



WESTLAKE NEWS

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What now?

We celebrated our HTH Service of Repentance, Reconciliation, and Restoration service on October 1, 2017. Certainly people experience services like this in a range of different ways, but many that came to me indicated they felt it was meaningful and powerful. My prayer is that it touched each person who attended in some positive way. So “*What are the next steps?*” is a logical question. The following are a few responses to this:

1. The whole process up to this point is similar to the diagnostic preparation for heart surgery and the surgery itself. Once a person has had heart surgery there is a recovery time and the learning of a new, healthier lifestyle, which includes avoiding the things that contributed to the unhealthy heart condition in the first place, and significant therapy. The following represent elements of this:
 - a. Recovery time for this process includes tying up any loose ends that may have surfaced through the process. Is there any further need to pursue reconciliation with certain individuals, previous pastors, or work through sensitive issues?
 - b. We need to keep particularly aware of what Christ confronted us with (contained in the letter). The letter is included in the newsletter so each have a copy and can periodically read it, and do a mental evaluation on how we are doing individually and as a congregation in obedience to what Christ’s called us to do.
 - c. We can be assured that *we will be tested in these areas*. In other words we can expect being tested in such areas as forgiveness, reconciliation, and whether we will demonstrate Christ’s Lordship by how we invest HIS resources (time, talent treasure). For instance, since Jesus said that *where our treasure is there will our heart be also*, will our 2018 budget reveal that we have made a heart shift as revealed through making a significant treasure shift to be more missional? Muscles, including heart muscles are not strengthened unless they are

stretched and exercised. God will allow us ample opportunities to do so.

- d. Since check-ups are a part of the recovery process, as shared a few months ago, we will eventually retake the CHURCH SCAN again to see how we have progressed. We will let you know when we will do this and again invite all of you to participate.
2. This whole process was to primarily address the FIRST Developmental Task of Specialized Transitional (Interim) Ministry: *“Coming to Terms with History.”* The next Developmental Task is *“Revisiting Mission and Vision.”* With this, we will be asking questions related to what direction we sense the Lord of the Church leading Westlake? With this, we will spend considerable time examining: “How can we best use the tremendous resources he has entrusted to us to bear the most fruit for the Kingdom: reach people for Jesus Christ, disciple them so they can disciple others, and in the process make the most life impact and life transformation?”
3. So what were the remaining Developmental Tasks? We have already been working on two

of these which will be ongoing throughout the interim time:

- a. *“Strengthening Denominational Ties.”*
- b. *“Navigating Leadership Transitions”* (which involves leadership training). The Final Developmental Task is “Committing to a New Future” which involves a pastoral search if it is discerned that this is what the Lord of the Church wants. A pastoral search is not begun in a congregation until the Specialized Transitional Minister, the Session, and the Presbytery feel the congregation is ready. (My contract involves all three of these parties).

Just as everyone plays a role in what has brought a congregation to where it is now, so everyone plays a role in the success and fruitfulness of any future direction. Thanks for all of your work so far; let’s allow God’s Spirit to direct and motivate us along each step into HIS future.

Blessings,

Roger

Flower Guild

With October here, it is not too early to start thinking about decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas.

If you have any thoughts or are willing to help with decorating contact Madalyn Trumblee or Shirlee Burlingame.



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



**OCTOBER
CELEBRATIONS
BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Eleanor Shelley
- 15 Kelsey Gammons
- 22 Kathy Powell
- 24 Mike Morcombe
- 26 Jean Smith
- 27 Yvonne Phillips

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Art & Pat Wickert
- 17 Rich & Michele Young
- 31 Joe & Sally Goss

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

A Few Notes of Thanks

I appreciate the nice cards. Thank you for thinking of me. I miss seeing all the friendly people at Westlake.

Gordon Dyer

Friends,

I want to personally thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness! Your support is so important to the survivors we serve and we are always in need of cleaning supplies and toilet paper!

Thank you

Jessica Edel-Harrelson
Executive Director
Safe Place

**WESTLAKE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

August 31, 2017

OPERATING BUDGET

	MONTH	YTD	BUDGET
INCOME	10,528	119,213	134,121
EXPENSES	12,675	105,864	181,195
INCOME VS EXPENSES	(2,405)	13,673	

Larry White was able to keep his email account with AT&T, so please send all email correspondence to white6709@att.net.
Apologies for the confusion

Mission & Communication Committee

The mission committee is pleased to announce that through the generosity of an anonymous donor, members and friends of Westlake will be able to attend the fall Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage at no cost. The retreat will take place at Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan, from Thursday, October 26 at 5 p.m. to Sunday, October 29, afternoon close. The normal cost is \$175 per person, but this charge will be paid by the donor. Thank you, donor, for making this opportunity available to us! Please fill out the application by no later than Oct. 15 to attend. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pastor Roger, who will be a spiritual leader at the retreat.

During the first week of October, in the fellowship hall, there will be a silent auction of Pastor Roger's pottery. The proceeds will be given to the Calhoun County jail to purchase Bibles for the inmates. Be sure to get your one of a kind pottery pieces before they get snatched up by the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Can you help us spend \$1,000? The mission committee has budgeted that amount to be spent on local agencies. We are asking you, the congregation, for input on where we should direct our mission money. Last year, our local mission money was sent to Safe Place and the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, two very worthy missions with which Westlake has been actively involved. Let us know which local agencies you would like to see us support financially this year. We are not limited to two agencies, so we can add others to the list.

Remember to take pictures of Westlake activities and send them to the mission committee so that we can post them on our website. Check the website frequently to see what's happening at Westlake.

Madalyn Trumblee

News from the Deacons

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Super Safe Place Sunday donation drive. Many much needed items were delivered to Safe Place by Sara and Marty Simmons, and were greatly appreciated by all at Safe Place. Sara and Marty would like to thank everyone for supporting a cause near and dear to their hearts.

Are you ready for a cookout? Pastor Roger will be firing up the grill after service on Sunday Oct. 22. Bratwurst and hotdogs are on the menu. Bring a dish to share and be ready for some great food and fellowship!

Be on the lookout for another set of cards to sign and share some cheer with our kids attending college. We will have cards out in the fellowship hall around holidays (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Let's take a few minutes to sign a card and send our love to our college students and help to fill up their mailboxes.

Other upcoming mission opportunities, sponsored by the Deacons are the FEC Christmas Gift Collection/Giving Tree, coordinated by Kathy Powell, Salvation Army Bell Ringing coordinated by Karen Patterson, Christmas Gift bags for our wonderful staff and homebound congregants, coordinated by Kerri Comai, and Christmas Caroling coordinated by Ceci Porter, to our homebound congregants. Wouldn't it be great if we had everyone participating in these wonderful activities as a total display of our love for others.

Love, Kerri



Presbyterian Women

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

Mission projects:

October **CHARITABLE UNION**

November **THE HAVEN OF REST**

December **CALHOUN COUNTY
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY**

We have combined the missions for the months of October and November as our shelters have such a need for all of the items.

The Charitable Union is in need of children's and teens **SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR (all sizes.)** The CU provides these items to the children and teens all during the school year so we are asking for help during the winter months to make sure this can be continued. Our PW also gives them a monetary gift from our budget to help them buy items they need and do not receive.

Winter is coming and PW would like to sponsor again this year a coat mission for the Charitable Union. The coats can be gently worn or new (you may be able to get coats on sale) or if you would like to make a monetary donation, we will shop for the coats.

We are asking for personal items for the women at the shelter facilities; soap, deodorant, tooth brushes and tooth paste, mouth wash, body powder, body lotion, cologne, nail clippers, nail polish (neutral color), shampoo and hair gel, combs, brushes, lipstick, shaving cream, razors, personal hygiene items. Whatever we can give will certainly help them.

All items can be brought to the church at any time and be put in the library and PW will distribute them.

In December, PW will again sponsor a gift time for some of the patients at the CCMCF. Sharon Hungerford will be getting the information to us soon.

PW is so thankful for your participation in our mission projects. We want to help all year long as it does make a difference in the lives of those who receive.

All women are invited to the

PW Fall Spiritual Retreat

sponsored by the PW of

First Presbyterian Church

on Saturday, October 7th at

**the First Presbyterian Retreat
Center**

Time is 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost is \$8.00

The speaker is Pat Scheid

The program is

“REFRESH, RENEW, REJOICE

**Become more attentive to how
you can lessen your stress,
increase your joy, potential, and
rely on God's promises.**

**Let's join with our sisters in
Christ for a time of fellowship.**

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

PW ANNUAL GATHERING

TIME: 6:00 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS

7:00 P.M. FOR PROGRAM

REV. ROGER GRANDIA WILL BE

PRESENTING A SPECIAL PROGRAM

FOR US.