

# 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 Stan Rolfes is at Christ, Shirley Jones is at Oak Pavilion, Bridgetown for physical therapy. Roy Faulconer is at West Park and Marvin McClellan is at Western Hills Retirement Center.

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES are with the family and friends of Esther Elder who passed away September 5 and also for Karen Argo whose father passed away.

CIRCLES THIS MONTH The Powers/Wright Circle meets Sept. 10th in the Saints Room at 7:00 pm. The Coleman Circle meets Sept. 15th at Jean Hafer's home at 9:30 am. The Montfort/Vath Circle meets Sept. 15th at 9:30 in the Parlor. The Tritschler Circle meets Sept. 16th at 7:00 pm at Longhorn Steakhouse. The Brandt/Freeman Circle meets Sept. 17th at 9:30 am at Sarah Freeman's home. The Anger Circle Meets Sept. 17th at 10:00 am in the library. The Knitting Circle meets at 7:00 pm at Rev. Kisner's home Sept. 28th.

TOGETHER ON OUR OWN Join us for fellowship, fun and food for anyone, any age, who lives alone, Thursday, September 17th, at 6:00 pm. We will in the church parlor for an International potluck. RSVP to Sally Dessauer at 662-6588 or Arlene Schwerin at 662-8037.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK This last week four delightful homeless families satyed evenings and overnight at our church. There were lots of little ones who loved to play games. Our next hosting will be November 8-14 .

SALVATION ARMY DOLLS will be on display Sunday, September 20th between services. Marcia Grimmer will collect dolls finished before that date on Sunday, September 13th between services. Be sure your name is visible when putting form on the doll's leg. If you have questions please contact Marcia at 451-4175.

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!

LAROSA PEELERS are now available for purchase in the Trolley Room. This is an annual fund raiser for the WUMC Preschool. We receive \$4 for every \$10 peeler purchased. LaRosa is an active supporter of our Preschool program, granting us 2 scholarships for the up coming school year. Call 661-1166 for more information.

KIDZ CHARACTER CLUB You asked for it, so it's back! Kidz Character Club is launching its fall season on Saturday, October 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. Come ready for an adventure because *IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE*, our theme of the day. We'll learn about character on our 'safari hunt' and from a few surprises along the way! For children, ages 5-11, with older children learning through helping, Kidz Character Club meets the first and third Saturday of each month. It's an activity based program that encourages development of key character qualities—persistence, trustworthiness, courage, caring, and a positive attitude! Can't wait to see you there—taller, stronger, smarter, and eager to be a character kid "growing strong from the inside out". For more information, contact Sharon Spaulding at 661-3139. Bring your friends!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESTWOOD UMC

## FAMILY MINISTRIES AND SMALL GROUPS

TEN GREAT DATES is a wonderful way to strengthen a couple's relationship. Couple's gather at the church to watch a short video about relationships. Using the information from the video and the "homework" assigned, each couple further explores the evening's topic on their own date. Then Great Dates will begin on September 11th at 7:00 pm, in the parlor. The class will meet for 11 weeks, ending on November 20th with a group meal. Due to the late starting time, childcare will not be provided at the church. For more information, contact Beth and Lee Strawhun.

ALL FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE NEW REGISTRATION FORMS! All children, age 3 and older, must check-in at the Welcome Center on the Sanctuary Level. Once the registration form is completed, there will be a folder which contains the child's name tag and a pick-up card. Fifth and sixth graders will be dismissed to the gym. Children under the age of 3 will be checked in at their classrooms using the same two part sticker system. A responsible adult must have the pick up card or sticker to get his/her child!

OPEN HOUSE in the Wesley room today! Between services, come and see the changes made for our fifth and sixth grade students. They are starting a new school year with a new room and a new ministry. *Club 56*. Check it out!

CLUB 56 has its first meeting tonight! All children in the fifth or sixth grade are invited to gather at the church at 4pm for laser tag. The cost is \$14 and permission slips are needed. Children can be picked up in the church parking lot at 6:00 pm. More information is available in the Welcome Center or talk to Pastor Kathleen.

## 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

## MEN OF WESTWOOD JESUS IS CALLING!

There is a great opportunity coming to town for us to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and become more committed servants to Him, our family, our church and our workplace! The *Men at the Cross* conference is coming to Cincinnati Solid Rock Church on Saturday evening October 3rd from 6:30-10:00 pm. We will gather at Westwood at 5:30 pm to carpool out to Solid Rock Church so we can sit together. This event will sell out so we need to have your reservations in by Sunday, September 20th to ensure we can get tickets. For more information go to [www.MenattheCross.org](http://www.MenattheCross.org) or contact Doug Skidmore at 948-8254 or Pastor Lee.

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

The Mission Team invites you to attend a Global Outreach Weekend on October 9th, 10th and 11th. Come and help plan how we can extend our serving beyond the walls of Westwood UMC. More information will be available later. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Powers.

REV. JACK MARCH, a United Methodist pastor with Transforming Jail Ministries, will be our first speaker in Pastor Lee's series, "Messy Christianity" on Wednesday night, September 9. How do you feel about: Crime-Safety-Fear-Restitution-Restorative Justice? What views do Christians have on this topic? Join us in Epworth Hall after dinner. To prepare: read Crime and its Victims by Daniel W. Van Ness and/or The Little Book of Restorative Justice by Howard Zear. The following week will be a class discussion on the presenter's conversation as well as a study of decision making as a follower of Jesus.

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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