

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

HOSPITAL INFORMATION Betty Williams is at Mercy Western Hills and Ruth Sieger is at Christ.

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS go to Thom and JoAnne Burke in the death of Thom's mother, Dorothy, who passed away February 12th.

CHEVIOT UMC INVITES YOU to hear Mr. Robert Rogers, who has spoken at Westwood UMC before about Living a Life without Regrets after losing his family in a flash flood. Join Robert and others this Sunday night at 6:30 pm. A love offering will be taken.

WANT TO "FIREPROOF" YOUR MARRIAGE? Join us on Friday evenings as we use the movie *Fireproof* to encourage good relationships. We will be meeting in the Parlor from 7:00—8:00 pm. Child care is provided.

THE HELPER is 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.

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.

MACINTOSH USERS If there are Macintosh computer users who would like to come together or talk on line from time to time to discuss Mac questions and issues contact either Dick Zinn at cinzinn@fuse.net, Fran Zinn at cinfranzin@fuse.net or by phone at 574-2696 or Cliff McMahan at cmcm3153@aol.com or by phone at 574-3420. Pooled knowledge is better than solitary ignorance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW March 7 the adult Mission Team will be hosting a pancake breakfast in the gym. It will begin at 8:00 am and end at 11:00 am. So decide now what time works best for you depending on what service you attend. Let's help the mission team raise the money they need to go out and serve others.

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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Have you ever wanted to eat dessert first? On Saturday, February 27 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm *Club 56* will do just that! The group will have a traveling meal that starts at the home of Josh and Jennifer Lemons, then visits the Kisner family and ends at the Strawhun's parsonage. All fifth and sixth graders are invited. Please RSVP to Pastor Kathleen.

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 color used in the sanctuary during the season of Lent—the forty days prior to Easter—is purple. This color symbolizes both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates Jesus' coming resurrection, which we will commemorate on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, February 28 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary we will host *Music for My Neighbor's Place*—a musical celebration to benefit, through donations, 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
No High School Sunday School today due to the Winter Retreat
No Youth Group Tonight

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

Be praying for our Senior High Youth as they wrap up their winter retreat and travel back home.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BEST WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER!

Ichthus 2010—June 16-20
Forms and \$75 due by March 7
See Jenny Honey and Mr. Phil

FEBRUARY UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Knitting	February 22	7:00 pm	Rev. Kisner's home
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UMW UNIT MEETING

March 4, 2010. Program and Meeting in the Sanctuary at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch in the gym at 12:15 pm. "Let's Get Together" for Spiritual Growth through a Call to Prayer & Self-Denial presented by Nancy Barker. Call Sue Lunsford, 941-2822 for reservations. Remember to bring donations for the food pantry.

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.

Basic Information

Date: July 20, 2010

Event: A nine-day pilgrimage in the heart of Europe centering on the Oberammergau Passion Play and including visits to Innsbruck, Salzburg and magnificent historic castles and cathedrals. You will stay in a picturesque village in the Wipptal region of Austria in a chalet type family hotel.

Cost: \$2,998 plus \$348 from Cincinnati to our international departure city plus \$298 for the Passion Play ticket. There will be additional fees. Your basic cost includes round trip international airfare, deluxe motor coaches, first class hotels, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, breakfast and dinner daily. This pilgrimage only occurs once every ten years. Contact

February 21, 2010