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The Broadcaster

Willoughby 
UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH

February 2019

Dates to Remember

February 3 - Communion Sunday

**February 7 - Mom's Group
Church Council**

**February 8 - 10 - Confirmation
Retreat**

February 9 - McKinley Dist.

February 11 - Girlfriends in God

**February 14 - Valentine's Day
Trustees**

**February 15 - Burroughs
Broadcaster Articles
Due**

February 17 - Chili Cookoff

February 18 - President's Day

February 19 - McKinley Dist.

**February 21 - Mom's Group
Daytimers
Finance**

February 23 - McKinley Dist.

February 25 - Broadcaster Mails

**February 28 - R & R
SPR**



Create in Me
A PURE HEART

PSALM 51:10



FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor Christopher Liberati
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“Somebody called the cops on Jesus”



The Rev. David Buck sits next to the Jesus the Homeless statue that was installed in front of his church, St. Alban's Episcopal, in Davidson, N.C.

hope to the marginalized? Jesus said, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” While this artistic depiction offers a twist to Jesus’ words, it also sheds light on the truth that many will object to Jesus sleeping on a bench near their community. Honestly, what they are objecting to is a vagrant or homeless person, someone they have already judged or cast aside. What has failed to be realized is that Jesus came for such as thee.

My hope is, and I am sure it was the hope of the person that funded this project, that our hearts become tender to the mission of Jesus. My hope is that we can start to see Jesus in the most unlikely places and that our hearts would be filled with compassion. Wouldn't it be something, if we could exchange our personal preferences for those of Jesus?

I pray that you will start to see Jesus in the most unlikely places.

Seeking Jesus,
Pastor Christopher

A new religious statue in the town of Davidson, N.C., is unlike anything you might see in church. The statue depicts Jesus as a vagrant sleeping on a park bench. St. Alban's Episcopal Church installed the homeless Jesus statue on its property in the middle of an upscale neighborhood filled with well-kept townhomes. Jesus is huddled under a blanket with his face and hands obscured; only the crucifixion wounds on his uncovered feet give him away. The reaction was immediate. Some loved it; some didn't. "One woman from the neighborhood actually called police the first time

she drove by," says David Boraks, editor of DavidsonNews.net. "She thought it was an actual homeless person." That's right. Somebody called the cops on Jesus. "Another neighbor, who lives a couple of doors down from the church, wrote a letter to the editor saying it creeps him out." Some neighbors feel that it's an insulting depiction of the son of God, and what appears to be a hobo curled up on a bench demeans the neighborhood.

How do you find yourself reacting to this depiction of the Son of God? Do you find it repulsive, or do you see it fitting for a King who came to save the lost and give

MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Thank you to all who have generously donated items for the Transplant House of Cleveland! They will be very grateful!

Starting on Ash Wednesday (March 6), we will again be collecting for Birthright Lake County. A list of most-needed items will be in the March Broadcaster.

Have a blessed February!

Update from Finance Committee

At the end of December our expenses exceeded income by \$53,521. Total income was \$56,207 less than 2017. Income for 2018 was 78% of what was projected. The church contained expenses to 88% of our budget. Church income for 2018 was \$403,754. The 2018 budget was \$515,784 and expenses were \$458,595. And, we spent \$12,000 less than in 2017.

On a positive note we were able to pay 100% of our apportionments.

Finance Committee is asking all to pray that 2019 will be a better year for the church financially. We are committed to being good stewards of the funds entrusted to us and will work at keeping the church fiscally sound. We do need your help with continued support as we serve God through our ministries, worship, study and outreach. Thank you for your faithful giving.

Walking Through Grief™

Tools For Finding Hope Along The Grief Journey



Walking Through Grief is a support group for people grieving the death of someone close. The Walking Through Grief series offers hope and help while providing information and practical tools to those navigating the grief journey.

Willoughby United Methodist
15 Public Square, Willoughby, Oh
10 Week Class begins:
Thurs, March 14, 2019, 7-9 pm
Room 3 & 4
For more info or to register:
Cathy Schneithorst 440-477-2010



Our next 10 week "Walking Through Grief" class will begin on Thursday, March 14th, 7-9 pm in Room 3/4. Our goal is to be the "arms of Jesus" to people who are grieving the death of a loved one & give them much needed tools, support, encouragement & hope in their grief journeys. Over 150 people have come through this program since it was started in 2014, & we're so glad to be holding this group here at WUMC now!

This class is open to anyone in the community, so if you know of someone who might need this type of important grief support, please pass this info along. All materials are provided FREE of charge, there is no cost to attend. For more info or to register please contact group facilitator Cathy Schneithorst via cell 440-477-2010 or email cathyapicello@marykay.com

Women's Winter Retreat

A day retreat –
reviving a heart for prayer...

Saturday, March 9, 2019
9:00 – 2:30pm – continental breakfast and lunch included
At Willoughby UMC, 15 Public Sq., Willoughby
\$10 per person. Registration ends **March 6.**
Please register at the welcome center on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Contact Lisa Richards for further info. (440)773-4300

Winter Building Closing Policy

If Willoughby-Eastlake Schools are closed, our building will also be closed and all activities cancelled.



Sunday Feb. 17, at 12pm
we will have a Church-wide
Chili cook off in the
Fellowship Hall! Bring your
favorite chili to share. If you
don't have a chili recipe, you
can bring tortilla chips, corn
chips, sour cream, salsa, or
shredded cheese!

Hope to see you then!

Exciting News! The Children's Ministry is growing! Our largest group so far was on Dec 9 when we had 27 kids between Kingdom Kids & Nursery. This could not happen without willing volunteers! Does this excite you? Then why not consider joining the already amazing group of volunteers. Teach a class once a month!? Serve in the toddler room once every other month! Consider being a substitute teacher on days when the regular teacher is sick at home.



Vacation Bible School this year will be Aug 2, 3 and 4. If you would like to be involved please email Melissa to get your name on the list!

IF YOU VOLUNTEER ALREADY - YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!

Blessings!
Melissa Cork,
Children's Ministry Director
MelissaC@willoughbyUMC.org



Worship Ministry

Jason Cork
Worship Director

Genesis 2:7 (NRSV)

then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

My kids love to play with slime. They love to squish it between their fingers, stretch it like taffy, coil it up into a ball and start all over.

God spoke everything into existence, but when it came time to make people He got His hands dirty. We don't know how long He worked the clay, but we do know He wasn't finished until He breathed HIS breath into our lungs.

Each of us is "God-breathed". He is the one that gave us our first breath, and He will be there when we take our last breath. Worshipping God should be like breathing out and breathing in. As we take in, we should be prepared for the letting out. One cannot exist without the other.

How will you take in today? How will you let it out? May every aspect of our lives become an act of worship.

Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

**"Worship is simply giving
God His breath back"**

Louie Giglio

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Join Us!

BELL CHOIR

Wednesdays 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Rehearsals Resume January 9
Steven Petrolewicz, Director
spetrolewicz@gmail.com
440-796-5621

WORSHIP CHOIR

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Rehearsals Resume January 15
Cathy Schneithorst, Director
cathyapicello@sbcglobal.net
440-477-2010

WORSHIP BAND

TBD
Jason Cork, Director
jasonc@willoughbyumc.org
860-576-5351

Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

Bible Study for Busy Lives

What is Disciple Fast Track?: *Disciple Fast Track*, an adaptation of the original, bestselling *Disciple Bible Study*, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. *Fast Track* groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes.

At WUMC, we will start with a 12 week Bible Study on the **Old Testament**.

When: First 12 week session will begin Sunday, March 17, 2019 through mid June.

**New Testament study will be offered in the Fall of 2019.*

Where: Room 101

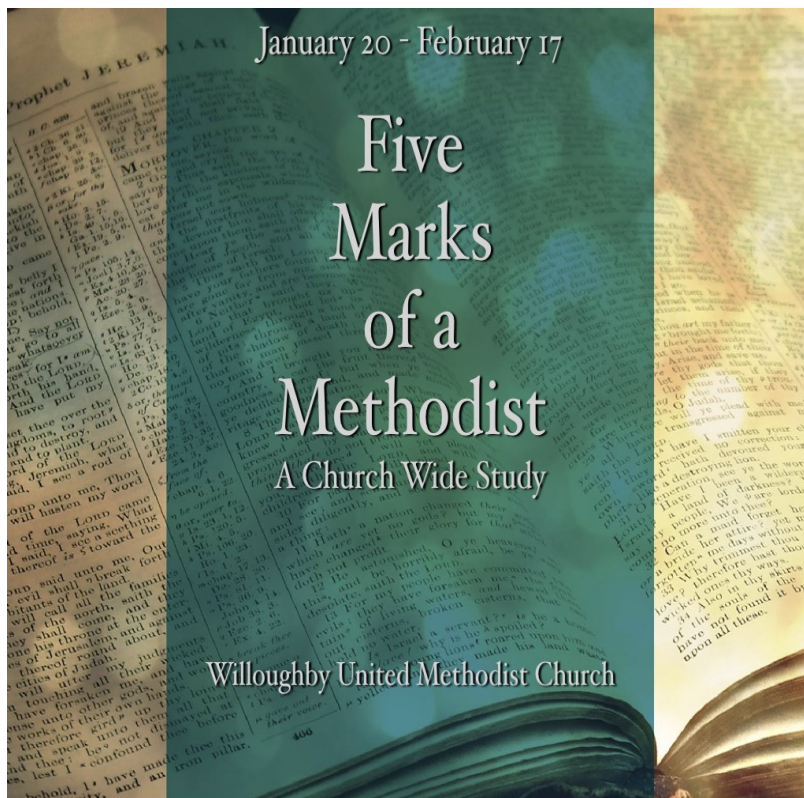
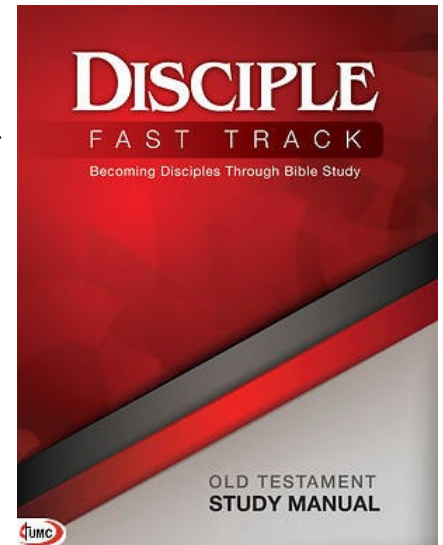
Time: 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Who: Anyone who desires a better comprehensive understanding of the Old Testament.

Leaders: Lisa Richards and Mike Fair

A Study Manual is required. Fee is \$16.

Call the church office at 440-942-9068 to register.



Calling all Singers

Psalm 104:33 - "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."

Do you love to sing? Then why not consider joining our Worship Choir! We are having a great time singing together & bringing glory to God with our music and it's been a privilege for us to help lead our congregation in worship. We rehearse on Tuesday nights 7:00-8:30 p.m. & sing two Sundays a month in the 10:30 a.m. service. New members are welcome, and you can even join on a temporary basis to see if it's a good fit for you. If you'd like more information, or would like to join us, contact Cathy Schneithorst 440-477-2010 or cathyapicello@marykay.com

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Who's Who at WUMC By Pastor Hazel

God has richly blessed us by filling the empty Administrative Assistant's chair in the office with Lu Ann Key (Lu). When I asked Lu for information for her bio for this column, she sent me the following.:



Some of you may remember Nash Farm on River Road, in Willoughby Hills. My family has lived there for generations. If you catch me in the hall ask me about the Great Depression and the ginseng. For me, it's still the Nash Compound. Living on the farm for so many years led me to two of my favorite hobbies: gardening and cooking. We canned peaches and applesauce, froze hundreds of pounds of vegetables and made jars of marmalade

I graduated from Willoughby South and went on to Lakeland Community College and Cleveland State. I ended up as an executive secretary at Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Museum of Art and Things Remembered. I worked hard at these jobs but wasn't focused on the corporate world. I'm

more interested in family.

I met my husband Brett on a blind date and we were married at WUMC in the month of May. The Dogwoods in the garth were in full bloom. It made a beautiful background for wedding pictures. We went on to have 2 children, Andy and Marissa. Andy is 25 and recently engaged to a beautiful, sweet girl named Jess. My awesome, gorgeous daughter Marissa is 22, works hard, loves animals and helping other people. Sadly, my husband passed away in May of 2012. My kids stayed strong with me and we've made it to where our lives are happy, healthy and loving.

I absolutely love my job at WUMC. I feel that I've found my calling where I can be useful and helpful to as many people with which I can come into contact. I've been here almost a month and already it feels like family.



One last thing. I love to laugh and play innocent practical jokes. You may want to be on the look out for googly eyes in your hymnal.

You can contact Lu at Admin@WilloughbyUMC.org or 440-942-9068.



R & R will meet this month on February 28 at 12 noon at the Market Place Restaurant on Market Street in Mentor. Call the church office by February 27 to let them know you are coming. Watch this space next month for an article about our R & R group.

We also have a new Media Director. Zach is looking for volunteers to assist in the media center and with social media. You can contact Zach at wumcvideo@gmail.com.

Zach Applewhite was born in Texas, though he moved across the country many times with his parents who worked in ministry. In high school, he spent time in the media department of the career and technology center. He and his wife, Kalynn Applewhite, met while producing an awards night for the school.



He started his secondary education at Stephen F Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas. Originally he majored in Radio/Television Broadcasting, but later found a passion for helping small businesses advertise through the college newspaper. He now majors in Marketing at Cleveland State University and is scheduled to graduate in December of 2019.

Zach and Kalynn were married at Willoughby United Methodist Church in 2015 and have attended regularly ever since with their son, Eli.



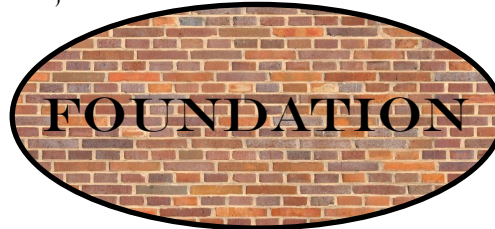
*What is the WUMC Foundation?
When asked about the WUMC
Foundation, I (Pastor Hazel) realized that I
really don't know much about it, so I asked
Joe King, who is the Chair of the
Foundation, if he would write an article for
the Broadcaster to give us information about
it. He graciously sent me the following.
Thank you so much, Joe!*

The Foundation benefits the Church in many ways.

To summarize and paraphrase the guidance John Wesley provided in his sermon #50 "The Use of Money", we are to gain all we can, save all we can, give all we can, for as long as we can. And for over fifty years, many Willoughby United Methodist Church members and friends have employed the WUMC Foundation to assure their giving "as long as we can" will serve many church generations going forward.

The WUMC Foundation, having started in 1967 and formalized by charter in 1981, has as its objective and purpose to further the religious work of WUMC, recognizing that such work may require construction or purchase of new buildings, repair, remodeling or maintaining existing facilities, or assistance to charities or

educational institutions or missions whether or not affiliated with or related to the United Methodist Church. To accomplish this, the Foundation is responsible for the management of donated funds to provide preservation of the principal and to generate spendable income used to support the objectives.



The Foundation has grown and evolved. Since 1991, the day-to-day investment decisions have been handled by Carnegie Investment Counsel and Fidelity Investments. The Foundation meets regularly with Carnegie to review investment performance, the economic outlook, and to adjust the portfolio makeup to better meet church near-term needs.

Requests for Foundation funding are first vetted by the Trustees or an appropriate committee, such as Missions and Social Concerns, before being recommended to the Foundation by the Finance Committee. All Foundation expenditures come from accrued, spendable income and are in

the form of reimbursements to WUMC. Over the past twenty years, the Foundation has provided over \$740,000 in support of the church building, operations, parsonage, missions, charities and programs, and is positioned to provide \$1 million in support over the next twenty years.

Donations to the Foundation have been large or small, restricted or unrestricted. The Mather Fund (scholarships), the Penfield Fund (music program), and the Patterson Fund (library) are restricted in that the income is designated for specific purposes. The majority of the Foundation is an unrestricted fund, meaning the spendable income can be directed to the broader purposes set forth in the charter.

The Foundation membership includes the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson approved by Trustees, Trustees Chairperson, Trustees delegate, WUMC Treasurer, Finance Chairperson, Members-at-large approved by Trustees, Lay Leader, and Pastor.

Joseph B. King, Chair
WUMC Foundation



Looking ahead to Lent and Easter - save these dates!

- ◆ March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service
- ◆ April 14 - Palm Sunday Services
- ◆ April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service
- ◆ April 19 - Good Friday Service
Cross Walk
- ◆ April 20 - Easter Sunday Services

Watch the bulletin, announcements and Broadcaster for more Lent and Easter activities and times for the above services.



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 ▶▶▶▶

- ⇒ Taxable/Personal Care Items
- ⇒ Clothing
- ⇒ Linens & Household Goods
- ⇒ Pet Food & Supplies
- ⇒ Books



- ⇒ Meet Jesus – for Kids
- ⇒ Prayer/Chapel
- ⇒ Hot Meals
- ⇒ Coats, hats, gloves & boots
- ⇒ Shoes

905 families made 3,663 visits during Taxables Distributions in 2017; One visit per family permitted each month
In 2017, MCOC gave away 19,668 rolls of toilet paper, 2,948 rolls of paper towels, 2,346 bottles of dishwashing liquid

◀◀◀◀ AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ▶▶▶▶

**We no longer have furniture. See
information below for agencies to
contact.**



- ⇒ 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 are
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 2017, 887 families visited the pantry 2,640 times; MCOC distributed 74,508 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 - Call listed numbers for more info ▶▶▶▶

⇒ Lake County Community Network 440-954-9934

⇒ 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

<http://lakegeaugafurniturebank.org/>) can pick up furniture donations for a
\$10 fee.

Also, Habitat for Humanity's Restore in Eastlake (440-226-3212

<https://www.habitat.org/restore>) offers free pickup.



Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, February 9 9:00-10:30 am

Tuesday, February 19 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 23 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, February 11 5:30 pm

Monday, February 25 5:30 pm

Greatest Current Donation Needs

TAXABLES:

Children's Clothing in all sizes

Baby diapers—Size 1, 2 & 3

Paper Towels,

Toilet Paper (double rolls),

Laundry detergent (32 loads/64 oz size)

PET FOOD:

Dry cat food

Cat Litter

HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

Bed sheets, towels, small appliances

FOOD: Peanut butter, jelly, soups,
canned corn

Donation & Building

Administration Hours

Mon-Wed: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

(No Thursday hours)

Saturdays: 9:00—11:30 am



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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
						
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Confirmation Retreat: 8 - 10

Have you missed a Sunday? Want to hear a sermon again? Sermons are now available on our web site - www.WilloughbyUMC.com, click on Media, then on Sermons.