

WELCOME

TO WESTWOOD UMC

We welcome you in genuine fellowship as we worship together this morning. If you need assistance locating the Nursery or a Sunday School class (for adults or children), please don't hesitate to ask an usher! Our prayer is that this will be a time of spiritual renewal for you and the body of Christ. Please visit our Welcome Center to find more information on our programs, services, and study opportunities.

Please register babies, birth—2 year olds at their room in the nursery located on the first floor. If you need assistance please ask an usher!

Please register your children at the Welcome Center entrance and keep them with you until they are dismissed at which time they will go to their classrooms. Preschool classes will be located downstairs and elementary classes will be on the same level as the Sanctuary.

Parents, during the 9:30 service, please feel free to use the Heritage Room if you need to walk a fussy child. An usher will be glad to show you this room which has speaker broadcasting .

NEWS & NOTES

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES go to the family and friends of Karen & David Troup in the loss of their son and step son, Jacob Ober who passed away February 6th.

FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE with Pastor Lee and Beth Strawhun, Kevin and Lori Coleman as they facilitate a study to encourage one another for a great marriage. We'll meet on Fridays at 6:30pm for 6 weeks. Participant books are available for \$9.

BOY SCOUTS is recruiting boys grade 6—18 years old. Join us every Monday evenings at My Neighbors Place at 7pm.

THE HELPER is the book we will be studying during Lent. They are available in the Welcome Center and Epworth Hall. *The Helper* is written by Catherine Marshall. Requested donation of \$10 per book. There is an envelope inside the book that you can place your donation inside and place in the offering or drop off at the office.

JAM The opportunity to help families in south eastern Ohio thru the Jackson Area Ministries garden project is here again. Baskets marked JAM have been placed in strategic spots around the Church for our offerings of seed packets. We will be collecting thru April 11th in order to get them to the families by planting time.

COMMUNION IS OFFERED BY LAY PASTORS once a month to people who are not able to attend Sunday worship services. The elements are blessed by a pastor at the Communion Table and packaged for lay pastors to take with them on visits to join in a ritual of worship in the home. If you would like to receive communion, please call the office at 661-3139 and request this wonderful ministry.

THE FELLOWSHIP REMINDER Friday, February 19th at 8:00 pm Covedale Theater for *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do*. For those interested we will meet for dinner at Frisch's at 6:15 pm and/or Graeters on Ferguson after the show. If you have not made reservations but are interested, call the Covedale 241-6550 to see if there are tickets still available and get \$19 group price if you mention Joan Jackson church group.

KIVA Want to see who we support through KIVA? Just follow these guidelines: navigate to the website www.kiva.org, click on the 'Community' button/tab, find the box that is prefaced with 'search for a lending team', 'Westwood UMC' should be listed in the results. Click to see details.

SECOND MILE GIVING for February goes to City Gospel Mission. Their mission is:

- empowering the urban poor to move from poverty to productivity
- breaking the destructive cycle of unhealthy dependency upon others
- developing personal responsibility and accountability in those served
- supporting churches in their efforts to serve the urban poor applying biblical truth to the entire helping process

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTWOOD UMC

VISITORS

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today. If you are a first time visitor please stop by the Welcome Center so we can give you a gift to demonstrate our appreciation for your presence today. Then head to the gym for doughnuts and coffee.

WORSHIP AND ARTS

Our Worship and Arts ministry is always looking for singers, instrumentalists, technicians, ushers, greeters, organizers, and more to praise the Lord and to grow as His disciples—no experience necessary!

The current church season is Epiphany, which begins on the twelfth day of Christmas and continues until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. During this time, we celebrate the fact that God was revealed to all people through the birth of Jesus Christ. Green is the color for this season, representing the ongoing life of the church.

Sunday, February 28 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary we will host *Music for My Neighbor's Place*—a musical celebration to benefit My Neighbor's Place featuring two extraordinary musicians: jazz pianist Phil De Greg and vocalist Robert Lomax.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

9.30 am Confirmation Class, Epworth Hall
Sr. High Sunday School, Youth Room

The High School Winter Retreat Registration Forms are available online under the Student Ministry section, or next to the Student Ministry Bulletin Board. Make sure to grab one for you and your friends! Fill these out and bring them back during Youth Group.

High School LifeGroups are Tuesday nites at 6.30 pm in the youth room.
REFUGE Middle School Youth Group is Wednesday nite from 6.00—7.30 pm in the youth room.

Pizza & Convo is the first Thursday of every month. Come and hang out with us and get some pizza!
\$5 Meet at the LaRosa's on Boudinot from 4.00—5.00

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT LOVE MUCH

February 19th—21st
Late Registration February 17th \$140

Our annual sub sale has changed dates! Be looking for subs on St. Patricks Day weekend.

FEBRUARY UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Coleman/Hearn Montfort/Vath	February 16	9:30 am	Parlor
Fellowship	February 17	6:45 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Anger Brandt/Freeman	February 18	9:30 am	Epworth Hall
Knitting	February 22	7:00 pm	Rev. Kisner's home

Many of you know the powerful, moving story of the Passion Play and hope to have the opportunity one day to witness this magnificent presentation. Thanks to Educational Opportunities (EO) this cherished opportunity now exists. You will want to be a part of this historic pilgrimage and join the Bishop, Char and our fellow West Ohio United Methodists as we share the experience of this privileged pilgrimage. If you would like to go on this wonderful trip please contact Pastor Lee or Beth Strawhun.

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