

# Call to Worship

Westbrook Park United Methodist Church

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**10:15 am Sunday 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 worshiping...*

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

**Sunday Morning @ 10:15 am**

**Worship Center Praise with Music, Scripture, Message**

**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)

*We are currently meeting in the Worship Center on our lower level. We are taking precautions to remain appropriately distanced and have masks and sanitizer available in common areas.*

*For any who do not wish to come back in the building we continue our radio broadcast in our parking lot.*

*We hope to see you Sunday.*

*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 [officesec@neo.rr.com](mailto:officesec@neo.rr.com)*

*We will refresh our prayer list each month so please let us know if you wish your request to be continued.*



## Outside Looking In

A young girl stood alone, watching the other children play. She leaned against the window, trying to be unnoticed but watching intently while the rest of the kids laughed and held hands and talked excitedly. She shifted her weight back and forth. Her body language clearly said she wanted to be included in the group. She wanted to be right in the middle of all the other kids but she didn't know how. She was afraid. She was alone. She was on the outside looking in. All she really needed to change all of this would be for just one young boy or girl to come over where she was, and say, "come on in!"

Most of us have experienced the fear and awkwardness of being in unfamiliar surroundings and not knowing where to go or what to do. We have been to places where we were alone while everyone else seemed to be with other people enjoying themselves. Do you remember how uncomfortable it is to be in a church or around a group of people who are all enjoying themselves, who are obviously friends, but you are not one of them?

While sitting with our friends, it's not uncommon for church members to look over and see a person or a family that they don't know and say, "Who is that?" "I don't think I've seen them before, have you?" But do nothing.

I ate with a church earlier this year. It was a "fellowship" dinner for their gospel meeting. As the speaker, I was invited to be first to eat and sit. A man came to sit with me. He asked, "I was told that most visiting preachers usually have to sit alone at church dinners, is that true?" "It is," I told him. He was one of the elders. Interestingly, all of the elders came and sat with me. First time in 40 years of preaching!

It just takes one. Barnabas brought Saul into the church at Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-7). Andrew brought Peter to Jesus (Jn. 1:40-41). Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you took me in," (Mat. 25:35).

At most services we have visitors. They may be traveling or just moved near us and know little about God, or maybe looking to find a group of Christians to work with or... they have come to our "home." They are testing our beliefs. They are testing our manners. They are testing our hospitality and shifting their weight and wondering – waiting – hoping for someone. Be looking out for those who are looking in.

Tim Orbison  
Gurley, AL





Food Pantry  
We are being  
Christ for Canton

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**  
**We served 62 families and 196 people**

We continue to serve our clients with the drive thru system. We are starting to grow a little each month.

Thank you to the excellent volunteers, you are true servants: Bob, Betsy, Diana and Eric Spaulding, Randy Rhodebeck, Ryah Gatts, Dennis, Travis, Zachary and Blake Pellegrino, Adam Little and anonymous helper.

Each household received: bag of groceries, cereal, graham crackers, graham crackers snacks, girl scout cookies, pancake mix, pancake syrup, flour, marshmallows, cucumbers, grapes, green peppers, potatoes, raisins, cheese, butter, meat, laundry soap, hand soap and hand sanitizer.

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 **December 21<sup>st</sup>.**



In November we find ourselves thankful for the blessings of 2021. Our numbers continue to grow as God provides us with new opportunities to reach and teach children in and around our neighborhood. We celebrated with a Harvest Feast and made new memories with our friends.

We hope you will consider helping us celebrate the Christmas season by attending our Christmas program on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please join us and take this opportunity to meet our teachers and some of our parents and grandparents as we Celebrate Christmas.







### Prayer Requests

Please call the church office or send an email to [officesec@neo.rr.com](mailto:officesec@neo.rr.com) with your prayer requests for Sunday. Prayer requests will remain on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish them to be renewed please let us know.

### GOD IS WITH US-

We have a new refrigerator! Praise God!!

On July 27<sup>th</sup> the refrigerator in the kitchen used by Food Pantry and preschool stopped working! As you can imagine large refrigerators are expensive.

Here's the good part: On July 27<sup>th</sup>, an anonymous donor stopped by the church with a donation for the Food Pantry and said use it anyway you wish. Without hesitation I explained we needed a refrigerator. This donation of \$1,500 paid for ½ of the refrigerator!

You can say it is a coincidence; but I know it is God!

Just thought you all should know this amazing fact.

Deb

### Today

Today, I will live as if it is the most important day I possess, because it is actually the only day I have.

Today, I will whine and complain less. I will be thankful more, because I know that gratitude makes a better person out of me.

Today, I will criticize less and praise more, because the people I love need to know that I love and approve of them.

Today, I will take more time with God my Father and less with earthly pleasures. I know that I need His strength and guidance.

Today, I will pray more and play less. I want my heavenly Father to know my heart, to hear my concerns, and to realize how thankful I am to be His child.

Today, I will remember my brother more and myself less. I will consider his feelings, his needs and wants more and my own a little less.

Today, I will speak of Jesus more and my other interests less.

Today, He must increase, and I must decrease (John 3:30).

Today, I will remember the souls of all men. I will remember the person who is rude to me still has an eternal soul. I will remember the youth and the weak might see me do something wrong and imitate it. I will remember that my good may encourage another to do right.

Today, I will remember that I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. Today I will live by faith in the one who loved me and gave Himself for me.

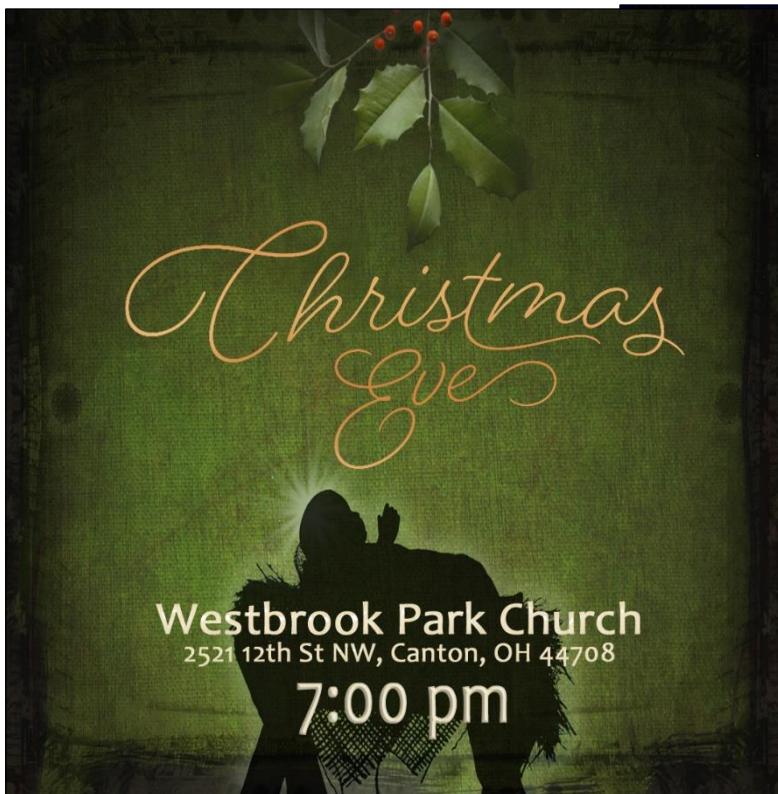
*Phil Sanders  
Edmond, OK*

### Thank you

Please accept my sincere gratitude for all those who expressed their sympathy through a phone call, a kind word, sent a card or note following the loss of my daughter-in-law Debbie.

With may thanks,  
Venetia Myers

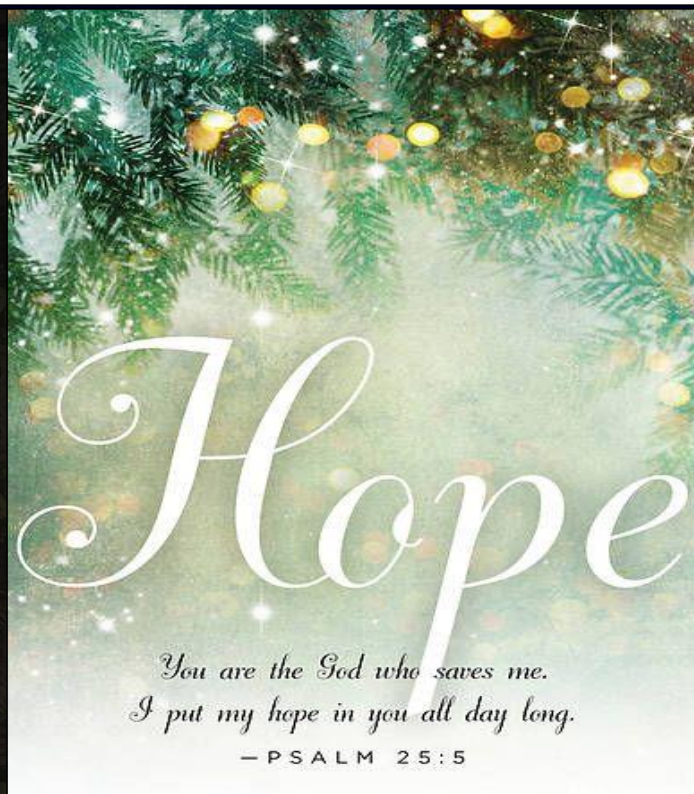




*Christmas Eve*

**Westbrook Park Church**  
2521 12th St NW, Canton, OH 44708

**7:00 pm**



*Hope*

*You are the God who saves me.  
I put my hope in you all day long.*

— PSALM 25:5

# Westbrook Park UMC

Dec 2021

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