

Call to Worship

Westbrook Park United Methodist Church

Dr. Joel L. Adkins, pastor

330-456-4797 office

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

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

****Please note Wednesday night online has been discontinued.**

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.



The Most Often Repeated Command

Of all the commands in the Bible, which one is repeated the greatest number of times? I think you may be surprised! Love is the greatest command, but it's not the one most often repeated. Writers often speak of pride as being at the root of human failures, but warnings against pride or encouragement to be humble are not the most often repeated commands. Neither are the warnings against sexual impurity or the urging to believe or repent.

The single command that occurs more often than any other is "Fear not." There are other forms of this command: "Do not be afraid," "Be strong and courageous," etc., but according to Lloyd Ogilvie, there are 366 "Fear not" verses in the Bible – one for every day of the year, including one for leap year!

Fear doesn't seem to be the most serious vice in the world. It didn't make the "Seven Deadly Sins" list. No one ever receives church discipline for being afraid. So why does God tell us to stop being afraid more often than He tells us to do anything else?

John Ortberg suggested that the reason God tells us to "Fear not" so often is because "fear is the number one reason human beings are tempted to avoid doing what God asks them to do." Fear causes us to lie to avoid pain or embarrassment. Fear of rejection causes us to listen to gossip. Fear of being poor causes us to neglect family, friends, and God to work more hours. Fear causes us to flatter someone because we're afraid they won't like us if we don't. Fear causes us to go along with the crowd instead of standing apart. Fear of being lonely causes us to justify unwholesome companions.

Fear is the reason so many will not step out of their comfort zones and teach a class or lead a song or prayer. Fear is one reason so little evangelism is being done. Fear is the reason we deny the Lord in difficult situations. Fear is the reason the storms cause our faith to falter. Fear is the reason we betray our values and friends in times of need. Yes, I'd say fear is a major problem for us. We need to be told often to "Fear not." At least I do.

Yet, there is another kind of fear that would help us overcome these other fears if we would learn to use it. Solomon wrote centuries ago, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). In other words, we need to have deep-seated reverence and awe of God in everything we do every day of our lives – to live by faith in God alone – to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and nothing else. Ironically, if we choose to "Fear God" in the sense Solomon said we would be far less likely to need the 366 commands to "fear not."

Pity the person who is more afraid of the winds and the waves than he is of the God who created and controls them.

*Joe Chesser
Jackson, MO*





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

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS
We served 43 families and 132 people**

Our numbers are still down, but the people we serve are very grateful.

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

God continues to blessed us with excellent volunteers: Betsy Spaulding, Randy, Bonnie and Kara Rhodebeck. Lisha Watson, Travis, Zachary and Blake Pellegrino, Ryah Gatts and Adam Little.

Each household received: bag of groceries, potatoes, apples, oranges, orange juice, candy, breakfast bars, rice, raisins, peanuts or trail mix, milk, cereal, mayonnaise or vegetable oil, cheese, 4 lb. turkey breast, bacon, cookie dough 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.

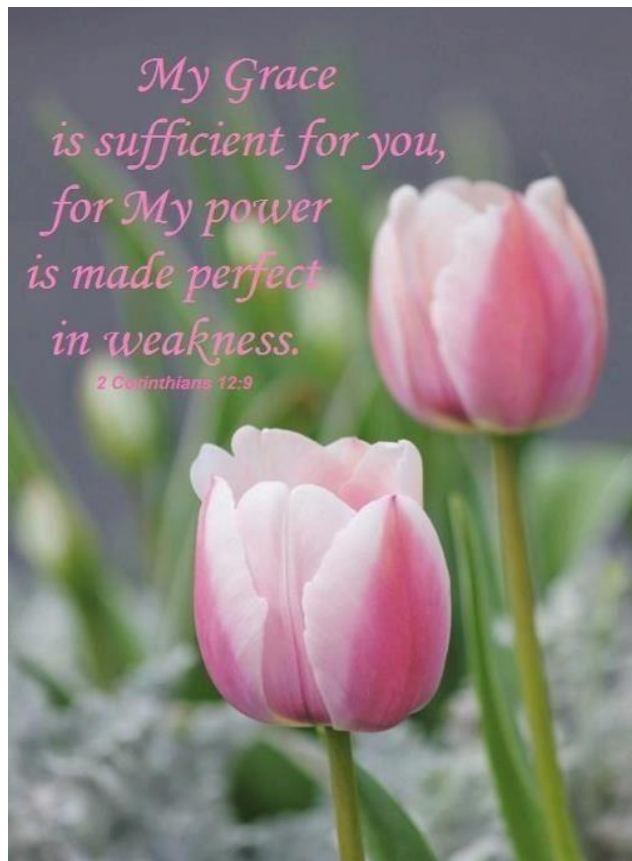
Our next food pantry will be **May 18th.**



Congratulations to Chris Wolf and our teachers Missy, April, and Fay on achieving the ODJFS Step up to Quality 5-Star Award. Soon after our opening we were awarded 1-Star and Chris has been hard at work this past year to meet the qualification for advancement in the program. We appreciate the work she and the teachers have done to make this possible in a short time.

Step Up to Quality is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed preschool licensing and school age child care licensing health and safety regulations. Step Up To Quality program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children.

May 3-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week if you would like to remember them with a short note or card.



Happy Birthday

Jim Heinricher	05/09
Russell Draime	05/19
Marlene Pelger	05/26
Mark Thewes	05/26



Westbrook Park UMC

May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	26	27 10:00 Bible Study	28 7:00 Wednesday Night Online Worship	29	30	1
2 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	17	18 5:00 Food Pantry	19	20	21	22
23 10:15 Parking Lot Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	Office Closed 31 <i>Memorial Day</i>	1	2	3	4	5

Office Hours are 8:30-1; 2:00-40030