

WELCOME

TO WESTWOOD UMC

We welcome you in genuine fellowship as we worship together this morning. If you need assistance locating 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 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Chad & Dennise Isbel on the birth of their baby boy, Frankie Isbel, born July 13. Janet Ramsey is the grandmother and Catherine Dillon is the great grandmother.

CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION TREKKERS The 2009-2010 Confirmation Trek will begin on September 20, 2009 at 9:30 am in Epworth Hall. Any youth, grades 7-12, interested in joining this personal journey of exploration of the Christian faith needs to register with the guides before departure. Call either the Partridges at 451-6647, the Peters at 941-7721, or Josh Lemons at 661-3139 to get your name on the crew list. Don't be left at the trailhead—call today!

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK When our church hosts for IHN, donated food is needed to provide breakfasts and lunches for the homeless families. Would you like to donate food? Call Sally Dessauer 662-6588 or Jane Hissett 661-0155.

TOGETHER ON OUR OWN Join us for fellowship, fun and food for anyone, any age, who lives alone. Thursday, August 20th, at 6:00 pm. Join us for a "breakfast" potluck in the church parlor. Bring a breakfast item that you enjoy and would like to share. Also bring your own drink.

TWIN TOWERS INVITES YOU Tuesday, August 25, to South Ridge Patio Homes, 5343 Hamilton Avenue. Open house hours 3:00 pm—5:00 pm. And to top off your day, take home a chef-prepared, home style chicken dinner, with all the "fixins". Please RSVP to 513-853-2001. More information is in the Welcome Center.

LIFESTYLE SAMPLER by *Twin Towers* Mark your calendar now! Thursday, September 24, 10:00 am—1:00 pm. Learn personal wellness tips, newest trends in decorative art, discover the healthy side of musical expression. Have a great time and enjoy lunch too. Please RSVP to 513-853-2001.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT TERM CHOIR to help those in poverty? The Love, INC choir will begin practicing at Miami White water UMC on Monday, August 3 (7:00 pm) for its annual benefit concert on October 24. Love, In the Name of Christ (Love, INC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to transform lives and communities 'In the Name of Christ'. The concert is one of their big fund raisers. The choir members come from the area churches. Bonnie Miller is coordinating the event and Liz Young is the director of the choir.

SECOND MILE GIVING this month goes to Wesley Foundation. In Cincinnati the Wesley Foundation serves as the United Methodist campus ministry for students, faculty, and staff at the University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, College of Mount Saint Joseph, and Cincinnati State University. Each week, Wesley Foundation invites participants to develop life-giving relationships with God, each other, creation, and self through opportunities for passionate worship, radical hospitality, risk-taking missions, and faith-forming small groups. God is actively transforming the lives of countless students, faculty, and staff in Greater Cincinnati thanks to your steadfast support of Wesley Foundation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTWOOD UMC

FAMILY MINISTRIES AND SMALL GROUPS

There will be a meeting for all children's Sunday school teachers and assistants on Sunday, August 30. Teachers and assistants may attend during the 9:30 service or *The Journey*. This crucial, beginning of the year meeting will be held in God's Backyard.

Back by popular demand-GAME DAY!! Sunday school game day for all elementary children will occur on August 30 during the 9:30 service and *The Journey*. Please be sure children are wearing appropriate play clothes for this day in the gym.

Club 56, a unique group just for fifth and sixth graders, will be having an informational meeting on Sunday, August 23 at 4 pm. All parents and children interested in this exciting ministry should plan to attend.

Children's Summer Sunday School Schedule

9:30 am Toddlers—Star Room

Preschool—Kindergarten in the Bumble Bee Room

11:00 am Preschool—Kindergarten in the Frog Room

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

Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:00—8:00 in the gym.

Middle School (Grades 7-8) meet in the back of Epworth Hall at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

High School (Grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Room at 9:30 Sunday mornings

No Sunday School or Youth Group today for Jr. or Sr. High Youth.

HOW TO WRITE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Do you want to know how to share your personal story of faith—how you met Christ and what he means in your life?
Let's learn together.

Watch for more details on writing your own personal testimony.

JOIN WITH PASTOR LEE and others as we read the book *Unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity*, by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. We'll meet August 13 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor for refreshments and discussion. The book can be found at Amazon.com for \$9.40 plus shipping or at local bookstores.

JOIN POVERTY EXPERT. Dr. Ruby Payne; evangelical activist, Dr. Ron Sider; South African Pastor, Trevor Hudson and Mike Slaughter for a two day, life re-arranging conference on mission to our world and community. Conference is October 22 and 23 on the Ginghamburg Church Campus in Tipp City, Ohio. Mark your calendars now and watch for more information to come.

DATE TO REMEMBER— 07/10/2010—Travel to Oberammergau Passion Play with Pastor Lee and Beth. For more information brochures are in the Welcome Center.

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