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# The Broadcaster

*Willoughby*   
UNITED-METHODIST-CHURCH

**January 2019**

## ***Dates to Remember***

December 30 Sermon-Hitting the Mark

January 1 Building is closed

January 3 1-3 Daytimers  
7-8:30 Church Council

January 6 Sermon  
Provisions for the Journey  
Communion Sunday  
4:30 Confirmation Class

January 10 7-9 Trustees meet  
7-9 Missions Com meets

January 12 6-7 McKinley Distribution

January 13 Sermon  
Joy Bubbles of Serving

January 15 6-7 McKinley Distribution

January 17 9:30-11:30 Mom's Group  
7-9 Finance Com meets

January 18 6:30-8:30 Burroughs Club

January 19 9-1 Vision Casting Retreat  
5-7 Movie Night

January 20 3-5 New Members Class

January 24 12:00 R & R  
7-9 Staff Parish Relations

January 26 9-10:30 McKinley Distrib

January 29 7-9 Foundation Comm

January 30 6:30 Financial Peace U  
Runs through March 13



May the God of hope  
fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**  
as you trust in him so that  
you may overflow with **HOPE**  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



# FROM THE PASTOR

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It's that time of year when every late-night show, entertainment show, website and news outlet will offer their "Top Ten List" of what has happened over the last 12 months. Some of the lists will be entertaining and will even be able to bring a smile to your face, while others may sadden you and even leave you with a sense of despair. The thing to remember is, as C. S. Lewis wrote, "There are far better things ahead than what we leave behind."

No matter how you look back and reflect on this past year, my hope is that you realize the New Year brings Hope, Peace and Love through Jesus. It brings an opportunity to place your Priority on God. As you do, you will find that God is willing to show up every time.

Through the first four commandments, God gives us the model that will strengthen our relationship with Him:

- "I am the LORD your God...You shall have no other gods before Me."
- "You shall not make for yourself an idol..."
- "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain..."
- "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy..."

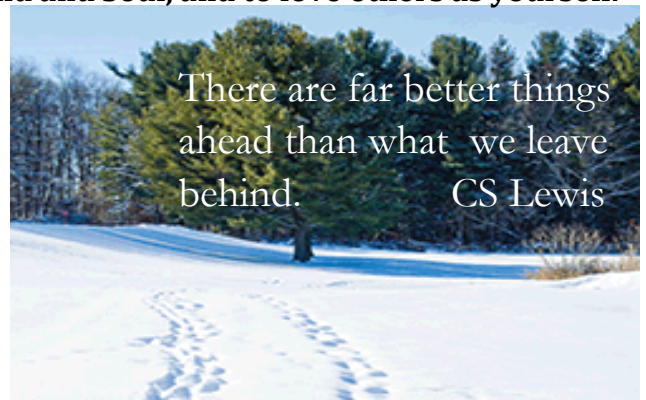
Through the remaining six commandments, God offers us the model that will strengthen our relationship with others:

- "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long..."
- "You shall not murder."
- "You shall not commit adultery."
- "You shall not steal."
- "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."
- "You shall not covet your neighbor's house...your neighbor's wife,...or...anything..."

Together with Christ, we can make a difference in the world! It all starts with the first four commandments which will naturally lead us into living out the remaining six. May this be your New Year's resolution, **"To love God with all your Heart, Mind and Soul, and to love others as yourself."**

Blessings to you on your journey to better things,  
Pastor Christopher

PS Thank you for your generosity this Christmas Season.





### Who's Who at WUMC By Pastor Hazel

Don't you agree with me that the bell choir really added a special kind of beauty to our Celebration of Christ's Birth this year? Have you noticed that Beth no longer has her back to us directing, but is now ringing? Have you wondered who is carrying on the legacy as the new Director? His name is Steven Petrolewicz. He is a life-long part of this congregation.

As a child Steven grew up in Willoughby and graduated from South High School. When he was in the eleventh grade, the family moved to Willowick. He loved going to Sunday School at Willoughby UMC all of his childhood. Steven recalled that one year there was a really bad snow storm and his mom was thinking about staying home. He had to convince her to go so he would not miss Sunday school!

He made his confirmation here and loved attending youth group. He attended many Youth Annual Conferences and served on four youth mission trips. They went to Chicago, Illinois; Cherokee, North Carolina; West Hamlin, West Virginia and Brooklyn, New York. He was also a part of one young adult mission trip.

In high school he joined the bell choir and played until he went away to college. He has always enjoyed music his entire life. In grade school he always liked singing in the music shows that were put on each year. When he was a fifth grader he started learning to play an instrument - the trumpet. In Middle School he switched to low brass, learn to play the baritone and the tuba. He played the baritone through his college years. While he was in high school he was in the marching band and concerts bands. In college Steven played in the concert band, marching band, and athletic band.

He earned a Bachelor degree in Education from Bowling Green State University in 2007.

Eventually he came back to Willowick and commuted to Cleveland State University, where he earned a Master of Business degree. He told me he was very excited to be able to join the bell choir WUMC once more!

Other musical things that Steven has done include singing in the contemporary service one summer with the youth, playing a solo for a church service, and playing in a brass ensemble at Christmas and Easter services.

About five years ago Steven purchased a house in Willowick.

He is currently a pharmacy technician at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital.

When Beth announced that she wanted to step away from directing the bell choir, he wanted to continue having a great handbell choir at WUMC, so he prayed about stepping in. He said that in the transition Beth has been very supportive and helpful in mentoring him. Take a minute to thank them both for the good work they have done to help draw us into worship at WUMC!



January 20 - February 17

# Five Marks of a Methodist

## A Church Wide Study

Willoughby United Methodist Church

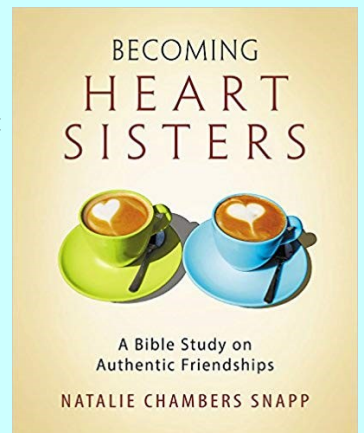
### GIRL FRIENDS IN GOD

We will meet Jan 14, 2019 at 7 PM in FH. Our discussion, Heart Sisters, will include a book (approx \$11.00) and DVD. Contact me ASAP to order a book.

Heart Sisters is for women who want to both be and have better friends and want a helpful guide to take them through the process. Author Natalie Chambers Snapp uses her and others' stories of successes and failures to illustrate what she has learned about girlfriend relationships. Healthy boundaries, honesty, tact, sharing, and agape love all play a part in being and maintaining a circle of close confidants. She also deals with the inevitable challenges that face many relationships including how to handle conflict; life changes like a new baby, move or divorce; and when it is right to "break-up" with your friend. Discussion questions, space to journal, photos, and quick interviews of healthy female friendships are included within each chapter.

New members are welcomed.

Contact: Marty Kreger 440-951-8262 or [kmkreger@juno.com](mailto:kmkreger@juno.com)



## New Staff Members

We are excited to have two new staff members joining us!

LuAnn Keys has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant



Zach Applewhite is the Media Director.

You will learn much more about them in the Who's Who articles in the coming months.

### Winter Building Closing Policy

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



# FINANCIAL *Peace*

UNIVERSITY

## Show **your money** who's boss!

Wednesday nights 6:30pm starting 1/23/19, Room 3  
Preview night 1/16/19 - learn more and purchase book

Register: <https://fpu.com/1080689>

Facilitators: Adam and Michele Ratica



# Worship Ministry

Jason Cork  
Worship Director

## Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

## Connect the Dots

Every coloring book I remember having growing up had a connect the dots page. Only when the lines were filled in was the picture clear. Before then, it just seemed like a bunch of dots.

You may be wondering what a "Worship Director" does. If you look at the top of the bulletin you will find your answer: "Connecting People to God and Others Through Worship". My role is to equip and empower those serving in various areas of ministry throughout the church to help people connect the dots. To be the church. To create and facilitate opportunities for people to build relationships with each other and to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

This begins with our Sunday morning worship services, but it doesn't end there. Community Dinner, Food Pantry, Alanon, Preschool. Every interaction with our Church, in and out of our building, is a "God Encounter". And, just like Zacchaeus, when a person meets Jesus, they will never be the same.

Sin separated us from God. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection our connection has been restored. This is the gospel, the good news that we have been commissioned to share with the world.

By serving, we get the chance to help people connect. What gifts and talents has God given you? Where will you allow them to shine this year?



*The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.  
John 1:5 (NLT)*

## 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

## WUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry

Greetings from the Wednesday morning Prayer Shawl Ministry. We enjoy Christian fellowship during our meetings as well as combine our knit/crochet items to be donated. The following is a list of our donations in 2018:

- WUMC Shepherd's Care Ministry (visitation gifts) crochet dish cloths
- Cleveland American Heart Association red baby hats.
- Birthright Org Mentor—Baby hats & blankets
- WUMC Adult mission trip Nancy Wilcox took crochet dish-cloths & pocket prayer cloths to give to the families
- Tiny Hats for Tiny Babies California (preemie hats) were shipped to CA
- St Joseph's Indian School Chamberlain SD, about 40 sets (hats & scarves) were shipped by Donna Potts
- Women4Women Knitting4Peace Org baby hats, peace pal dolls, baby bibs, hats & scarves, baby washcloths
- Prayer shawls given during the year to our church members

Come see us on Wednesday mornings. We meet at 10 am until noon. All are welcome to join us.



### Liturgists needed

at 8:00 & 10:30 services.

If interested please contact church office at 440-942-9068 or

## ***MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS***

Happy New Year to all!

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual paper goods and cleaning supply drive for the Transplant House of Cleveland (THoC). The THoC provides affordable apartments for people needing organ transplants at the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospital. The THoC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. One of the ways they try to keep the rental cost low is to have their tenants (patient & caregiver) clean their own apartment. The other benefit is the transplant patient is not interrupted by cleaning staff before and after surgery when rest is needed. The THoC provides the free paper goods and cleaning supplies to their tenants so they do not have to buy those items. We will be collecting donations for two Sundays. Please look for collection areas at the Welcome Centers to leave your donations. If you have any questions or would like to go with us when we deliver the items, please contact Cari Radel at 440.479.4055 or e-mail: [cradel@att.net](mailto:cradel@att.net).

The Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags to serve clients.

As always, thank you for your generous support in serving our community.



### Wish List

- Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, paper plates, facial tissue
- Sponges, cleaning rags
- Lysol cleaning products for bath and kitchen
- Swiffer wet mop refills
- Swiffer wet & dry pads
- Clorox disinfectant wipes



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*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 ▶▶▶▶



##### ⇒ Furniture

Written requests for furniture are accepted. Furniture is available by appointment and is dependent on donations received.



##### ⇒ 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

McKinley Outreach was able to give 172 children from 76 families toys.  
Thank you for your generosity!



#### Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, January 12 9:00-10:30 am

Tuesday, January 15 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, January 26 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, January 14 5:30 pm

Monday, January 28 5:30 pm

#### Greatest Current Donation Needs

##### TAXABLES:

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

##### FURNITURE:

Complete Bed frames—all sizes.

Mattresses & box springs.

#### 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.

## Sharing the message of Christmas



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 Pastor Hazel Partington - HazelP@WilloughbyUMC.org  
 Church Office - LuAnn Keys - Admin@WilloughbyUMC.org  
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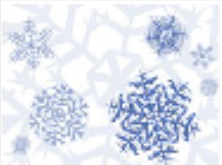


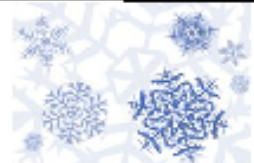
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## Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 AM - Heritage Worship  
 9:00 AM - Fellowship  
 9:15 AM - Sunday School  
 10:15 AM - Fellowship  
 10:30 AM - Multigenerational  
 Worship & Kingdom Kids

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><i>In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.</i>  <i>Proverbs 16:9</i></p>					
		1 Church building closed	2 9:30 AM - Library 9:30 AM - Food Pantry 5:30 PM - Community Dinner 6:30 Kennedy Bible Study	3 9:30 Mom's group 1:00 Daytimers 7:00 PM Church Council	4 9:30 AM - Food Pantry	5 
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Have you missed a Sunday? Want to hear a sermon again? Sermons are now available on our web site - [www.WilloughbyUMC.com](http://www.WilloughbyUMC.com), click on Media, then on Sermons.