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#### Discovering the Heart of God in the Heart of Downtown Willoughby

#### Weekly Services:

Sunday

8:00 am Heritage Service 9:15 am Multigenerational Service 11:00 am Contemporary Service Kingdom Kids 9:15 and 11:00 am Nursery, Toddlers, Grades K-6

Wednesday 5:00 pm Meal and a Message

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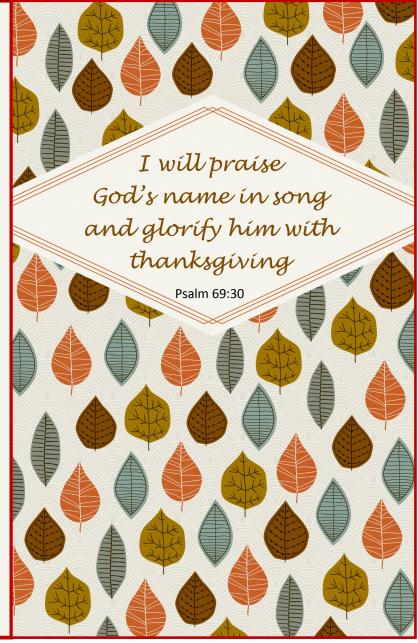
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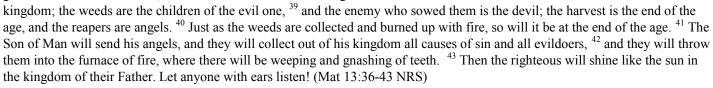




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#### The excitement of fall; the excitement of small groups!

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the



The crowd had heard the words of the creator of the heavens and the earth, yet they walked away no wiser, no more touched, no more transformed than when they arrived. How can I be sure? After the crowds had dispersed the disciples request an explanation of what Jesus just taught. The disciples, those closest to Jesus, those who have heard "ask and it will be given, seek and you shall find," asking for more. They had heard firsthand His teachings on murder, adultery, divorce and love of our enemies. They had witnessed Jesus healing the paralytic, they had witnessed Jesus raising a young girl from the dead, they had even been sent out two by two, to heal the sick and preach the kingdom of heaven was near. All of this to say, that despite all they heard, all they had seen, all they had accomplished, they were left confused at the teaching of this parable. They wanted, no they needed an explanation.

Certainly, if those who had been chosen, those who had heard, witnessed and even performed miracles themselves needed an explanation, think how many among the multitudes left church that day scratching their heads. It's sad to think how many go away from sermons or worship experiences without a word of grace in their hearts. Let those who have ears to listen, listen......

I think one of the hidden treasures here is the model of small groups, a model that suggest that after corporate worship, we should gather in small groups to discuss what we have heard, to help further understand and even expand on what was presented for the sake of our own benefit. That's exactly what we see the disciples doing with Jesus. Maybe, just maybe, we should model this. If it's good for the twelve that were closest to Jesus, it might just be good for us. Just sayin......

The disciples had heard the words ask and you shall be given, and so they did. Their request to Jesus to explain the parable and His response shows the beauty of God's patience and willingness to teach a humble heart. In fact Psalm 25 puts it this way to those who ask:

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me...Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

God is willing to take the time to teach us, are we willing to take the time to ask? I invite you, no, I challenge you! Take the time, sign up for a small group this fall and see what God has in store for you. He is knocking at your door, are you willing to open it?

With a Prayer,

Pastor Christopher

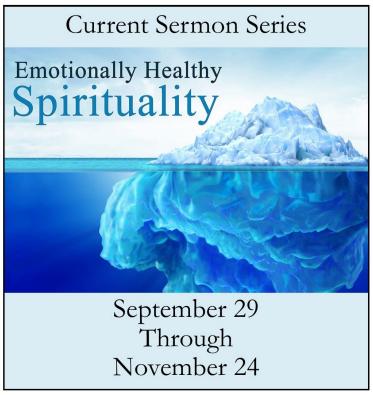
# Worship and Grow with us!











Nursery, Toddler, K-5th Grade



Sundays @ 9:15 am and 11:00 am



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#### 2020 Willoughby UMC Ministry Engagement

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Thank you for your love for Christ and your faithfulness to Willoughby United Methodist Church. Through our deep relationship with Christ we can dream big; dreams of WUMC growing and flourishing. We believe we are to not only remain alive, but to grow and reach further out into the community and world.

Our dream for the present and for the future is to reach more people with the love of Christ. Jesus' last words to the disciples were to "Go and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and teach them..."

To live into our dream, we offer the hope found in Isaiah 43:18-19 from the Voice Translation which reads, "Don't revel only in the past, or spend all your time recounting the victories of days gone by. *Watch closely:* I am preparing something new; *it's happening now*, even as I speak, and you're about to see it. I am preparing a way through the desert; Waters will flow where there had been none." The theme for this year's stewardship campaign, GROW: A Bold New Vision for 2020. This exciting vision invites us to recognize and engage God's powerful work in the present and prepare for what He has planned for our future.

There's a story about a dad trying to teach his daughter about tithing and the importance of giving to God. He counted out the little girl's allowance in ten dimes, then separated one dime and said, "this one is special, let's give this to Jesus so that he can touch the world with His love. Your mom and I do this with every dollar He gives us, in thanks for all that Jesus has done for us." The little girl stared at the dime and then commented, "Poor Jesus, it's not very much is it?" "Well," said her dad, "it is more when there are many others who love him too."

Together we can do more than we could ever do alone. Our tithes are the *special* offerings that help Jesus touch the world with His love through the mission and ministries of this church. How will you help the love of Jesus touch the world in 2020?

Enclosed is an estimate of giving commitment card. We invite you to pray and discern how you wish to partner with Jesus through your *special* giving to the mission and ministries of Willoughby UMC for 2020.

On Sunday November 3rd at either the 8:00 am Heritage Service, 9:15 am Multi-Generational Service, 11:00 am Encounter service or on Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Meal & a Message Service, we will celebrate what God has done, we will celebrate what God is doing and we will celebrate the dream God has for the future. Consecration Sunday and Wednesday will be your opportunity to bring forward your commitment card and join Jesus in transforming the world through His love.

In the Hope of Christ

Christopher Liberati Christopher Liberati Lead Pastor Paul Turner
Paul Turner
Finance Chair

Lisa Richards
Lisa Richards
Church Council Chair

## Missions & Social Concerns

Thank you for your support of our programs and requests! Your generous response to the Noisy Collection in September for Helping Little Hearts in Honduras is appreciated!

Our November Mission
Moment will introduce you to the
work of Forbes House. Located
in Lake County, Forbes House
provides help for victims of
domestic violence free of charge.
Along with a 24/7 helpline, they
provide a shelter, legal aid,
community support groups,
community education teams &
aftercare. The November 29
Noisy Collection will be sent to
support their work.

If any of you have a heart for missions, we invite you to our next meeting at 6 pm in the parlor on Thursday, November 14.

Have a blessed month!



#### You Are Invited!

You are invited to the Bramley/Madden-Wright wedding here at WUMC at 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 7. Rebecca Bramley is John and Wendy Bramley's daughter.

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Kids from K-6 are invited to participate in the Children's Ensemble. They are getting ready for their Christmas program which will be on December 14 at 4:00 pm. Rehearsals are Sundays from 10:20 to 10:50 am in the music room. Practices will continue every Sunday from now until Christmas.



# Help Decorate the Church for Advent! November 24

Help us make the church beautiful for the Advent season! All decorations will be provided and assigned to areas of the church. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more details. Go to our web page www.dtwchurch.org/advent to sign up or call the church office.

#### Paint a Canvas

This event is brought to you by the WUMC Women's Ministry. Ladies of all ages are welcome to come and create your own painting. We will be meeting in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 16, from 5:00 - 7: 30 pm. Bring a dish to share, drinks are provided. Cost is \$28. Please register by November 1, payment is due by November 10. Contact Suzanne Baker with questions, s.baker@svlocal.org or call the church office.



Advent Study Luncheon Preview

All who are interested in leading a study group for the Advent sermon series entitled "Sent" are invited to a preview luncheon on Sunday, November 3, at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will look at the "Sent" material and talk about all the exciting plans for the Advent season at WUMC. RSVP to Lisa Richards at lisadslc@yahoo.com



If you've attended our Wednesday night service, Meal and a Message, you know that every week in addition to the meal a delicious dessert is served. Two ladies, Marty Kreger and Pat McNutt, prepare these desserts. This is Pat preparing cookies for 150 people! Join us at Meal and a Message at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. You will be fed in body and soul. Thank you, Marty and Pat, for your service to our church and community! -photo by Marty Kreger

#### **DRIVERS NEEDED**

Drivers are needed to deliver meals to shut ins on Wednesday Night. Contact the church office if you would like to be a part of this growing ministry.



## Now—thru November 24th Operation Christmas Child

 Share the love of Christ with a child by filling a shoebox with goodies. We will pray over each box on Sunday, November 24.

#### Sunday, November 24 12:00 until ... Decorating the Church

 Join us for a light lunch and then help decorate the inside and outside of the church.

#### Thursday, December 5 5:00—8:30 Live Nativity during Willoughby Tree Lighting

• Come be a part of this ALL

CHURCH OUTREACH event. In addition to our annual Live Nativity, Food Sale and free Hot Chocolate, we will be adding Live Music, Photo Ops and a special gift for all our guests. We are encouraging EVERY person that is a part of our

person that is a part of our church to participate. We will need greeters, parking attendants, and servers, as well as help with set up and tear down.

#### Sunday, December 8 4:00 PM

### A Downtown Willoughby Christmas

 Songs of the Season, performed by choir, bells, band, and organ, narrated by Willoughby Mayor Robert Fiala. Don't miss this great holiday event.

#### Saturday, December 14 3:00 PM

#### **Kingdom Kids Christmas Program**

- A traditional Christmas
   Pageant followed by a Family
   Celebration that will include decorating cookies.
- Bring a Teddy Bear to be handed out during Christmas Caroling.

#### Sunday, December 15 Christmas Caroling at Nursing Home

Christmas Caroling at
 Heartland of Willoughby. Join
 the Worship Ministry team as
 they present a concert of
 Christmas Music, visit with
 the residents and hand out
 Teddy Bears.

#### Thursday, December 19 Longest Night Service

 A special service for people who are grieving during the holiday season.

#### Tuesday, December 24

Join us for this wonderful evening of celebrating the Savior's birth.

5 PM Family Service
7 PM Contemporary Service
11 PM Traditional Service

#### Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Dinner

Free Christmas Dinner. Meal served from 11:30—1:00.

#### **Gift Of Hope**

 Jesus was SENT into the world to SEND us to be his hands and feet to our community.
 Watch for information on how you can give a Gift of Hope during this holiday season.

#### We need YOU!

 See <u>dtwchurch.org/advent</u> for how you can volunteer and donate to these events.



#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Intercessory prayer is a quiet island of time in the midst of the busy-ness of Wednesday evening here at Willoughby UMC. It is the time when a PRAYER TEAM gathers in the chapel to call on the Lord and to lift up the concerns expressed in prayer requests throughout the week; requests submitted during all four of our worship services, at the community dinner, by visitors to the food pantry, at small group gatherings, and in many other ways. It is also a time when we pray for the various programs, activities, and ministries of our congregation.

#### What is a prayer team?

A prayer team is a group of individuals who believe prayer is a gift God has given us, his children, because He loves us and wants to walk and talk with us each day, much as He did with Adam and Eve when they lived in the Garden. Prayer team members have committed to set aside a special time each week to pray for the concerns of our congregation.

#### Who can be on the prayer team?

Everyone who believes in the importance of prayer is invited to join the prayer team.



#### When and Where Does the Prayer Team Meet?

We meet in the chapel on Wednesday evening at 6:30.

#### If I can't come on Wednesday evening, can I still be part of the prayer team?

Everyone can join the prayer team. Although we would love to have many people meet with us in the Chapel on Wednesday evening, the only requirement to be part of the prayer team is that you commit to setting aside at least one time each week to pray for Willoughby United Methodist Church. If you can't join us in the chapel on Wednesday evening, just choose a time and place during the week that will work for you. Make that your regular time and place to pray for the needs of our church, our church leaders, and other concerns of your heart.

"It is the heart that prays," said Father Jean-Nicolas Grou.
"It is to the voice of the heart that God listens, and it is the heart that he answers."

Let us open our hearts to the Lord.

## **WUMC Prayer Chain**

Members pray for those seeking intercessory prayer for their family and friends. This ministry's membership of 50 answers each request sent to them via email. Please call your request to Elaine Ellsworth, 440-942-9085, or email praise2285@aol.com

### Communion Team

Would you like to be a part of our Communion Service team at any of our services? Call or text Carolyn Moore at 440-376-3468. (This is a new phone number.)

If you know someone from church who can no longer attend services and would like to have communion brought to their home, please contact Pastor Hazel, (440) 552-4762 or Hazelp@WilloughbyUMC.org.





Who's Who at WUMC By Pastor Hazel



This month we are visiting with Jane and Roy Page. Roy grew up in Eastlake and went to North High. He is in the North High Hall of Fame with his 1960 track team who went to State that year. Jane grew up in Euclid and went to Euclid High. After high school Roy joined the Coast Guard and was involved as a radioman in the Cuban Crisis and Jane went to college at Otterbein. They met on a blind date one January night in 1967 when Jane was teaching. They were engaged in October and married the following June, which means that they have been married for 51 years!

Roy worked for the phone company and retired at age 50 when he had colon cancer. He is now a survivor of 27 years! Because he is so handy he started working as a custodian in an apartment complex.

Jane says he could fix anything – from laying tile to plumbing.

Jane was a Health and PE teacher at Brush High school until she left to be a full time mom. Later she taught at the Cleveland Museum of Health. For 18 years she worked as a Massage and Lymphedema therapist which took her as far away as Austria for her training. For a while she worked for the University Hospitals of Cleveland at their lymphedema clinic. She loved her work with lymphedema patients because it relieved pain and swelling. But most of us know her best for her work at the Y (as swim instructor, life guard, arthritic water exercise classes – pretty much anything that involves water.)

They have two adult daughters, Jennifer and Jessica. Jennifer is a professor in the biology Department at SUNY at Oneonta. Jessica followed in her mom's tracks and is a water therapist for the VA in Cleveland. Each of them have given Roy and Jane 2 boys who keep them busy going to their plays and soccer games and other activities.





They serve the community by delivering Meals on Wheels and have volunteered for hospice – Jane 21 years and Roy 14 years. Jane serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Women's Welsh Clubs of America. The clubs own the Welsh Home, a rehabilitation, skilled nursing and assisted living facility located in Rocky River. She has been a Girl Scout leader for two troops, and Swim team official. Roy also was a swim team official for the Y and for the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

They serve our church family in many ways, too. They took part in the Rural Mission trips with the Youth to South Carolina for 5 years and were part of the after school program for kids here for about 10 years. Roy has been an usher for at least 30 years and served on the Church Council and the Trustees. Jane is a former Sunday School teacher and is currently reorganizing the Intercessory Prayer group that meets in the Chapel at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. She invites anyone interested to come to the Meal and a Message service and then join in the prayers after. Of course both of them also help with the Wednesday night meals.

Jane and Roy used to have a trailer home on a private lake in PA. Every weekend (May-October) they spent many hours swimming and boating and enjoying the outdoor life. They also loved taking wind jamming cruises on the Caribbean. Even recently Jane went paddle boarding with her grandsons on their family vacation at Smith Mt. Lake in Virginia! (Brave soul!)

The Pages latest challenge is to learn how to live well with Alzheimer's. Roy received this diagnosis last month. They ask for your patience and your prayers.



#### 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



**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



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.



**⇔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.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas whose family receives assistance from McKinley, please contact Beth Morgan at McKinley before November 15th.



#### **NOVEMBER**

#### **Taxable Distribution hours**

Saturday, November 9 9:00-10:30 am Tuesday, November 19 6:00 - 7:30 pm Saturday, November 30 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, November 11 5:15 - 6:30 pm Monday, November 25 5:15 - 6:30 pm

#### <u>Greatest Current Donation Needs</u> TAXABLES:

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

#### PET FOOD:

Dry cat food

#### **HOUSEHOLD GOODS:**

Children's clothes of all sizes (larger than 2T)
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

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

Director of McKinley Community
Outreach Center
Beth Morgan

# **November**

Visit our web page at www.dtwchurch.org for the most up-to-date information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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