

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 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer & Travis Thomas on the birth of their baby girl, Hannah, born July 31. Bob & Nancy Braun are the grandparents and Joy Braun is Hannah's great grandmother.

GAME NIGHT August 29th from 6:00—8:30 pm for 25—45 year olds. Child care provided for those who sign up by Monday, August 24th. Contact Steve Gatsos for more information or to RSVP 910-0845. For child care call the church office at 661-3139 or email your request for child care at office@wumc.cc.

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!

TOGETHER ON OUR OWN Join us for fellowship, fun and food for anyone, any age, who lives alone. Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 pm. We will meet for dinner at Applebees on Crookshank at Glenway. RSVP to Sally Dessauer at 662-6588 or Arlene Schwerin at 662-8037.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK will be sending several homeless families to stay at our church for dinner and overnight, September 6 -12. We need lots of help hosting, setting up on September 6 at 12:00 and/or taking down on September 13 at 7:00 am. This is a rewarding and worthwhile mission of our church; come join us! Call one of the coordinators or Sally Dessauer 662-6588.

FLY LIKE EAGLES PRAYER RETREAT Saturday, September 26th, 9:00 am—12:00 noon. Isaiah 40:31 will help guide us through the day as we learn and practice some different forms of prayer that will enable us to be more responsive to the gentle, persistent presence of God. Mark your calendars to attend.

OPEN HEARTS SMALL GROUP invites you to join us for our current study on Spiritual Disciplines. We will learn about Lectio Divina, Meditation, Fasting, Hospitality, Worship and Spiritual Guidance. We meet Thursday in the Church Library at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Darla Meadors at 481-1937

SECOND MILE GIVING this month goes to the Wesley Foundation. 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. 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 today at 4 pm. All parents and children interested in this exciting new ministry should plan to attend.

September 6th is promotion Sunday for our Sunday School children, ages preschool—elementary. Promotion will take place for children in the 9:30 am and 11:00 am services.

Children's Summer Sunday School Schedule

- 9:30 am Toddlers—Star Room
- Preschool—Kindergarten in the Bumble Bee Room
- Grade 1 - Grades 5 (completed) will combine in God's Backyard
- Grade 6 (completed) will attend Junior High Youth Sunday School in Epworth Hall
- 11:00 am Preschool—Kindergarten in the Frog Room
- Grade 1—Grade 5 (completed) will combine in God's Backyard
- Grade 6 (completed) will remain in worship

WORSHIP AND ARTS

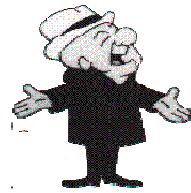
Our Worship and Arts ministry is always looking for singers, instrumentalists, technicians, ushers, greeters, organizers, and more to praise the Lord and to grow as His disciples--no experience necessary!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

- Youth Group meets on Sunday night from 6:00—8:00 in the gym
- Middle School (Grades 7-8) meets in the back of Epworth Hall at 9:30, Sunday mornings
- High School (Grades 9-12) meets in the Youth Room at 9:30, Sunday mornings

DON'T MISS OUT, SIGN-UP TODAY!

ADULT MISSION TRIP Ever wanted to go on a mission trip but didn't think you were young enough. Well don't think like that any more! The group is going to Edisto Island, South Carolina so come along October 10—17 and join the adventure and see how God uses you in the lives of others. Contact Carol Wright, 923-3044, or Duncan Cordrey, 251-1546.



HOW TO WRITE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

STEP 2

Hopefully we have completed step 1 in writing our testimony. If not, don't get discouraged. Keep working on it. Step 2 is the 'how' of my conversion. As you take the time to think about this you may want to look at Paul's conversion in Acts 26. Verses 12-18 show what was his motivation for coming to Christ. So, what motivated me to invite Christ into my life as Lord and Savior? Then look deeper inside...how did you receive Christ forgiveness and submit to His Lordship? It's now time for us to get back to work. Take a deep breath, relax and let's enjoy our discovery of how Christ changed our lives.

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. The cost is \$79 per person. 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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August 23, 2009

Connection Card
Thank you for completing
the tear-off form.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

I am

- 1st time guest
- visitor
- regular attendee
- member

I would like to be contacted about:

- Becoming a Christian
- Joining Westwood United Methodist
- Need a Lay Pastor visit
- Student Ministries
- Children's Sunday School
- Singing or playing an instrument
- Greeting, ushering
- Providing technical support
- Small Group Ministries
- Volunteering in office
- Bread Ministry baker
- Bread Ministry deliverer
- Artist Gallery Participant
- Dr. Lee's Wednesday Night Study
- Rev. Schneider Study on Revelation
- Women's Bible Study on Forgiveness
- Childcare needed on Wednesday night
- Adult Mission Trip, Oct. 10—17
- Other

Prayer Request/s:

Staff Only Prayer ministry