

9:00 AM - Fellowship

9:15 AM - Sunday School

10:15 AM - Fellowship

10:30 AM - Multigenerational Service/ Kingdom Kids

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T	9:30 AM - Alanon 6:30 PM - Heaven Help Us 7:00 PM - Discipleship Path	6:00 PM - Front Line Rehearsal 7:00 PM - Choir Practice 7:30 PM - River Street	3 9:30 AM - Library 10:00 AM - Shawl Ministry 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 5:30 PM - Community Dinner 6:30 PM - Parlor Bible Study 6:45 PM - Bell Choir 7:00 PM - FPU*	9:30 AM - Mom's group 1:00 PM - Daytimers 7:00 PM - Church Council 7:00 PM - Walking Through Grief Class	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM - Food Pantry	6 6:00 PM - Royal Family Kids Dinner & Concert at Mentor UMC
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