

# 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 NEWS Sue LaRue is at Christ.

OUR CONDOLESCENSES AND PRAYERS are with the family of Bea Kallendorf who passed away, December 29th.

TOGETHER ON OUR OWN Join us for fellowship, fun and food for anyone, any age, who lives alone. Thursday, January 7, at 6:00 pm. We will be meeting in the church Parlor for a regular potluck meal. Bring a favorite food that you would like to share and your beverage.

OPEN HEARTS SMALL GROUP invites you to join us for a discussion on Andrew Marin's book *Love is an Orientation*. Pastor Lee used this book as part of his Messy Christianity series this fall. Marin elevates the conversation between straight and gay communities and builds a bridge that leads right to the good news of Jesus Christ. Join us for this insightful discussion for five Thursday nights beginning January 14, at 7:00 pm in the church library. Contact Darla Meadors 480-1937 for more information. Pastor Lee will kick off this discussion for us with a video and discussion on Wednesday, January 13 in Epworth Hall.

THE FELLOWSHIP is hosting a Square Dance and Line Dance Night on January 15th, in the gym beginning at 7:30pm. Cost is \$5/per person and bring a snack to share. RSVP by January 8th to Partridges 451-6647 or Tritschlers 347-0338.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2010 are available in the gym today. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you want envelopes and they are not there, please put your name and address on the paper and they will be available the following Sunday.

KIDZ CHARACTER CLUB next meeting will be Saturday, January 16th from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm . So get ready, mark your calendar and come see what adventure awaits you.

NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON There will be a luncheon and class following, January 17th from noon—2:30 pm, for those interested in getting more information on becoming a member of Westwood. If you are a long time regular attendee, prayerfully consider coming to this class and 'officially' become a part of WUMC. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Call the church office or mark your Connection Card to reserve your spot.

IHN January 17-23, our church will be hosting homeless families for dinner and overnight. You can pick up a yellow IHN brochure in one of the racks around church to see how you can help. For more information call Sally Dessauer 662-6588 ro Lynn Hampshire 662-3675.

SECOND MILE GIVING for January goes to Wesley Child Care Center for Children and Families. Their mission is to provide a nurturing, secure, and developmentally appropriate environment for children, incorporating the diverse needs of individual families within the community. As a not for profit organization, Wesley receives funding from a variety of community resources. We are blessed to have the opportunity to help the children and families that are reached by Wesley Child Care Center.

# 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 where you can pick up a gift to demonstrate our appreciation for your presence today. Then join us in the gym for a time of fellowship and doughnuts.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

A new small group is starting January 6th on Wednesday night. This group will study *Boundaries with Kids* from January 6th—March 3rd. For 8 weeks, we will learn together about growing healthy, Christian children, no matter how old or how young your children may be. Mark your connection card to attend or to receive more information. You can also contact Pastor Kathleen at the church office 661-3139.

## 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!

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Confirmation Class meets upstairs from 9.30—10.30am in Epworth Hall.  
High School Sunday School meets in the Youth Room from 9.30—10.30am.  
This week we continue our series on 12 Surprisingly  
Modern Men & Women from the Old and New Testament.

The Middle and 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 changing from Wednesday nites to Tuesday nites at 6.30 pm.  
REFUGE Middle School Youth Group will begin Wednesday night from 6.00—7.30 pm starting January 6th.

THE HUB, our High School Youth Group, meets Sunday Nites from 6.00—8.00 pm.

Pizza & Convo is the first Thursday of every month beginning January. Come and hang out with people and get some pizza!  
\$5 Meet at the Pizza Hut off Harrison from 3.30—4.30 pm.

ENCOUNTER is our Middle School Winter Retreat, it will be held January 15th—17th.

### Registration dates

December 31st - \$85 (Early Registration)  
January 9th - \$99 (Registration Deadline)  
January 13th - \$140 (Late Registration)

## THANK YOU

Thank you to the Thursday evening Women's Emmaus Share Group for preparing and serving communion today.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES for 2010 with Dr. Lee are:

January 6th Setting the Course for a New Year  
January 13th Video on Can We Talk: homosexuality  
January 20th—February 10 Focus on Prayers in the Bible and Growing your Prayer Life

DATE TO REMEMBER— 07/20/2010—Travel to Oberammergau Passion Play with Pastor Lee and Beth. For more information, brochures are in the Welcome Center.

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