



WESTLAKE NEWS

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In the Potter's Hands...

As all of you know by now, one of my hobbies is pottery. It has become far more than a hobby, however; it has also become one of the areas of greatest ministry through the years. God has opened doors both in the US and other countries to share messages using various aspects of art, with pottery being one of the key means to share vital life lessons. Settings have included public and private schools, camps, conferences, retreats, banquets, churches, children's clubs, etc. (It is my hope to share a chalk talk for a morning service during the Advent season).

I am sure it is of no surprise that one of the most powerful images in scripture for me is that of God being the Potter and we being the clay. With this, Jeremiah 18:1-12 has become one of my favorite passages of scripture. As is the nature of God, He continues to take scripture and deepen its

meaning, teaching me more and more about who He is and who we are through it.

On September 17 and 24, 2017, I want to share some of what God has taught me, (and is teaching me) through this passage, and His role as Potter in our lives. The potter's wheel will become the pulpit for these Sundays, and the front of the sanctuary will look more like a potter's shop, than anything else.

I invite and encourage you to a) read this passage numerous times and see what the Spirit says to you through it; b) search scripture for other passages that use this image; c) plan to attend both services in this two-part series, and invite any family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. who you think might find this visual message meaningful; d) pray for me as I prepare.

These two weeks will also uniquely prepare us for our **Restoration/Reconciliation service on October 1, 2017**, the culmination of our *Healing the Heart of Your Church Discernment Process* at Westlake. This service will hopefully be a *catalyst* for not only healing (both in our relationship with God and with others in the body of Christ), but be further preparation for us sacrificially living under the Lordship of Christ, which will include diligently seeking how He can

best use the wonderful resources He has given Westlake, to bear the most fruit for *His* kingdom.

Please make these fall services a priority for your prayers and your participation; let's see what God may want to do through them!

Blessings,

Pastor Roger

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Shirlee Burlingame
Lorraine Wonderly
- 12 Barb Hoyle
- 16 Dennis Gerber
- 17 Pat Wickert
- 23 Jack Hungerford
- 27 Bill Martin
Martha Yunker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Frank and Beverly Crookes
- 8 David and Nancy Chapin
- 19 Bill and Kerri Comai
- 27 Mark and Kathy Powell
- 28 Marty and Sara Simmons



Please remember the following members of the congregation in your daily prayers: Jack Hungerford, Marian Jewett, Don Korten, Art and Pat Wickert, Richard Phillips, Susan Gregory, Grace Taylor, Bill Lang, Carol Reid, Paul Yunker, Frank Crookes, Tom Lightbody, Gordon Dyer, Terry Smith, and Jill Grandia.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPDATE

As September begins we find Christian Education gearing up for the new school year.

We are in need of anyone interested in being a part of the Christian training of our children, as a team member or substitute. We team teach with our curriculum for K-5th grade.

Please let Nancy Chapin or Brandy know if you can help or desire further information.

Mission & Communication Update

As you are planning your fall activities, consider joining one of our mission projects.

-Salvation Army Soup Kitchen-3rd Monday of every month, 9:30-1:00.

-Lakeview Food Pantry-4th Friday of every month, 9:30-11:45.

-Mill Creek Retirement Center-4th Thursday of every month for bingo, potluck dinners, and birthday parties.

-FEC-3rd Tuesday of every month. We meet in the afternoon to prepare and then serve dinner to the children and staff of the FEC. Thanks to Roger and volunteers who helped the FEC children and staff make and glaze pottery plaques.

Tara Dolbee

Madalyn Trumblee

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A NOTE FROM THE DEACONS

A wonderful opportunity was not to be missed when Terri Pearce from Safe Place visited our sanctuary to educate us about this important institution in our community and how we may be Jesus's hands and feet to the Safe Place organization. Please join us as the big white box sits in the narthex awaiting our generous donations. You will find a needs list later in the newsletter. Let's make it overflow with suggested supplies and items! Be on hand when the items are delivered around the 11th of September. Remember, God loves a cheerful giver!

I have been reminding everyone for months regarding looking forward to the September Kick-Off Picnic. While this has been a beloved tradition in our church, welcoming in the fall church schedule of Sunday school and music making, this year the Deacons decided to take a hiatus from the event. But, please don't fret. We all love a church picnic/ BBQ and our loving Pastor Roger has graciously decided to cook out on the grill once a month after service. Bring a salad or dessert to share, if you would like but it is not a requirement of attending. The grill will heat up on Sunday August 27th and then again on Sunday Oct. 22. Pastor Roger even dabbles in winter grilling so look forward to these times of easy Sunday lunch planning, good food and great fellowship.

Another cherished event that we have much history participating in is the Crop Walk. While we are not formally fielding a team for the event this year we wanted to give out the information for this very worthwhile event. This year's Crop Walk will be held on Sunday Sept. 24, 2017 at First United Methodist Church in downtown Battle Creek. Registration begins at 2:00pm, the walk at 3:00pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

As always, the Deacons strive to serve our church family with love and humility. Please let any of us know if you see a need and if we can, we will do our best to fill it.

Love, Kerri

S.A.F.E. Place Needs List

Personal Items (new items only)

Toilet Paper
Facial Tissue
Feminine Personal Hygiene Items
Wet Wipes
Hair Products
Deodorant
Hair Care Products
Full Sized Shampoo & Conditioner

Household Items

Baking Sheets, Pots & Pans
Bedding, Pillows
Comforters, Sheets
Pictures
Towels
Wash Cloths
Coffee
Silverware
Gladware/Rubbermaid storage bins
First aid supplies

Cleaning Items

Paper Towels
Laundry Soap
Pine Sol
Bleach
Dish Soap
Glass Cleaner
Bathroom Cleanser
Mops, Brooms, Dustpans, Buckets
New Vacuum Cleaners
Garbage Bags

Client Support

Bus Tokens
Phone Cards
Gas Cards
Gift Certificates to Area Grocery Stores
New Child Safety Gates
Umbrellas

Furniture/Small Appliances

Lamps
Fans
TV's
DVD Players
Irons
Coffee Makers
Radios
Alarm Clocks
Toasters
Can Openers

Children's Program

Tote Bags/Backpacks
Baby Monitors
Toys (new items only) for ages 1 month – 18 years
Diapers/Babywipes
Bean Bag Chairs
Coupons (Full Blast, Zoo, Fast Food)
Unopened over-the-counter Children's medicines
NEW Car Seats/Toddler Seats
High Chairs
Baby Bottles/Baby Cups (*new)
Pacifiers (*new)
Children's Hygiene Products (baby powder, lotions)
Brushes, gentle soaps)

Other Support

Financial Donations are always welcomed and will be prioritized for the highest need at the time of the gift.



CURRENT ELDERS

Jody Owens (Clerk)

Class of 2017:

Nancy Chapin

Paul Yunker

Madalyn Trumblee

Class of 2018:

Frank Crookes

Tara Dolbee

Class of 2019

Charles Eppright

Truman Smyth

CURRENT DEACONS

Class of 2017

Sharon Hungerford

Marty Simmons

Sara Simmons

Class of 2018

Kerri Comai

Karen Patterson

Ceci Porter

Class of 2019

Kathy Powell



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

All women are invited to the Human Rights Celebration sponsored by Church Women United,

“Kindling New Fires of Hope”

Saturday, September 9 at 12:00

at Westlake Presbyterian Church

415 S. 28th St.

RSVPs are needed.

Cost for lunch is \$10.00

Contact Jean Smith

We will be honoring Amber Miller and Mariama Wurie who are working tirelessly to keep the program of the Freedom School running smoothly and Sheila Smith who was the driving force behind the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church food pantry.

Church Women United cannot thrive without you! Every single person is important, so please come join with us to help bring peace to the world.

Our local mission for September is:

KITCHEN AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (dishes, pans, utensils, dish towels, beds, chairs, or any furniture item) are always welcome at the Charitable Union, SAFE PLACE, Women’s Life Recovery Program or In-As-Much House to help women as they prepare to establish a home for their family. If you have any kitchen items, you can either take them to one of the organizations listed or bring them to church and we will see that they are delivered.

Habitat Restore is an organization that is willing to pick up your furniture items.

Remember – our mission projects are ongoing throughout the year. Feel free to bring your items to church any time or call a board member if you have questions. Items can be left in the library in the designated containers or on the shelf.

YOU ARE WANTED!!!!

Once again it is time for PW to begin planning programs that will help women all over the world and we need you, our church women to help –

lead our PW team;

be on the board to help us grow;

work on the mission projects

PW meets the 3rd Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. following Circle meeting in the church parlor. Please join us and give us your input.

WESTLAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

July 31, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET

| | MONTH | YTD | BUDGET |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| INCOME | 9,528 | 108,942 | 134,121 |
| EXPENSES | 10,786 | 92,864 | 181,195 |
| INCOME VS EXPENSES | (1,258) | 16,078 | |