

news

Best Year's Luncheon

Best year's luncheon has begun after a two month break. We had our first luncheon and program on September 11, 2018. The food was yummy and the sing-a-long with Tim was enjoyed by everyone.

Our next luncheon and program is October 9, 2018. Plan on attending, you won't be disappointed. Our lunches are always delicious. Programs are informative and entertaining.

Everyone is welcomed to attend. One more thing, we have a bake sale before and after the luncheon.

God Bless, Sharen Ott
Chair of Nurture and Care Committee •

Fall Fest



October 27th, we will host our fall fest from 4-6. We will have our chili cook off and bake off and games and crafts inside for the kids. There will be hotdogs with the fixin's and hot chocolate & apple cider too!

We're also going to have a trunk or treat in the front parking lot beside the building from 4-4:30pm. If it rains we'll have some tents to park under.

We will also have a costume contest (no scary costumes or masks, please.) Adults can dress up too!

We invite anyone to join us for the fun, if you would like to participate in the events, see the info below for more information. You can also call the church office at 440-585-9462 or email Marie Grmek at whumc09@gmail.com.

Trunk or Treat Participants:

Decorate the trunk of your car with a theme. (Princess, Pokemon, Pirates, dogs, and sesame street are a few ideas. You can google trunk or treat themes and get many more ideas there.) You don't need to go all out but make it fun and please not scary. You will pass out individually wrapped candy from the trunk. You can bring lawn chairs and sit beside the car to participate. At 4:30, we'll all lock our cars and go inside to have chili and hotdogs and hot chocolate.

Chili cook-off participants:

Sign up at the table or via email. Bring in chili ready to eat at 165° in crockpots. Plug them in the fellowship hall on the counter based on the category. Please have it here by 3:30pm.

Bake-off Participants:

Sign up at the table or via email. Bring in your baked good by 3:30pm. You will need enough for 4 judges and to share with the people attending. •

Small Group Opportunities for Adults

There are many varied small groups available to adults this fall at Willoughby Hills United Methodist Church. Child care for kids pre-school and younger is available upon request. If you have questions or have special interest in a specific topic, please call or email Dr. Laura Tradowsky with your suggestions. (440-477-7479) (ltrad@earthlink.net).

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am in the Library led by Patty Dorsey. Lectionary Bible Study: looking at the verses that Pastor Max is preaching on each week. Co-ed.

Mondays, 10-11:30am in the Library led by Anne Horvath. A time for women of all ages to meet for devotion, prayer, and support. Come when you are able. Childcare is available upon request.

Mondays, 7-8 or 8:30pm in the Library led by Pastor Max. Men's Bible Study-The Gospel of Mark.

Tuesdays, 10-11:30am in the Library led by Patty Dorsey. Bible Study: "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today" by Adam Hamilton. Childcare is available upon request. Co-ed.

Celebrating Our Membership!

Congratulations to the following members of our congregation who will reach milestone years of membership this month!

Celebrating 56 years

Dolly Sanders
Jennings Shifflett

Celebrating 38 years

Kathy Malecek

Congratulations, and thanks for your continuing service to the Lord through WHUMC! •

From the Pastor's Desk

The Marks of a Disciple - Read John 15:1-17

The local church provides the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs. It is a community of true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by persons divinely called and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit, the church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world.

At a recent training event, one presenter shared with us her "marks of a disciple."

1. An unending preoccupation with the Glory of God.
2. An unending love for the children of God.
3. An unwavering loyalty to the Son of God.

Sums it all up pretty well, don't you think? How we live our lives shows the world who we are and whose we are. Everything we do in the life of our church should be geared to these "marks." So, when we worship, instruct, fellowship and express our faith, keep these "marks" in mind. Also, as we live out our faith day to day, these "marks" should define our words, our actions, and our thoughts. Together, let us strive and hold each other accountable to these "marks of a disciple."

Peace,
Pastor Max

Wednesdays, 10–11:30am in the Library led by Patty Dorsey. Book Study: "Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2017-2020." Co-ed.

Thursdays, 10–12pm in the Library led by Dr. Laura Tradowsky. Spiritual Formation / Bible Study: "Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John" by Jean Vanier. Childcare is available upon request. Co-ed.

Fridays, 6pm at the home of Tom and Kelly Szakal

Confident Parenting "Be the parent your family needs". Four sessions being held on September 14th, 28th, October 12th, and 26th. Contact Kelly Szakal at kbrownale@aol.com for more information.

Saturdays, 8–9:30am in the Library led by Dr. John Borgert. Men's Bible Study- The Gospel of John •

Royal Family Kids



This year's RFK Camp was full of moments that matter and witness of God's incredible grace. Thirty-two campers and sixty-five volunteers were able to spend an amazing week together. We couldn't have shared this experience without the important role you played. Your prayers, your gifts, your volunteer hours, your donations all made a difference in so many lives.

One camper, who had never been in a canoe, learned more than just how to steer a boat. She learned that there are adults in her life that she can trust, and when they say, "I won't let anything hurt you while were in this canoe," she can believe them. She immediately regretted

her decision to venture out into the lake with her Big Camper and asked to return to the shore. Her Big Camper told her that she would honor her request, but canoes don't turn on a dime, and it may take a minute to get them back around. While they were turning, the Big Camper continued to reassure her from behind that she would not let anything happen to her, it would be ok. Her small voice then said, "Promise?" "Absolutely," was the response. "Then let's keep going. I can do this!" she said. They took a peaceful trip around the lake and built a relationship on trust. It would not have happened without you. Thank you.

The last day of camp is usually a tearful one for many reasons. Saying goodbye after those relationships have been formed is never easy; it was no different this year. There were many hugs, prayers for future

blessings, and tears behind sunglasses. This year, we had a break in the goodbyes to experience pure joy. At camp, there was a wading pool at the bottom of a small waterfall. Campers were warned that all of their clothing was already on the truck headed back to the pickup location and we would all be leaving in a few minutes as well. If they chose to do more than wade ankle deep into the water, they would be wet for the trip home. There was a pause to consider, then one by one they went in. ALL IN! They were being kids, not bad, not defiant, just kids being kids. It was absolute joy in their laughter and smiles. Joy like no other. My heart has never been so full of joy either. Thank you for bringing joy to a group of incredible kids to whom joy is not always present.

Your gift also provided birthday presents, bouncy houses, and cupcakes for everyone's birthday party. Many of the kids have never had their birthday acknowledged, let alone celebrated with such enthusiasm. Your gift provided pillows for the kids to take home, some of whom don't have beds. Most importantly your gift provided a week of games, laughter, sunshine, and friendship where, even if for just a week, everyone had enough of what they needed.

You have made a difference in so many lives. We just wanted you to hear about a few small moments that mattered. The partnership we share now is a sacred one and one we hope will continue for years to come. We are looking forward to working together to make 2019 Royal Family Kids Camp full of more moments that matter. We are truly grateful for your commitment to our kids. •

Youth Group



Congratulations to the Smoukrod Team who won the youth group family photo scavenger hunt! Here they are pictured with Pastor Max, Carroll, and Parker, just one of the 55 possible photos that could have been taken during the hunt. The weather wasn't the best for our scavenger hunt, but a GREAT time was had by

all and it was a wonderful start to the 2018/2019 year!

October Youth Group Schedule

October 7

3:30pm: All Youth District Hay Ride and Corn Maze at Ridgeview Farms in Middlefield

October 14

Noon: Confirmation one day mentor/youth retreat at Red Oak Camp. No middle school youth group

6-7pm: High School Youth Group at Starbucks in Willoughby

October 21

3:45-5pm Confirmation 3

5-7pm: Combined Youth Group—Trick or Treat for Canned Goods

October 27

4-6pm: Help with the Fall Festival

October 28

No Youth Group •

Kids 4Christ

Kid's Quest 9:30am & 11am

Each Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month is Family Worship; Easter, Christmas Eve & Music Sunday

- September: Creation lessons
- Teaching dates open throughout the FALL!:
- Sept 23, Sept 30 (need 2), Oct 21, 28, Dec16
- The curriculum we use has an app! Download the Superbook Bible app to let your kids play and learn!

Kid's Choir 10:30am Fellowship Hall with Mrs. LeAnn. Not on the 1st anymore! 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Mission Opportunities: Give Back Days:

Sep 22 McKinley 5K Run/Walk

Oct 21 Nursery Graduation

Oct 27 Fall Fest 4-6pm

Nov 18 Music Sunday, *no Kid's Quest*

Nov 25 Hanging of the Greens Service, *no Kid's Quest*

Dec 8 Angel Breakfast 9:30-11am

Dec 9 Kid's Pageant 9:30am

Parenting Class:

Sep 14, 28 Oct 12, 26 at Tom & Kelly Szakal's house at 6pm with potluck. Children over the age of 8 are welcome to come

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Check out our Facebook page: WHUMC KIDS4Christ and WHUMC SPORTSCAMP page too! •

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Soup!



Soup Sunday has a long history at Willoughby Hills UMC. In the early 1960s, Elmer and Marge Sakach suggested that the congregation have an after worship fellowship event similar to a simple harvest meal. To be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving, they called it "Soup Sunday."



The tradition has been for congregational members to contribute the meat and vegetables for the soup. Cards listing the needed ingredients are available to choose. Each card has an item needed for one of about three or four different types of soup. Ingredients are contributed and men from the congregation gather on a Saturday morning to prepare the soup and enjoy spirited fellowship! In the early years, women baked bread to accompany the meal... years later families brought bread - either homemade or purchased - to accompany the soup that the men made.

Some men come early on Sunday morning to reheat the soup and get it ready for the congregation after worship! What wonderful smells permeate the building that day!



The Youth Group has sold baked goods in the past on that Sunday morning, and at least once, Soup Sunday has been combined with Music Sunday, where congregational members and friends contribute their own musical and other artistic gifts as part of morning worship.



Do you have a special soup recipe that has been prepared in the past? Were you one of the cooks? Can you recall a special memory from past Soup Sundays that you'd like to share? Please jot down your thoughts and share them with the Historians!

