

Call to Worship

Westbrook Park United Methodist Church

Dr. Joel L. Adkins, pastor

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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

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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 worshiping...

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

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

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 or the church office at office@westbrookparkumc.org.

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



Lessons in the Long Winter

This winter seems like it's stretched out extra long this year, doesn't it! Winter is a very tough season as summer fun is long past, the pretty leaves of fall are gone, the trees are bare, and the days are colder. It can be a dreary, drawn-out, difficult time for many. Is there anything we can learn from the "long" winter season? Since Psalm 19:1 states that "the heavens declare the glory of God," you would think there is something we can learn even from this cold, bleak season – and there is.

Winter reminds us that God is faithful to His word. God said in Genesis 8:22, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease." The change of seasons is proof of God's faithfulness to His word. If we don't like the heat of a mid-August day, just wait a few months – January is coming! If we shiver at the cold of winter, take heart – spring is just around the corner! God has promised it, and He has never failed to keep His promise of seasons. And if He keeps this promise so faithfully, what of the really important ones – like the resurrection, eternal life, and heaven? He will keep them!

Winter reminds us that life moves in cycles. We have an inspired reminder of this in Ecclesiastes 3:1-2,11. "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted...He has made everything beautiful in its time." There would be no autumn glory without the lush green foliage of summer; no summer leaves without the buds of spring; no springtime burst of life without the winter hiatus. We accept the contrasting threads of joy and sorrow, victory and defeat as being essential to the basic pattern of the fabric of life. As life moves through its changing cycles, we Christians believe "that all things work together for good to those who love God..." (Romans 8:28).

Winter reminds us that we must "die" to live. We all know well that spring cannot come until winter has passed. For the life of spring to bloom forth, the tree must go through the "dead" of winter. Jesus talked about this concept when He said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain" (John 12:24). Spiritually speaking, we are born into a world that is dying, and we too must face our own mortality (cf. Hebrews 9:27). But when we die to self and sin, then and only then are we able to live anew for Christ (Romans 6:3-5). From God's point of view, we have not really begun to live until we have learned what it means to die.

Enjoy the rest of this winter season with its own beauty and uniqueness. And let it remind you of God, His will, His promises, and what He can make of you.

Edd Sterchi
Campbellsville, KY





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

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

We served 46 families and 141 people

The weather was cold and snowy, but we were there to provide food to those in need. Our numbers were down but the people that came were very thankful we were there.

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

We are blessed with excellent volunteers: Thank you for coming out in adverse weather conditions! May God bless you: Bob and Betsy Spaulding, Randy and Bonnie Rhodebeck. Pastor Joel Adkins, Travis Pellegrino and Adam Little.

Each household received: bag of groceries, potatoes, apples, oranges, orange juice, candy, breakfast bars, chips, rice, raisins, peanuts, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, trail mix, rice krispie treats, cheese, eggs, hot dogs, meat and hand soap.

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 **March 16th.**



We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Jean Hamilton who passed away February 3, 2021. The family will hold private services.

Happy Birthday

Frances Mitchell	03/04
Mark Allatzas	03/05
Angela Barress	03/06
Sandra Hulka	03/07
Calvin Tryon	03/12
Sally Davis	03/16
Bob Fasnacht	03/19
Mimi Bogard	03/20
Colleen Tryon	03/24
Daniel Tryon	03/30



February was a short month but held lots of fun in our childcare with celebrations for Valentine's Day. We also enjoyed delivering packages and mail in our post office station.



The Lord of Our Now



Psalm 46:1-3 *A very present help (v.1b)*

Not long after the bombing of Hiroshima, I met a young Japanese woman, Yoshi Taguchi. On that fateful day she had been in class in a mission school that she attended in Hiroshima. In that school she had been exposed to the Bible, but paid little heed to its teaching. She even laughed at her fellow students who "prayed to their desks," as she interpreted their heads bowed in prayer. Now, her body bleeding from countless glass splinters, she was crawling her way home. One Bible verse came to mind, and she prayed, "God if you are, like the verse says, a present God, help me now."

One faithful Lord kept His Word. Yoshi was somehow able to crawl her way home. She survived the ordeal. Missionaries helped her to come and study in an American Christian college, and, the last time I met her, she was giving her testimony to the "present God" in a California church. What a joyous reunion we had!

A present God. What if "our help cometh from the Lord" were just past tense or reserved for the future? What would be our hope for today—for all the todays in our lives.

Today—now—was what had concerned my friend Yoshi. Undoubtedly you and I will never find ourselves in the same straits as did she. But each of our todays will bring some problem, some crisis that will drive us to call on the Lord for help. Nor will we ever call in vain, never call once too often for God to hear and heed our plea. For He has promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20)—all the days. And each day as it comes will be "today."

Today—every day—brings its own opportunities and responsibilities. When its hours have wound down and become yesterday, how satisfied will we be with how we spent them? Like Frances Havergal, we can pray each morning,

Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

What better way to make Christ Lord of our *now*?

*Jeanette Lockerbie
Springtime of Faith*

Westbrook Park UMC

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 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>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	15	16 10:00 Bible Study 5:00 Food Pantry	17 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	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
28 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	29	30 10:00 Bible Study	31 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	2 <i>Good Friday</i>	3

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.

