



# The West Shore Weekly

To Inspire More People to Lead Lives of Meaning and Purpose

**Connect • Grow • Serve**

Connecting you to your highest values and to others who share them;  
Growing in wisdom and compassion; and Serving needs greater than your own.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 & 11:15 Intergenerational Worship
- 10:30 Morning Forum
- 10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 OWL for 7th/8th Grade
- 12:30 GCC Core Team
- 2:00 Division of Foster Care Rental
- 5:00 Faller Family Dinner
- 7:30 Scrabble

### Monday, January 30

- 9:30 Music Together
- 10:30 Music Together
- 5:00 River Rocks Sangha Meditation
- 7:00 RRCMS Board Meeting
- 7:00 Debtor's Anonymus

### Tuesday, January 31

- 12:00 Friendship Group
- 6:30 Zumba Exercising Class
- 7:00 BOT Meeting

### Wednesday, February 1

- 7:00 Spiritual Autobiography
- 7:00 Spiritual Maturity
- 7:00 WAAHT
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 8:15 Alcoholics Anonymous

### Thursday, February 2

- 10:00 Thursday AM Meditation
- 12:00 Middle East Nosh
- 2:00 Addiction Ministry
- 4:30 Programs Staff Meeting
- 7:00 UU Christian Fellowship
- 7:00 Adoption Network
- 7:00 Church of Angels

### Friday, February 3

- 8:00 Zen Meditation
- 9:25 Friday AM Book Discussion
- 4:00 Homeless on Hilliard
- 7:00 NAMI
- 8:00 Gay Men's AA

### Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 Emeritus Council Meeting
- 10:00 Music Together
- 10:00 Tai Chi Class
- 10:00 A People So Bold
- 11:00 Free Spirit Band Rehearsal
- 12:00 Pastoral Care Team
- 2:00 All Ages Games
- 2:30 Regas Memorial Service
- 6:00 Service Auction Murder Mystery

### Sunday, February 5 - Magazine Sale

#### New Member Sunday

- 8:45 Band Rehearsal
- 9:00 Readings with Rumi
- 9:30 & 11:15 Worship/Sunday School
- 10:30 Morning Forum
- 10:30 Blood Pressure Testing
- 10:30 & 12:15 Legacy Giving
- 10:40 Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 Scrabble

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9:30 & 11:15 A.M.

### *Inner Jihad*

Service offered by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz

In our Worship Associates meeting last month, we actually discussed whether it was a good idea to put this title on the sign outside! Would some Islamophobe vandalize it? The distortion of the Islamic teaching of "jihad" into a word that means "terrorism" in the minds of Americans is tragic. The spiritual meaning of the word is by far the most important meaning for Islam, and it refers to the spiritual struggle with needs, wants, passions, commandments and aspirations—a familiar struggle to us all—as we try to be the best people we can be. Note that this Sunday, we will celebrate a Welcoming Ceremony for West Shore's new members.

### **Morning Forum Program Next Sunday, 10:30 a.m.**

Plain Dealer reporter and "Stretching Out" columnist Zachary Lewis will speak to us about his popular weekly feature. He will tell us how the column began, how he finds new topics to write about every week, and what it's like to exercise for a living. Leave the spandex and running shoes at home and stop by for a fresh take on exercise!

### **Social Action Magazine Sale**

Please bring your gently read magazines to church on February 5th and plan on stopping at the tables on your way down to Baker Hall to check out the great selection of magazines that you can buy for the low price of three for \$1. Your help is always welcomed and appreciated. Proceeds from the magazine sale help fund social action projects.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY!

### **TODAY - Morning Forum, 10:30 a.m. Fireside Room**

#### **Human Trafficking; Modern Day Slavery**

Human Trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act for labor or services through force, fraud or coercion; in other words, Modern Day Slavery. Members of West Shore Allies Against Human Trafficking, Joan Clark and Stephanie Wagner, will present a discussion of what this means, including the local impact and efforts to address this rapidly growing scourge.

### **TODAY - Vote on UUA Study/Action Issues**

Today, is your last opportunity to vote on the five proposed UUA Study/Action Issues for 2012-2016. Posters explaining each of these issues will be on an easel in Baker Hall during Coffee Hour. The method of voting will be affixing a dot to the posters showing your support for adoption or against adoption. Dots available in Baker Hall. You can vote for one or all five issues, however, do not vote if you voted last week!

### **TODAY- Fair Trade Coffee, Chocolate, Tea and Olive Oils**

The profit the church realizes from chocolate, tea, and oil sales will be donated to our Micro-Credit Bank Project with FINCA. More bottles of Palestinian Olive Oil (at \$20) and Infused Oils ((at \$15) are available for sale .

### **TODAY - Sign Up for NEW Connections Circles**

Twenty-Five more people have signed up already this month. TODAY is your last opportunity to sign up for an existing Connection Circle or one of the two new "affinity" circles forming now. See the table in the Rotunda.

### **TODAY - Social Networking Opportunities in Baker Hall**

Be sure to say thank you to these volunteers for coordinating coffee hour.  
1st Service: Pat Despines; 2nd Service: Bill Hudson

## CONNECTING...WITH YOUR HIGHEST VALUES

### Rally Against Human Trafficking

Bear witness against modern day slavery on **Monday, January 30, at noon** in the Cuyahoga County Justice Center. Hear the FBI Crimes Against Children Task Force speak about human trafficking in northern Ohio. A concluding reflection will be given by Rev. Kathleen Rolenz. Free and open to the public.

### UU Christian Fellowship

The Book of Revelations is arguably the most controversial book in the New Testament Canon. Why was it written? What, if any, meaning might it have for religious liberals today? Join UUCF on Thursday, February 2, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and find out. Please bring your own Bible, and an inquiring mind! You do not have to be a Christian to attend.

### The Pastoral Care Team

Join us on **Saturday, February 4**, at noon for a potluck lunch followed by a meeting at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on an Appreciative Inquiry process that begins with the group reflecting on the positive aspects of our work together. We will look ahead to build on new ways to serve others in the congregation in times such as illness, crisis, grief and loneliness.

### All Ages Games Afternoon

Fighting a case of cabin fever? Beat the winter blahs on **Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** at an afternoon of old-fashioned games for all ages organized by West Shore's Religious Education Committee. We'll have something for everyone from toddlers to seniors, including Candy Land, Chicken Dominoes, Fischer Price Bowling, Bananagrams, Yahtze and Taboo. You are welcome to bring your own favorite board games, as well. The RE Committee will supply light refreshments.

## GROWING...WITH ADULT PROGRAMS

### A People So Bold • Saturday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.

This brief introduction to the history, premises, definitions, and disciplines of our congregation's commitment to fighting linked oppressions is essential for everyone who serves on our committees, task forces or working groups. If you have taken diversity or anti-racism training outside West Shore, please attend this workshop to get oriented to West Shore's history, vocabulary and approach. Led by Mary-Jo Maish & Ellen Carvill-Ziemer.

## SERVING...NEEDS GREATER THAN YOUR OWN

### Homeless on Hilliard is Here!

Our Youth will be spending the night out on our church lawn next Friday, February 3, to raise awareness of homelessness in Cleveland as well as raising funds for the annual Homeless Stand Down. Please stop by after 4:00 p.m. to donate funds and visit with the youth. The youth always welcome any snacks that folks have donated, as well. Any questions or comments about the event please contact Phil at [pflorian@wsuuc.org](mailto:pflorian@wsuuc.org) or call him at 216-854-2843. Your help is appreciated by all! Pray for snow!

### Emeritus Council Meeting - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Calling all Emeritus Council Members...West Shore strives to honor its past! If you have served on the Board of Trustees, you are invited to participate in a special meeting of fellowship. Since we have not met for a couple of years, this is our opportunity to meet and greet each other, and discuss important topics of the church. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Monika Hanus-Reed, Past BOT President, at [monika.reed@roadrunner.com](mailto:monika.reed@roadrunner.com) or 216-941-3791.

### Absentee Ballot Applications Available

Ohio's primary election will be in March. If you want to vote by Absentee Ballot you must complete a request form. Applications for residents of Cuyahoga County can be picked up at the Social Action Table. You can fill out the form and a member of the Social Action Committee will take it to the Board of Elections for you, or you can put postage of 65¢ on it and mail it to BOE's. Stop by the Social Action table in the Rotunda for a form or more information.

### Needed: A Caring Person to Assist a Teenager

Our church has a new family looking to join us on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 service. They would like their son, a 14 year old young man with autism, to have as rewarding an experience in our RE program as his younger brother, but he requires some additional support. We are looking for someone to spend some time with this young person, his parents and Youth Ministry Coordinator Phil Florian to help develop a unique experience for this young man that will be just as rewarding to the volunteer. He is a curious and clever person who communicates through non-verbal gestures and a hand-held device (iPad or iPod). He enjoys music and being physically active. If interested in exploring this new opportunity, please contact Phil Florian at [pflorian@wsuuc.org](mailto:pflorian@wsuuc.org) or 216-854-2843.

### Lost Book

A large, valuable coffee table book titled "Cleveland Inside Outside" by Jennie Jones was left in the Rotunda and is missing. It may have been mistaken as a book for sale from the kiosk. If you purchased the book, please return it to the church office. Your money will be refunded.

## A WEEKLY TESTIMONIAL...WHAT DOES WEST SHORE MEAN TO YOU?

"While I was attending a Starting Points class I realized that the conversation I was having with this group of people whom I had just met was deeper and richer than any other I had ever had. I don't think that there is anywhere else that I am engaged in such a thought provoking and meaningful way." ~A New Member