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# The Broadcaster

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December 2019

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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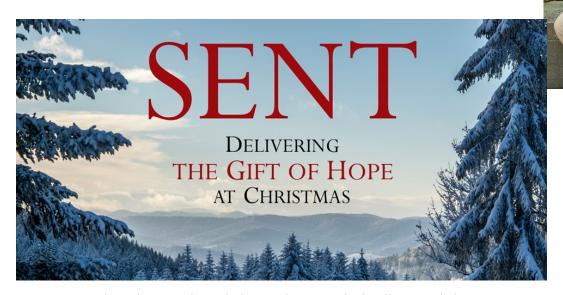
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Jorge Acevedo writes, "Advent is here. These weeks leading to Christmas are a season intended to help us prepare for Jesus' birth. The word *advent* actually means 'arrival' or 'coming.' Yet Jesus' birth is more than a one-time occurrence. How? Every Christmas has within it the possibility of Jesus being born again in our lives and in our world. Historically Jesus' birth happened once, but spiritually his birth can happen anew for us today."

Advent at its core, trusts that Christ still comes to interrupt the busyness, the loneliness, the boredom, the mess and even the plans of people. Through this holy interruption, "The Gift of Hope" is delivered, a Savior is born, and our faith is renewed. During this season of waiting or better yet anticipating, we have the unique opportunity to prepare our hearts not only to receive but to give as well.

There is much to be excited about during the Advent season this year. See for yourself, as you take a look at our calendar, which invites all to join in as we *Celebrate Advent 2019*. Not only are there ways to prepare our hearts to receive "The Gift of Hope," but there are also plenty of opportunities to be a part of the movement of God through serving. Imagine being used by God to be the delivery person of "The Gift of Hope." Amazon Prime can't deliver what you can deliver!

How will you prepare to receive "The Gift of Hope" this Advent season? How are you prepared to give "The Gift of Hope" this Advent season?

Anticipating and Participating,
Pastor Christopher



### 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

We are encouraging EVERY 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.
- 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 Service7 PM Contemporary Service11 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 below\_for how you can volunteer and donate to these events.



### Join us for the "Gift of Hope" Christmas Project

As a family, shop for non-perishable food items. Each day add an item to a box knowing you will be helping someone in need.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

	DECEMBER						
	1 Box of cereal	Peanut butter	3 Stuffing mix	4 Boxed potatoes	5 Macaroni and cheese	6 Canned fruit	7 Canned tomatoes
	8 Canned tuna	9 Dessert mix	10 Jar of applesauce	11 Canned sweet potatoes	12 Cranberry sauce	13 Canned beans	14 Box of crackers
	15 Package of rice	16 Package of oatmeal	17 Package of pasta	18 Spaghetti sauce	19 Chicken noodle soup	Tomato soup	Canned corn
	22 Canned mixed vegetables	Canned carrots	24 Canned green beans	Return with the box on Christmas Eve and the food will be blessed and donated to the Willoughby Food Pantry.			



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### A special Christmas Service of Hope

This is a special service on Thursday, December 19, which we call the Longest Night Service because it is especially designed for those of us who may struggle with having a Christmas this year that is NOT so merry and jolly. If you have experienced a loss — of a job, your good health, a relationship, a dream, or a loved one -- you already know all about long nights. Thursday, December 19, is two days before the longest night of the year. It's nearly Christmas and those who are experiencing loss may really relate to very long nights.

Bringing a loved one who is struggling with loss may be the best gift you could give them this Christmas!



### "Sent" Small Groups

Want to participate in our church-wide study of the book "Sent" by George Acevedo? Join one of these groups!

SUNDAY MORNING (12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22) will be following Heritage service (around 9:00 am). It will be held in the Chapel. The group will be led by Jane Page and Pastor Hazel.

SUNDAY EVENING (12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22) will be gathering from 6:00-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for a meal, a lesson and an interactive experience to celebrate the season. Our time together will start with a simple meal. We will then see a short video, discuss the study book and a hands-on project related to the season will close our time together. All are invited but an RSVP is requested. Please RSVP by emailing Lisa Richards at lisadslc@yahoo.com, calling the office (942-9068) or on the sign up sheet in the welcoming area.

WEDNESDAY MORNING (11/27, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18, 1/8) will be gathering from 10:30 am- 12:00pm at the Liberati's home (4890 Waldamere, Willoughby) This group will be led by Lisa Richards and Connie Liberati. This is an Open Women's group.

WEDNESDAY EVENING (11/20, 12/4, 12/11,12/18, 1/8) will be gathering from 6:30- 8:00 pm in the Parlor. This group will be led by Sally and Dana Kennedy. Contact Sally Kennedy with questions, sek1029@sbcglobal.net or call the office at 440-942-9068.

FRIDAY EVENING (11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20) will be gathering from 6:00 -7:30 pm at the Ratica home (7804 Chillicothe Rd, Mentor). This group will be led by Michele and Adam Ratica and Margaret Neroda. Families with children welcome.

Cost for this study book "Sent" is \$15.

# Advent Gift of Hope

Jesus was **SENT** into the world to **SEND** us to be his hands and feet to our community. During this Advent Season we will have an opportunity to give back to help feed people in our community. Funds raised will go toward Wednesday Night Dinner, Christmas Dinner and delivering of meals to shut-ins. Additionally you can participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar (see page 4).

\$2 = 1 meal \$20 = 10 meals \$200 = 100 meals

Donations can be placed in blue envelopes (available in pews and at hospitality desks) and turned in during offerings, or put in "Gift of Hope" donation boxes. Our goal is to raise funds for 10,000 meals. Watch as the gift tree grows every week - each box/bag will represent 100 meals raised.

### A Gift of Hope

with "So Send I You"

A gift of hope, sent from above. Born as a babe, a gift of love. Out of your love you paid the price and made a willing sacrifice. As the father as sent you, Jesus send me too.

Jason Cork & Hazel Partington
Margaret Clarkson





Songs of the Season, performed by choir, bells, band, and organ

Narrated by Willoughby Mayor Robert Fiala

Sunday December 8 • 4:00 pm





# Free Christmas Dinner Wednesday, December 25, 2018

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Dinner served from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Doors open at 11:00 AM





Kingdom Kids are rehearsing for their Christmas pageant. Don't miss this fun afternoon of music and activities for the whole family!





### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Everything is better with BACON! If you are a man and you like to eat, you are invited to breakfast! Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes are just some of the items on the menu. Please join us for a Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, December 7, 2019 from 8:00-9:00 am for a relaxing time to eat, laugh and hang out. There is no charge for this event.



Stop by WUMC from 5 - 8:30 pm during the Downtown Willoughby Tree Lighting for our annual Live Nativity, free hot cocoa, music and more! Our Worship Choir will be leading A Downtown Willoughby Christmas Sing-a-Long on the stage at Point Park a little after 7:00 pm. Our mission team will be selling hot dogs, chips and water to benefit the Willoughby Food Pantry. Join us for this fun night in downtown Willoughby!



"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."

-Corrie Ten Boom

### Missions & Social Concerns

Happy December to all at a busy time of year for you, your church and this committee!

Thanks to your financial support, we are able to provide a second water well to the people of Liberia. What a Christmas gift this will be for so many families.

There are 20 names of Willoughby children serviced by the Salvation Army on the cloister tree. These "angels" give you hints of possible gifts you may purchase. Please return unwrapped gifts no later than Thursday, December 5.

During the December 5 Willoughby tree lighting, we will be selling hot dogs, chips and water with the profits going to our Food Pantry.

A Noisy Collection will be held on Sunday, December 29, for Forbes House in Lake County. We heard about their life-saving work to protect the abused during our November Mission Moment.

Opportunities are available to support Project Hope Lake County in December. On December 7 at 7 pm there will be a night with the Harlem Globetrotters at Lakeland Community College. Project Hope is also sponsoring an Open House on Friday, December 13, 10 am to 12 noon.

Have a blessed Christcentered Christmas! If you are interested in being on the Mission Committee, our next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, at 6 pm in the Parlor.

Missed a sermon? Catch up by listening to sermons on our website.

<a href="https://dtwchurch.org/recent-sermons/">dtwchurch.org/recent-sermons/</a>



### Stewardship Update

Even though our fall stewardship campaign is coming to a close, stewardship goes on all year. We hope that during this year's campaign you saw things that encouraged and excited you. We are seeing positive signs of growth in the Church. The transforming message of Christ is being spread. Thank you to all who have turned in estimated giving cards. We have already received giving estimates that total 94% to last years total estimates, with 20 fewer pledges received so far. If you have not yet turned one in, it is not too late. We still have quite a ways to go to match our budget. You can still turn estimate cards in at the church office or you can simply contact our Church Administrator, Julie Galicz (juliegalicz@gmail.com) and let her know how you hope to support the Church in 2020.



There was a great turnout for the Women's Ministry Paint-A-Canvas night on November 16. We have some very talented artists among us! Watch for the next Women's Ministry event and mark your calendar for the Spring Women's Retreat on April 18 and 19 in 2020.



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



Who's Who at WUMC By Pastor Hazel



The Norris Family started attending WUMC in the early 90's after moving to Willoughby in 1989.

Pat and Tom were born in the mid-Ohio Mansfield area, meeting in the summer of 1967 at Dairy Land, a dairy queen, where they both worked as carhops. Pat definitely raked in more tips than Tom. They were married in August of 1970 at First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield and moved to East Cleveland in September. Pat was an administrator for the County Board of Education, and Tom was an engineering student at Case Tech. Pat was a graduate of Spring Arbor College (Free Methodist) and Ohio State University with an MA in History looking for a social studies teaching job in a NE Ohio market saturated with football coaches.

Tom became a Test Engineer at the American Gas Association Labs in Independence, and Pat began teaching at the Willoughby Tech Center in 1973, then North in 1998 where she taught

high school English . They lived in Warrensville Heights for five years. Both continued their education in the evenings at Cleveland State throughout the early and mid 70's, Pat in Elementary and Special Ed certification studies and Tom in the Aerospace Engineering graduate program. Tom became a research engineer at General Electric, NELA Park, in 1978 when they moved to Cleveland Heights.

Both of their children were born at Booth Hospital in East Cleveland, Steve in 1980 and Diana in 1982. They were members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cleveland Hts.; Steve and Diana were baptized there and Pat and Tom were active in church service and leadership. After six years they moved across the street to Euclid Avenue Christian Church (DoC) where they remained active members until 1991. They both taught youth Sunday School, chaired committees, served on council, participated as Deacons and prior to moving to Willoughby, Tom was on the board of Trustees. Both Diana and Steve had Pat and Tom as the troop and den leader in their scouting organizations.

Moving to Willoughby was a wonderful step for the family! Bigger yard and tons more activities for the kids in the community, schools and Fine Arts Center. As any Will-o-Bee-er knows, summer is baseball, softball and weekends of just plain fun! Not that Cleveland Heights didn't have those things, but in Willoughby you didn't have to look for them – they found you. Steve and Diana did fine in school (at least looking back) and after.

Steve teaches at Willoughby South, having earned an MS in Political Science and Doctorate in Education. Diana is an assistant principal in Katy Texas, with her MA and Doctorate in

Education.

Tom gave up a paycheck to open a Management Consulting Company in Lean Six Sigma in 1999 growing his business to three dozen clients in twelve countries before winding it down in 2007. The day before Diana's Ohio wedding reception and his granddaughter, Emma's, birth, he was in Singapore hustling to connect to Cleveland on a flight that was cancelled. He arrived at 9:30 on the morning of both, and twelve hours later he was a grandpa.

Pat and Tom went on to be grandparents three more times with Steve and Jenn (Weber) bringing Emma (12) and Addison (7) and Diana and James Sarao adding Michael (8) and Shane (5) to the family.

Pat retired in 2004, freeing her up to make many trips overseas with Tom to sightsee and play whilst he worked, and then make him sight see and play in the evenings instead of watching TV in the hotels. In 2009 they opened Pixalls PhotoArt Gallery & Studio in downtown Willoughby, but finally, really retired in 2012. Well, almost. Pat is a sub at Andrews-Osborne Academy where Emma and Addy attend. Pat is an active Genealogist, tracing both her families back really far. Finding ancestors living in Ohio before statehood, and some fighting in the revolutionary war, she has been accepted in the Daughters of the American Revolution, First family of Ohio and several counties, with Tom riding on her coattails based on her research findings. It's not all dusty books, it's road trips, cemeteries and things in a middle of a field in a flood plain.

Pat and Tom will celebrate 50 great married years together next August, the Lord willing.

A Prayer for Christmas Day Dear Father, It's Christmas and We humbly kneel close to the stable, Listening to the low rustling of hooves in hay. Our breath is snatched up By the sight of the Christ child Lying in a manger. Basking in the light of the glorious star, We stand in awe and wonder. No room? How could it be! Yet while we try to understand The inn with no space for God's Son, The rooms of our very souls are overcrowded And even the closets of our minds are outsourced. Will You forgive us, Jesus, for making no room in the inns of our hearts? May we focus this day on the ultimate gift-Your love. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

Rachel Wojo.com



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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



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

AA Men's Insight Group

Wednesdays at 7:30pm (Enter by North door)

Shadetree Church Youth Group

Thursdays at 6:00pm.

Northeast Ohio Literacy Center

(Opening Soon)

### 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.



McKinley Community Outreach Center Annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Fund "Seasons of Gratitude"

Donations can be sent to: McKinley Outreach Center 1200 Lost Nation Rd. Willoughby, Ohio 44094



### Taxable Distribution hours

Saturday, December 14 9:00-10:30 am Tuesday, December 17 6:00 - 7:30 pm Saturday, December 28 9:00-10:30 am

### Food Pantry hours:

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

No Feed the Body--Feed the Soul Meals in December

### <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

Director of McKinley Community
Outreach Center
Beth Morgan

\*Sunday service times listed on Page 1.
Date and times for "Sent" Small Group studies, see page 4.

# December

Visit our web page at www.dtwchurch.org for

the most up-to-date information.

2:00 pm Hearts for Music Distribution 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Christmas Program 3:00 pm Kingdom Kids Saturday 9:00 am McKinley 9:00 am McKinley O Come let Us Adore Him! Youth Group Overnight 21 9:30 am Wed. Morning 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Food Pantry 9:30 am Food Pantry Friday 20 13 27 9 7:00 pm Longest Night Svc 5:00 pm Live Nativity and 9:30 am Mom's Group 9:30 am Mom's Group **Thursday** 1:00 pm Daytimers 6:00 pm Missions **Tree Lighting** 7:00 pm Finance 26 12 6:30 pm Kennedy Bible Study 4 9:30 am Food Pantry & Library
5:00 pm Meal & a Msg
6:00 pm Alpha
6:30 pm Kennedy Bible Study
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Prayer Course
7:00 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Walking Thru Grief **18** 9:30 am Food Pantry & Wednesday 11:00 am Christmas 6:30 pm Kennedy Bible Library 5:00 pm Meal & a Msg Library 5:00 pm Meal & a Msg 11 9:30 am Food Pantry & 7:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Bell Choir Dinner 6:00 pm Alpha 7:00 pm Contemporary Christmas Eve Services 11:00 pm Candlelight 7:00 pm SOS Bible Study 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal 7:00 pm SOS Bible Study 6:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm SOS Bible Study 7:00 pm SOS Bible Study 7:30 pm Band Rehearsal 6:45 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm McKinley Dist 6:45 pm Choir Practice **Broadcaster Mails Tuesday** 7:30 pm River Street 7:30 pm River Street 7:30 pm River Street 7:30 pm River Street 6:00 pm Front Line 6:00 pm Front Line 6:00 pm Front Line 5:00 pm Family 6:30 pm Front Line 31 7:15 pm Women's GA 7:15 pm Women's GA 7:15 pm Women's GA 7:00 pm Discipleship 7:15 pm Women's GA 7:15 pm Women's GA Monday Pathway 9:30 am Alanon 16 30 6 **Broadcaster Articles Due** Communion Sunday 12:00 pm Linger Longer Willoughby Christmas 12:30 pm Worship Min Lunch 12:00 pm Linger Longer 9:15 & 10:30 am Disciple Kingdom Kids Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 am Disciple 4:00 pm A Downtown 12:00 pm Pizza with the 12:00 pm Linger Longer 12:00 pm Linger Longer 1:00 pm Youth Group 1:00 pm Youth Group 3:00 pm Worship Min @ Sunday 9:15 & 10:30 am Disciple \* Sunday Services \* Sunday Services 12:00 pm Linger Longer Sunday Services Sunday Services 1:00 pm Youth Group 1:00 pm Conf Class 5 \* Sunday Services Fast Track Fast Track 29