

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

HOSPITAL INFORMATION Kathy Brown is at Good Sam.

IHN Next Sunday our church will begin a week of hosting homeless families during the evenings and overnight (March 28 through April 3). Would you be interested in helping? There are many different jobs that need to be done: job descriptions are in yellow brochures in racks around the church, or call Sally Dessauer 662-6588 or Lynn Hampshire 662-3675 for more information.

UMW APRIL UNIT MEETING April 1 will be a 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 Mission Studies with "Letters from a Grandmother," presented by Barbara League. Call Sue Lunsford, 941-2822 for reservations. Remember to bring donations for the Food Pantry.

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.

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. Please sign up on your Connection Card or call the church office to reserve a place for you.

2ND MILE GIVING for March goes to the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington, OH. The United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington, Ohio is a ministry of the West Ohio Conference. Once an orphanage, UMCH now provides a variety of services to children in addition to residential care. A variety of treatment and skill-building services are provided to assist these children in moving to home-based settings.

MARCH UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

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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!

SEDER MEAL

What does seder mean? It is a Jewish ceremonial dinner that commemorates the Exodus from Egypt and includes the reading of the Haggadah and the eating of symbolic foods, generally held on the first night of Passover.

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.**

Have Spring Fever? Feel the urge to golf? WUMC is starting a golfing group!

If you are interested, please mark your Connection Card Or contact Pastor Kathleen.

You can reach her Monday—Thursday at the church office 661-3139 or through email at Kathleen@wumc.cc.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Second Annual West Wide Community Good Friday Service will be held at St. Peter and St. Paul United Church of Christ (corner of Ferguson and Queen City) April 2, 7:30 pm. Don't miss this great time of worship as we remember the death of our Lord and Savior. Our very own Pastor Kathleen will be preaching so come out and support her as she leads us in this time of remembrance.

LIVING LAST SUPPER

April 1, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary we will have the portrayal of DaVinci's Last Supper.

This is a very moving way to commemorate the death of our Lord and Savior. Whether you have been here many times or this is your first time to see it, you do not want to miss this spectacular time of worship.

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.

PRESCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE

It is that time of year again! Start cleaning out your closets, attic, and basements and bring your items to the church for the Preschool.

You can leave your items in the Trolley Room. The rummage sale can't be a success without you!

Remember, your trash is someone else's treasure! Thanks already for your help in raising money for the preschool.

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.

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!

