

# 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. 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

**FUN SEEKERS-GAME NIGHT** Saturday, March 13 at 6:00 pm. Child drop-off is at 5:45 pm. Meet in the Parlor for fun, games and socializing. Meet other 25-45 year olds and bring a snack to share. Child care is provided at the church for \$2 per child or \$5 per family max.

**TOGETHER ON OUR OWN** Join us for fellowship, fun and food for anyone, any age, who lives alone. Thursday, March 18, at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in the Church Parlor for an Irish Potluck dinner. Bring some Irish food to share, and your own beverage.

**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.

**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.

**THANK YOU** to the Wednesday Evening Men's Emmaus Group for preparing communion for us today.

**HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT...** About joining the church. Maybe you have attended for a long time and perhaps are very involved, but you haven't made WUMC your official home church. Well, now is the time to give it some thought, whether you are new to WUMC or have been here a long time. We will be having a new members class April 11th and want to invite anyone to come that would be interested in getting more information about joining. It will be held in the Parlor from 12:30—2:30pm. A light lunch will be served, so come join us for fun, fellowship and a time of learning about WUMC.

**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 FAMILIES

Good Friday is coming soon! On the next *Destination Unknown*, Club 56 will get a glimpse of this important day. Come to the church on Sunday, march 14 at 4:30pm to find out where the adventure will take you!

During Holy Week, Christians remember when Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples. The Last Supper, which is remembered on Holy Thursday, is based on a Jewish celebration, the Seder. So, to enhance the understanding of Holy Week, Westwood United Methodist Church will be having a Seder celebration on Wednesday, March 31 at 5:45 pm. The family oriented celebration will include the telling of the Passover story, a game for the children, table discussions and a meal. Reservations need to be made on your Connection Card or to the church office by noon on March 29th. We can not accommodate late reservations since this is a unique meal.

## 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.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

THE HUB, Sunday Nites, 6.00 pm

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

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

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

## MARCH UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

Montfort/Vath	March 16th	9:30 am	Parlor
Coleman/Hearn	March 16th	10:00 am	Twin Towers
Fellowship	March 17th	7:00 pm	Hetz Home
Anger	March 18th	10:00 am	Library
Brandt/Freeman	March 18th	9:30 am	Wesley Room
Knitting	March 22nd	7:00pm	Kisner 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.

### 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 Pastor Lee and Beth Strawhun soon!

# March 7, 2010