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August 2019

Dates to Remember

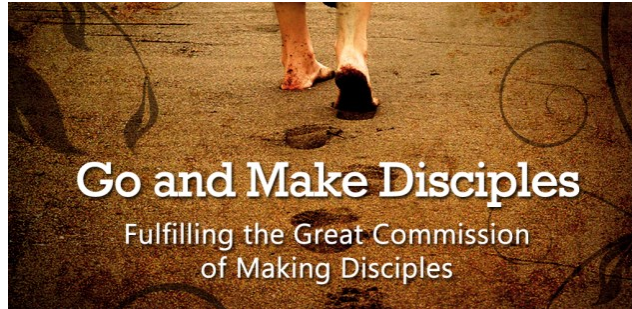
August 1 Daytimers
Church Council
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August 6 Youth Group
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**I ♥ MY
CHURCH**



FROM THE PASTOR

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I once offered a message to a church I was serving, challenging everyone to think about and pray for someone they knew that didn't attend a church. In the message, I quoted some statistics from Pew Life Forum that suggested 4 out of every 5 adults in America have no religious affiliation. In other words, when asked to check the box of religious affiliation they would identify themselves with, 4 out of 5 adults checked off the box marked NONE. Someone from the congregation challenged me on my information, so I went back to the study and printed it out for them. This person just couldn't believe the statistic to be true. So, it begs the question, what if my quote was wrong and the statistic was incorrect? Would it make any difference in the importance of inviting someone to church? Jesus asks the question, "What person among you, if he or she has a hundred **sheep** and has **lost** one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is **lost** until he finds it?" (Luke 15:4) Even if I misquoted the findings and the statistic is only 1 out of 5 adults in America have no religious affiliation, Jesus would argue that His disciples would leave the 4 behind and go after the 1.

The heart of the matter is this, every one of us probably knows someone that doesn't come to our church or attend any church for that matter. Jesus has commissioned us to go and make disciples. What are we doing in response? It doesn't take much, a simple invitation to attend a worship service, study in a small group or even attend VBS where they can see the beauty of Christ through the work of the Body. What are we afraid of? Jesus' last words to His disciples were, "Lo I will be with you always, even to the end of the age." We can be courageous in our actions, trusting that Jesus is and will be with us as we invite others to experience Him in church. But what if you are not sure they attend a church? Well, may I suggest you get to know them better.

Today's challenge: Who can I invite to church?

Today's commission: Go therefore and ask!

Today's Prayer: Lord give me the courage to ask and the ability to represent you as I ask.
Go before me Lord and prepare the way. Be with me as I go forth. Amen

With a prayer,
Pastor Christopher

Upcoming Sermon Series



August 11
I Love My Church

August 18
Community

August 25
Serving

September 1
Giving

September 8
Sharing



What's Up at WUMC
&
All Church Potluck

August 25 • 4:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

A gathering to hear what's going on at WUMC, celebrating the last year together and looking forward to what's ahead. Bring a dish to share and a friend too!

Missions and Social Concerns

Thank you to all who gave for the June Noisy Collection! We are sending \$434.61 to Project Hope (for bus passes for residents)!

The Mission Moment on July 14 was presented by Beth Morgan, director of McKinley Community Outreach Center, who informed us about the good work being done for Christ in that ministry. We will be collecting paper goods through August 14 to be divided between McKinley and our Food Pantry.

We are again collecting bottles of water for McKinley's fundraiser, the 5K run/2 mile walk, on September 21. If you wish to contribute water, please leave it in Room 102. They are also asking for volunteers and runners/walkers for that day.

Finally, please remember the August corn picking and buying to provide funds for ZOE (enabling children without parents in Zimbabwe to be taught self-sufficiency). We will not know the exact date for picking and distributing until a few days before. If you wish to pick (Ashland County) and/or buy, please contact the church office at 440-942-9068.

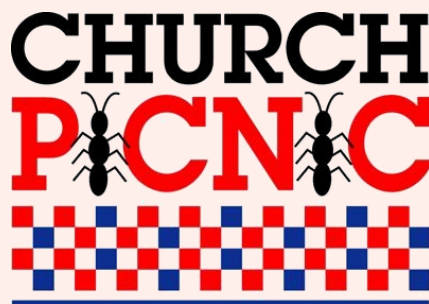
Thank you for supporting mission projects in the name of Jesus! Our next meeting will be September 12 at 6:00 pm in the Parlor; all are welcome!



"I was a stranger and you invited me in" *Matthew 25:35*

The Open Door Ministry is looking for servants to welcome the community into our Church during the Outdoor Market and special events.

NEW! We need Open Door Greeters for Downtown Willoughby's Concert Series that takes place from 7 - 9 pm every Thursday through August 29. Anyone with a heart for hospitality and an ear for good music should contact Susan Gerber @ 440-289-1298.



Save the Date!

September 15 • 4:00 PM
Chagrin River Park
Reeves Road Shelter
More info to come



Who's Who at WUMC

By Pastor Hazel

This month, Pastor Hazel let me take over her column to introduce you to Jean Spangler and Joe Vaidean - by Sally Kennedy, Communications Chair

Jean Spangler is our Sunday School Superintendent and has been a member of WUMC for 37 years. Jean is originally from Erie, Pa, but now lives in Mentor-on-the Lake. She has one child, Kimberli, and two grandsons, Brandon and Jimmie. She works at Fredon Corporation. Jean loves cats and has six! Jean also keeps busy with her involvement in Emblem, a service organization associated with the Elks Club.

Jean was raised in the Presbyterian church. Her dad nearly died of a bleeding ulcer and that's when he came to the Lord. The family started attending a Presbyterian church and that's where Jean found the Lord, too. She still associates church with ice cream as her family always followed church with a trip to the ice cream shop. She had a very happy childhood, growing up in the country.

She attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and obtained a degree in secondary education with a math major. Jean taught for a while and moved around a bit, eventually ending up in Michigan

where she started attending Stevensville UMC. A small group there helped her learn to study the Bible and increased her faith. While working at Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgeman, MI, she met Bob Spangler. They dated for six years and then married.

Bob was transferred to Wickliffe. They checked out many area churches, but none felt like home until they found WUMC. Kathy Fuller was the first person who welcomed her, and she still has the purple irises that Kathy gave her. Jean says everyone was so friendly they decided to stay. They were members of many small groups and made great friends. Jean also taught Sunday School classes and eventually became Sunday School Superintendent.



Sadly, Bob passed away eight years ago. At the time Jean was going through the Acts Academy with Pat Norris and others who helped her through that difficult period. She says in the time she has been here she has visited other churches, but nowhere else is home.

Joe Vaidean is a relative newcomer to WUMC. Joe first found WUMC during our Lenten activity, Journey to the Cross. He

was the first one in the door. He was so moved by the experience that he decided to visit the Good Friday Tennebrae Service. He liked that so he came to a service the next Sunday. Joe says everyone was so friendly, guiding him to a seat and welcoming him. He also joined the Wednesday night Connection Group that meets in the Parlor. He has two sons, Christopher and Jev. Joe loves music. He creates songs on his computer and is planning to join the chancel choir in the fall.

Joe's father was in the Navy, so his family moved around a lot. They lived in Hawaii during the attack on Pearl Harbor. He was very young but remembers the family being evacuated. First, they traveled by boat to California, but mostly he remembers the long train trip from California to Cleveland-the smell of the smoke as the train puffed along. He then spent many years in Virginia Beach. Growing up, Joe attended a Lutheran School, but his family was not churchgoers. His grandparents cleaned a Seventh Day Adventist church and he sometimes went with them. There he could borrow books from the church library - Bibles and Bible story books.

Joe worked at Cleveland Yacht and Supply and Cleveland Yacht Club before he retired. He lived in Mentor until his dad decided to move from California to Willoughby. He found his dad a mobile home and purchased one nearby so he could care for him. When his dad's health deteriorated, he hired a health care provider, Ruthie. She invited Joe to church and one Sunday God called Joe to the altar.

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Jean Spangler and Joe Vaidean
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Joe and Ruthie fell in love and married. This was at Calvary Assembly of God which they attended for many years. Sadly, Ruthie's health declined, and she died. Joe didn't know what to do, so he went to a Grief Share class at Community of the Holy Spirit to help with his loss. He then started church hopping but nothing felt right until he landed at WUMC.

Joe and Jean met in the Wednesday Night Connection Group that meets in the Parlor. They found they had a lot in common. Joe blames the removal of a chair in the group for bringing him closer to Jean. He had been sitting across from her but the night the chair disappeared he moved next to Jean on the sofa. Then Jean started sitting with him in services and the rest is history!

They dated for a couple of weeks, Joe popped the question, and I am happy to announce they are engaged! Joe bought Jean a beautiful gold cross and since she does not wear rings, she said that would be her engagement present. The Wednesday night group gave them an engagement party to share their joy. They generally attend the 9:15 am service and regularly attend the Meal and a Message service and dinner on Wednesday night. Joe and Jean spend their evenings attending free outdoor concerts. No wedding date has been set, so stay tuned. When you see them, give them a handshake or a hug and wish them best wishes for the future!



MUSIC CAMP!



WHEN: Saturday, August 17
8:30 am Breakfast
9:00 am - Noon Music Camp

WHERE: Music Room @ WUMC

WHO: Musicians at WUMC – Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Teams and anyone who wants to explore the options of getting involved musically this fall.
Please join us – all are welcome!

WHY: Kicking off the new Ministry year & continuing our goal of Excellence in Worship



WHAT: Vision & prayer for the new year, Connection, Rehearsal, Training & Fun!

For more information or to register, please contact:

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Cathy Schneithorst, Choir Director: cathyapicello@sbcglobal.net

Steven Petrolewicz, Bell Choir Director: spetrolewicz@gmail.com



Walking Through Grief™
Tools For Finding Hope Along The Grief Journey

Willoughby United Methodist Church
15 Public Square, Willoughby, Oh
10-Week Class - Thursdays
Sept 12 – Nov 14, 2019
7:00-9:00 pm Room 3

Our next 10 week “Walking Through Grief” class will begin on **Thursday, September 12th**, 7-9 pm in Room 3. Our goal is to be the “arms of Jesus” to people who are grieving the death of a loved one and give them much needed tools, support, encouragement and hope in their grief journeys. Over 175

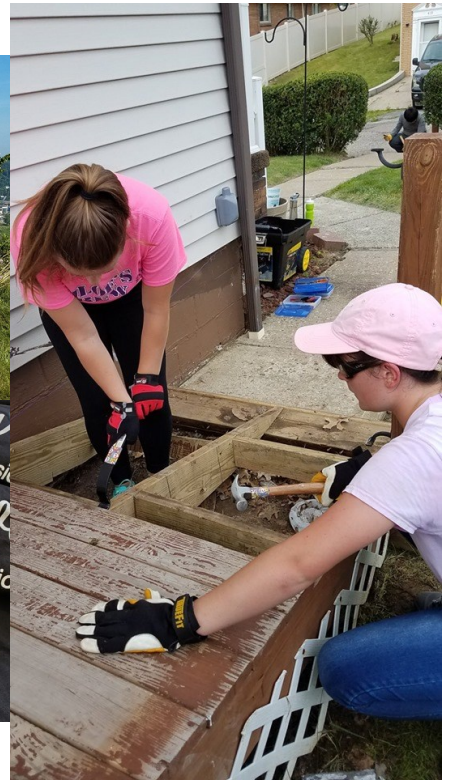
people have come through this program since it was started in 2014, and this will be the 3rd class session to meet at WUMC. Many in our own congregation have come through the program and found help.

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 and 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@sbcglobal.net



MISSION TRIP

What a privilege it was on Sunday, June 30, to hear stories from our youth about their mission trip! This year they went with youth from Strongsville UMC to Steubenville, Ohio, to work with Urban Mission of Steubenville (<https://www.urbanmission.org>). We praise God for these young people and the adults who accompanied them. You can view more photos from their trip on our Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/2XT1Uve>.



A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34, 35

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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



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

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 5:15pm. All are welcome.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Voting
Willoughby wards 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A and 2C

Shadetree Church Youth Group
Thursdays at 6:00pm.

AA Men's Insight Group
Wednesdays at 7:30pm (Enter by North door)

Northeast Ohio Literacy Center
(Opening Soon)



Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, August 10 9:00 -10:30 am
Tuesday, August 20 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturday, August 31 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, August 12 5:15 - 6 pm
Monday, August 26 5:15 - 6 pm

Greatest Current Donation Needs

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Laundry soap (32 loads/ 64 oz size)
Dish soap
Deodorant



Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Info: 440-269-8008

For more information and registration go
to: <https://www.mckinleycenter.org/5k-runwalk.html>

Donation & Building Administration Hours

Mon-Wed: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Saturdays: 9:00—11:30 am

Please note that the McKinley Community Outreach Center does NOT pick up furniture donations
All furniture donations please call the Lake- Geauga Furniture Bank @ 440 255-3051

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Sunday Worship Schedule*

8:00 AM - Heritage Service
 9:15 AM - Multigenerational Service
 & Kingdom Kids
 11:00 AM - Encounter Service
 & Kingdom Kids

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 1:00 pm Daytimers 7:00 pm Church Council 7:15 pm Band Rehearsal | 2 9:30 am - Food Pantry  | 3 Outdoor Market <div>Vacation Bible School</div> |
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