

# Call to Worship

Westbrook Park United Methodist Church

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10:15 am Sunday Parking Lot Praise & Pajamas

7:00 pm Wednesday Night Online Worship

Visit our website at [www.westbrookparkumc.org](http://www.westbrookparkumc.org)

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*Our Vision: We are committed to being Christ for Canton and our surrounding community.*

*Our mission is to go to the community of Canton and make disciples by serving and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ*

## How we are worshipping...

Here is how you can join us for worship during this time when our building remains closed.

### Sunday Morning @ 10:15 am

#### **Parking Lot Praise & Pajamas with Music, Scripture, Message**

(you provide the luxury seating for this event if you join us in person by remaining in your vehicle for worship)

#### **Available:**

From our Parking lot on AM Radio

Facebook Live on your phone or personal computer.

Live Stream Video at [www.westbrookparkumc.org](http://www.westbrookparkumc.org)

### Tuesday Bible Study Online & Wednesday Night Online Worship

#### **Available to all by phone:**

Call one of these numbers to join.

1-312-626-6799

1-929-205-6099

1-301-715-8592

When prompted enter the meeting ID# and then password

#### **Available through your computer as well on Facebook or at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)**

Enter the meeting ID# Password: 2521 (if needed)

\*\*\*\* MEETING #'S\*\*\*\*

Tuesday Bible Study Meeting # **891 8430 0457** Pswd #2521

Wednesday Night Worship # **896 8665 8061** Pswd #2521

*If you have prayer requests please let us know by calling the church office or sending a message to Pastor Joel at [westbrookpastor@gmail.com](mailto:westbrookpastor@gmail.com) or the church office at [office@westbrookparkumc.org](mailto:office@westbrookparkumc.org).*

*Then join us on Tuesday Mornings @ 10:00 on Zoom as we join together to pray with and for one another.*



## Craving Perspective in the Valley

People in the valley often have little perspective on how big the mountains really are, how long the range is, or what is waiting on the other side. Isn't it wonderful to know that whatever valleys life tries to shove us into, God has provided perspective we badly need, yes, even *crave*?

What *really* gets you down? Maybe economy, politics, sorrow, trouble, rumors, falsehood, families, wars, persecution or simply dread of the future? What valley are you walking through? The challenge in the valley is this: remembering that God is bigger than all those things and works His purposes despite (and often because of) those things being present (Romans 8:28). Consider how better to cultivate God's perspective in the valley:

**Turn off or minimize messages that cause you to focus on the valleys.** Want to get depressed really quickly? Look at news, newsfeeds, front page articles, conspiracy theories, etc. You will adopt a fearful, despairing, negative mentality pretty quickly. Minimize or eliminate the messages that will negatively affect your trust in God (Ps. 23:4; Matt. 14:28-33). Replace them with messages of trust and comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-7; Ps. 16).

**Cry out to the God who hears and cares for us (1 Pet. 5:6-7).** The psalmist cried out to God from the depths (lit. abyss, deep ditch) (Ps. 130:1). Peter cried out from the water rapidly engulfing him (Matt. 14:30). Many of us drown in sorrows created in our lives instead of turning our eyes upon the One who raises us to stand on higher ground! Consider that when we go through the valleys, it is a reminder that there is nothing we ourselves possess or call upon that can get us out of the valley (see Jer. 9:23-24). God wants us to cry out to Him. He hears. He cares. Where do you turn when you don't know where to turn (Jas. 4:8-10)?

**Follow Jesus *through* the valley.** God has not promised us that He will remove the valleys (Ps. 23:4), rather that He will be *with* us in the valley. Jesus faithfully followed God and it led Him to the cross. Yet, through His valley, He did not grumble or complain. He did not charge God falsely or lash out at others. Instead, He patiently bore the cross, and He compels us to do the same (Luke 9:23). In fact, He learned obedience through His suffering (Heb. 5:8). God is leading us to higher ground if we will be patient and follow Jesus faithfully through our valley (Phil. 3:8-14).

*Andy Baker  
Rosenberg, TX*





**Food Pantry  
We are being  
Christ for Canton**

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

**We served 46 families and 142 people**

We begin a new year of serving our community. We are hopeful that someday this program will no longer be needed because all people will have enough to eat; but until that day let us continue to do the work God has called us to do and show His love and support to those in need.

We continue to take precautions to be safe for the clients and ourselves.

We are blessed with excellent volunteers: Thank you, May God Bless you: Lisha Watson, Bob and Betsy Spaulding, Travis Pellegrino and Adam Little

Each household received: bag of groceries, potatoes, apples, pears, orange juice, candy, breakfast bars, chips, bread, rice, raisins, peanuts, cheese, eggs, hot dogs, and 5lb. pork patties.

Items that are in need: **shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, dish soap and laundry detergent.** These are items families need and cannot be purchased with their food assistance money.

Our next food pantry will be **February 16th.**

## 2020 Food Pantry Report

January 15, 2015 Westbrook took a bold step and began a Food Pantry Ministry in partnership with the Akron Canton Foodbank. We prepared for 35 households and that night we served 23 households and 82 people.

As we begin our 7<sup>th</sup> year of being Christ for Canton by service our community with our food pantry ministry we now prepare for 90 household each month.

As we are open to God's call, He continue to keep this program in operation. 2020 was a difficult year but volunteers answered God's call. Monetary support was provided through 3 grants and many donations. Yes, God is here and He has blessed us so that we can continue to be a blessing to others.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support of this needed mission outreach.

Year	Households Served	People Served
2015	591	2115
2016	725	2864
2017	883	3337
2017 McGregor School	62	324
2018	951	3532
2018 McCollum Thanksgiving	282	1141
2019	931	3583
2019 McCollum Thanksgiving	282	1141
2020	943	3629

Total Served	Households Served	People Served
Westbrook	5024	19060
McGregor School	62	324
McCollum Thanksgiving	437	1790
<b>Total</b>	<b>5523</b>	<b>21174</b>

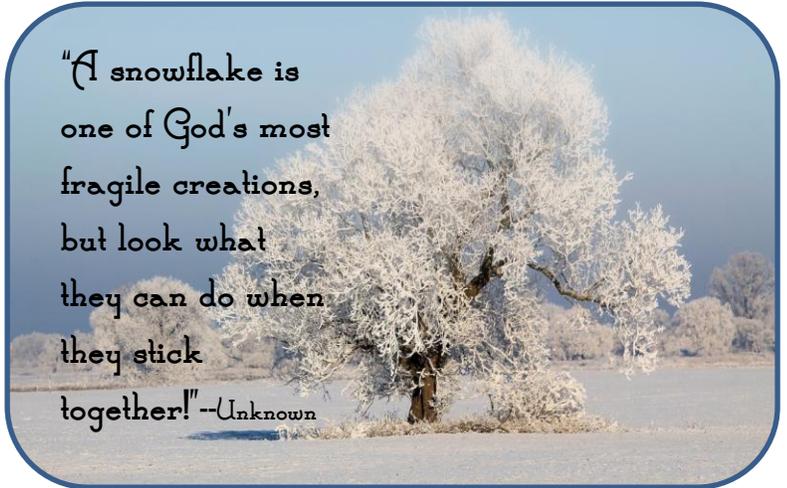


The new year has brought us many new faces. We are continuing to increase our enrollment and enjoy meeting and greeting these happy faces each morning. As our parents spread the news we hope you will also pray for our continued ministry to these local families and that God will continue to give us direction on His plan for the future of Westbrook Park Place.



Marjorie Handlin	02/05
Alice Thomas	02/08
Kara Gatts	02/09
Chris Kieffer	02/12
Eric Spaulding	02/24
Adrienne Gawlak	02/26

"A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!" --Unknown



## God is Still Love

A man traveling through the country noticed that the weather vane on the roof of a farm building bore the phrase, "God Is Love." He was troubled about it and asked the farmer, "Do you think God's love is as changeable as that weather vane?" "You miss the point, sir" replied the farmer, "It is on the weather vane because no matter which way the wind is blowing, God is still love!"

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in him!" (1 Jn 4:16).



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	1	2 10:00 Bible Study	3 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	4	5	6
7 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	8	9 10:00 Bible Study	10 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	11	12	13
14 10:15 Parking Lot Worship <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16 10:00 Bible Study 5:00 Food Pantry	17 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19	20
21 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	22	23 10:00 Bible Study	24 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	25	26	27
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Office Hours are 8:30-1; 2:00-4:00



**Office Hours**  
 Our building is still closed  
 But staff is in the building  
 Monday-Friday  
 8:30-4:00  
 Please call the church office should you need  
 anything. Leave a message if we are not  
 available and we will return your call.

