WELCOME HOME SUNDAY  SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WEST PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Online Service 11:00 A.M.
PRELUDE

HYMN: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure form all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Savior near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE
(You are invited to offer a greeting from your seat, offering the Peace of Jesus Christ from you own pew. Please do not move about the Sanctuary during this time.)

PRAYER OF GATHERING (Unison)
Today, O God, we are thankful for the opportunity to gather in person. Today, O God, we are thankful for the opportunity to worship you. Today, O God, we are thankful for your abundant and abiding love. Might our worship this day strengthen us to in our commitment to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
(Please pray the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 14:1-15
One: God is still speaking
Many: and we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “All Are Welcome”

MUSICAL OFFERING “I’ll Fly Away” By Albert Bramley
Performed by Clarence Chavers III

COMMUNITY PRAYERS
PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, 09/13: WELCOME HOME SUNDAY!
9:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community Worship and Live Stream

MONDAY, 09/14:

TUESDAY, 09/15:
7:00 p.m. Online Stewardship & Finance

WEDNESDAY, 09/16:
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Online Book Study

THURSDAY, 09/17:

FRIDAY, 09/18:
PASTOR’S SABBATH DAY – Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon – Bartter Hall

SATURDAY, 09/19:
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Virtual Hoedown Food Pickup
7:00 p.m. Virtual Hoedown via Zoom

SUNDAY, 09/20:
9:00 a.m. Community Worship
10:00 a.m. Online Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Community Worship and Live Stream
MINISTERS OF GOD’S LOVE

Every Member of WPUCC

SENIOR PASTOR........................................Rev. Jason Thompson

ASSOCIATE PASTOR.........................................James R. Furry

PASTORS EMERITI.............Rev. Don Norenberg, Rev. Larry Craig

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC..................Christopher Venesile, PhD

FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR..................Sara Jovanovic

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR.......................Linda Ferro

SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR...............Rachel Miller

POET LAUREATE..................................................Jean Clark

LECTORS............................Scott O’Con (9:00), Robin Jessen (11:00)

COUNTER............................................................Lynne Rice

FOR INFO ON HOW TO ACCESS ONLINE WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES, PLEASE VISIT westparkucc.org. All worship opportunities are listed under the COVID-19 UPDATE tab.

NO INTERNET ACCESS? You may use the following phone number to listen in to worship.

SUNDAY 11:00 am:
+1 929 205 6099, meeting ID: 503 841 134

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR at 10:00 a.m.:
+1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID is 198 946 112
Passcode is 493586

WORSHIP ACCESS: For our members and friends who dial in by phone to listen to our worship services, a passcode is required when calling. To access worship, please call 929 205 6099, meeting ID 503 841 134, passcode 447447

WE WELCOME all who are worshiping our God this day into our hearts.

PASTOR JASON’S in person office hours are temporarily suspended. Pastor Jason can be reached at the church office (216) 671-7228 or WestParkUCCPastor@gmail.com. Pastor Jason is resuming limited in person visitation on Thursdays of each week. All visits will take place outdoors, respecting physical distance and facial coverings. Visits will be limited to 30 minutes. To schedule a visit, please call the church office at 216-671-7228. Pastor has returned to his earlier schedule and is now observing sabbath on Fridays.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Thank you for your contributions to the church and its missions in these challenging times. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $2,084, OCWM $100, Pink - Neighborhood Family Practice $80, Rent $550, Food Pantry $10, Children's Plate $30, Fund Raiser $20, Light the Steeple $25

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have prayer requests you would like lifted up in Sunday worship, please email or call the church office. Please submit all requests before Wednesday morning at 9am to be included in the weekly bulletin.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A LECTOR? WOULD YOU LIKE TO OFFER MUSIC? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM AS A GREETER? If you are interested in assisting in worship on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office at 216.671.7228 or email at westparkuccoffice@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to Clarence Chavers for providing our musical offering today.

FOOD PANTRY: Our pantry is open every 2nd and 3rd Saturday from 9am-11am. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please plan to visit us during these hours. For members and friends who are older or have underlying health issues, we are here to help with food delivery as well. If you need help with food supplies, contact the church office and we will arrange to deliver food to your home.

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS: Our food pantry is in need of a little help. We are seeking people who can come by the church during the week to grocery shop and return the food to the church. If you have availability, please contact the church office @ 216.671.7228 or email our Food Pantry Coordinator Sara Jovanovic at WESTPARKUCCPANTRY@GMAIL.COM

NEW DIRECTORY! An updated member directory is now available! Copies are available in the Narthex, please, one per family. If you do not plan to come to church and would like a print copy mailed or emailed as a .PDF file please contact the church office.
IN PERSON WORSHIP IS AVAILABLE AT 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, WE INVITE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORSHIP FROM HOME:

• Do you have a body temperature of 100 degrees or higher?
• Have you recently come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
• Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
• Do you have underlying health conditions that would put you at greater risk of developing complications from COVID-19?
• Are you unwilling or unable to follow any of the new operating protocols?
• Worship will be available online at 11:00 a.m. at YouTube.com/westparkucc or by dialing in to 1 929 205 6099 (Meeting ID: 503 841 134).

WHEN YOU ARRIVE...

• Only worship leaders who have been pre-assigned for the day will remain in the narthex. All others will be asked to take a seat as soon as you arrive to church. Temperature checks are mandatory for all worship leaders.
• Before leaving home to come to church, please check your temperature; wash your hands with soap and hot water for at least twenty seconds and don your facial covering.
• When arriving at church, please maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from anyone outside your own household.
• Please do not park at 5/3 bank. The building is now occupied by a new business. The lot at Centers for Families and Children is still accessible.
• Enter through front doors only – Truax entrance will remain locked. Please do not enter the church office.
• Upon entering, a worship leader will write down your name, rather than each person signing an attendance pad. Any prayers you might like lifted up in worship will also be recorded at this time.
• Only two individuals or one family group will be allowed in the narthex at the same time.
• Each person will wear a facial covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while in the building. If you do not have one, a mask will be provided. Young children may remove their masks while seated.
• Please use hand sanitizer (located in the narthex) before moving into the sanctuary.
• A basket for offerings and tithes is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. The Deacons will not pass the offering plates.
• One-way traffic – in through center aisle, out via side aisles.
• Should you need to visit the restroom, please limit to two persons in the restroom at a time. Each restroom has been equipped with no touch soap dispensers.
• Every other pew is closed off and the balcony is also closed to general seating. When entering, each person should move into the pew, sitting as far from the center aisle as possible. Families with children should sit next to the center aisle if they wish their children to come forward during our children’s message offered at the 11am service.
• During children’s message, children will be invited to come forward and to return to their seats using the center aisle.
• There will be no in-person Sunday School classes; all children will receive a worship bulletin with crayons when they arrive.
• For the time being, there will be no congregational singing.
• Bulletins will be available for pickup when you enter the sanctuary. Please take your bulletin with you when you leave.
• After service ends, you will be invited to exit the sanctuary one row at a time. Our worship team will dismiss you.
• Bathrooms and pews will be thoroughly sanitized after each service.
SEPTEMBER PINK ENVELOPE: This month's pink envelope offering is for Neighborhood Family Practice or NFP. NFP is a group of federally qualified Health Centers that offer high quality, affordable health care in 7 west side neighborhoods to patients, regardless of their ability to pay. They provide medical and preventive care, as well as women’s health, midwifery, pediatrics, psychiatry, counseling and dental care. The cost of a visit ranges from $5 to $45 depending on income, family size and rating on the Poverty Level Scale. They also accept Medicaid, Medicare and most insurance plans. Many patients that they serve have been laid off and lost their health insurance. NFP has their own pharmacy, which is able to purchase medicines at lower prices and pass the savings on to their clients. You can call a Center for 24 hour access to a provider and their team who can answer your health related questions. All donations large or small will enable Neighborhood Family Practice to continue to offer access to services not covered by Medicare or Medicaid. Good health is each person’s greatest asset. For more information, visit NFPmedcenter.org

WEST PARK UCC FUNDRAISING DINNER GOES VIRTUAL! COVID-19 has impacted so many aspects of our daily lives but we’ve adapted as a church family to find new meaning in our faith as we worship virtually and continue the important outreach ministries of our church. In that “can-do” tradition, the Board of Growth & Outreach voted to hold this year’s fundraising dinner virtually on Saturday, September 19, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. via Zoom. As with our previous fundraisers, participants will enjoy a sing-along, country-western trivia, and a gift basket drawing, but this time from the comfort of your own home! A finger-lickin’ dinner of fried chicken, pulled pork sliders, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, cornbread and apple pie will be available for pick-up in the church parking lot between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., providing participants with ample time to return home and enjoy dinner before the festivities begin. To order tickets, call the church office at 216-671-7228 or email Dan Moreland by September 17.

VOTE BY MAIL: Did you know that all Ohio voters are allowed to vote by mail? Cuyahoga County residents may request a ballot application at https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/
You’re invited to a
VIRTUAL
COUNTRY WESTERN
HOEDOWN

A Guaranteed Rootin’-Tootin’ Good Time!

Tickets
Adults: $20; 12-18: $10
Children Under 12: $5
Children Under 5: FREE

Dinner Menu
Fried Chicken
Pulled Pork Sliders
Macaroni & Cheese
Baked Beans
Cornbread
Apple Pie

Including trivia and a
sing-along of the best
country songs
of all time!

SATURDAY,
SEPT. 19
7:00-8:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

Pick Up Your 'To-Go'
Dinner at Church
Parking Lot Between
3:00-5:00 p.m.

SEE YOU VIRTUALLY THERE!
Contact Gail Kenney (216) 251-1512 if
you would like to donate a gift basket
for this year’s fundraising dinner.

5th Annual West Park UCC
Fundraising Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle
Hosted Virtually by West Park UCC
WE PRAY FOR: All those affected by COVID-19, all those affected by systemic racism in our country, for the safety and well-being of our law enforcement officers. Dolores Holliday, Dede Todd, Reneé Thayer, Pastor Larry & Christina Craig, Wilda Donegan, Grace Burgess, Edna & Dave Schleich, Jean Clark, LaShanda Harper, Geri Frimel, Dolly Chappell, Janet Gorman, Grace Green, Georgia Smith, Wanda Paulin, Carol Hunt, Midge Karnatz, Anna Belle Rice, Bryan Hrehocik, nursing home and at home members & friends. Chris Venesile and Family, Zoey Hrehocik, Makari family, Rollins family, the family of Donna Garrett (Pastor Jason’s aunt), Sasha Jolly, the family of Kathleen Stoll, Lori, Terry Wade, Rodney Pauley, Shirley Gardella, Family of Det James Skernivitz.