

A Parting Blessing (in unison)

May God bless us with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we may seek truth boldly and love deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we really CAN make a difference in this world, so that we are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with us and remain with us, this day and forevermore. AMEN.

(A Fourfold Franciscan Blessing)

Revised Fall Meeting Schedule for Administrative Groups:

Thursday, September 20	7:00 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee
Tuesday, September 25	7:00 p.m.	Nurture & Caring Team
Thursday, September 27	7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership (Nominations)
Tuesday, October 2	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Tuesday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Board of Trustees & Staff Parish Relations Committee
Tuesday, October 16	7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership (Nominations)
Thursday, October 18	7:00 p.m.	Lay Speakers (local & certified)
Tuesday, October 23	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee (tentative)
Tuesday, October 30	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (Pre-Charge Conference)
Thursday, November 8	6:30 p.m.	Charge Conference session At Westwood UMC 3460 Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, 45211

Schedule of Activities

TODAY: - 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups

- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Mama's Grill

- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Chapel & Fellowship Hall in use

- 7:00 pm – Crossroads Student Ministries Youth Council meeting. We will work on finalizing the fall calendar and talking about the vision for the next year of youth ministry.

TUESDAY: 2:30 p.m. 6th Grade After School Group

- 6:30 Williamsburg Clergy Gathering at The Kemerley's Home

- 7:00 p.m. **Staff Parish Meeting** in Parlor

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY: Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week.

- 3:30 p.m. 5th Grade After School Group

SATURDAY: 9:00 a.m. Basket Class in Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

Rising Tides practice in Worship Center

- 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm – Crossroads Student Ministry will have their Wild and Crazy Fall Kick Off. Activities will include but aren't limited to – 'Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?' Super Slip n Slide; Do you play with your food? And a huge Ice Cream Sunday. This great evening will be held at Kyle & Katie Varney's house 4681 St Rt 133, Batavia.

NEXT SUNDAY: - 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups

- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise

- 4:00 Annual Pig Roast at Williamsburg Community Park

(1) WOMEN'S RETREAT: November 9 - 11, 2007 cost is \$60.00. Women 18 years and older are invited for a weekend of Christian Fellowship. At Woodland Lakes Christian Camp 3054 Lindale-Mt. Holly Road. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex beginning September 1st - and full payment will be due by November 1st. For more information you can contact Lauren Harvey @ 724-1468 or email sunskiboat@fuse.net.

(2) TUTORING : We are in need of Tutors for Wednesday and Thursday after school till 5:00 p.m. we will begin in October. If you are able to help, please call Sandy Briegel (732-6945)

(3) FESTIVAL OF SHARING: Look at all the things you are supporting when you give to the Festival of Sharing, either by buying kits for Church and World Services or giving money. The kits go to anywhere there is a disaster. The money portion helps UMCOR, Heifer Project, Homeless Ministries, Habitat for Humanity Ministries, Jackson Area Ministries, World Hunger Poverty, Grace Children Hospital (Haiti) and **many other ministries**. So, the destinations of your giving are very diverse. We have much so we can share. Plan to come to the 2007 Festival of Sharing, Saturday, October 6th, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Otterbein College Campus, Westerville, Ohio 43081. We have health, school and layette kits available for \$15.00. If you would like to give a donation or buy a kit, mark your check on the memo line "Kit" or Festival of Sharing or put it on your envelope. Thank You, Pastor Duane and Roy Abrams

(4) NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23TH – is our Annual Pig Roast. We will be holding this year's picnic at the Williamsburg Community Park. All you need to do is come and bring a lawn chair and a covered dish. Meat, drinks, and everything else will be provided. The picnic starts at 4:00 p.m., dinner will be at 5:00 p.m., and fellowship and singing starts at 6:00 p.m.. If you need additional information please call Tracy Taylor at 724-3368.

(5) NEW SERIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL – If you are interested in learning about the Old Testament and would like to see the Holy Land without leaving Williamsburg join us on Sunday, September 23th. The Class With Purpose will be starting a new series called "The Promised Land". Come and join in the fun and fellowship while also learning lessons from the time of the Patriarchs, which can be applied to your life today. Join us at Sunday, September 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in room 208. More information contact Jim or Tracy Taylor at 724-3368

(6) EMERGENCY MISSION: The Emergency Mission has been inundated with request for assistance this summer. In June, July & August our financial distributions for electric, rent, & water have totaled \$5,300.00. Our treasurer has expressed concern about our bank balance. We still hope to be able to provide assistance but we desperately need money donations. Checks to WEM or cash please give your donation to either Evalou Jones or Nancy Pontz.

(7) ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A Special Day is being planned for our church members who have been married 50 years or more. Our celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall, wedding cake and all the trimmings. So, please mark your calendars for September 30th and come celebrate this special day with our church family.

(8) MINISTRY UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Christian Education Classes and Groups 79 Average YTD 80

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services 90+77= 167 Average YTD 192

Offering: September 9th \$ 4,277.00 (Weekly \$ 4,035.00 S.S. \$ 72.00 Mission \$170.00)

Received YTD as of 9/9/2007 \$ 155,793.83 Expenses YTD as of 8/31/2007 \$ 165,708.05

CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES:

Friday, September 28 at 11:00 pm – Saturday, September 29 till 8:00 am – One AMAZING night of Scallywag Tag! \$25 is all it will cost to join in this great night. It's all the laser tag that your legs can stand. We'll keep a running tally of your score through the night in order to declare a final champion. We'll watch movies, have card tournaments and more. Mancala anyone? You will need to purchase an advance sale ticket from Lisa, Bonnie, or the church office in order to participate. You're welcome to invite friends. We MUST have 80 participants registered before Sunday September 23rd to make this night happen. Tickets are on sale now. Parents will need to drop off kids at scallywag tag. We will provide rides from scallywag to the church where a great breakfast will be waiting for us at the church on Saturday morning.

Small Groups for Junior and Senior High Students will begin in October. There are several great small group leaders gearing up for this special ministry.

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LET US JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

James 5:16

PRAYER FOCUS:

Keith & Denise Kamps: Stephanie, Todd
Kevin & Crissey Kemen: John, Emily, Hannah

Don & Connie Keller
Bob & Glenda Kemen

Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation. Some week, it will be you.

CURRENT CONCERNS:

For **Jim Bennett** (Marge McCollum's brother) New England Club on Beechmont
For **Ben** (nephew of Ron & Becky Hickman) they know its just a matter of time.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM LAST SUNDAY'S PRAYER CARDS:

For **Mark Kidd** submitted by Guy Bainum
For **Kristy Early & new baby (Emily)** submitted by Barbara Parker & Phil Kallschmidt
For **Ellie Giwer** submitted by Ron Balzhiser
For our **Soldiers in Iraq**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM ONLINE SOURCES:

For **Mary Giwer** submitted by Bev Overstake
For **Tom Lefker** submitted by e-mail Prayer Chain

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM

Hazel Cox	Marcy DeBoard
Dick Forney	Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)
Gene & Ruby Wilson	Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)
Betty Lykins	Ruby Hiller (Betty Rice's Sister) Cancer
Kitty Arwine	Robby Kelly (Jim & Donna Dyer's nephew)
Charles (Bill) Kirk	Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)
David White	Kim Ireton
Marilyn Whiteman	Nancy Sinkking
	Tom Lefker

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Wanda Merkle – Batavia Nursing & Convalescent Inn
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
May Marshall - Eastgate Village
Ramona Edwards - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Betty Hooper (Brenda Jody's Mother) - Corbin, Kentucky
Fred Dyer (Jim Dyer's Father) – Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) – Otterbein

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

AMN Patrick Fender	AMN Stephen Jordan	Brian Cramer
Paul Wabnitz	Ryan Frazee USAF	1Lt. David McCollum
Jacob Kidd	Zach Cluxton	Zachary Albasin
Lt. Col. David Parr	Lt. Col. Liza Parr	Isaac Meese
Norman Saunders	Ryan Horner	Ian Adams
Christopher Palmer USAF	Bryan Carmean	John Stone
Michael Frischhertz	Jason Pollard	Ben Zsabo
NC, USN Craig L. Duncan	Jeff Brown	Bob Fee
SR Jacob Albasin	Sgt. Mark Gatch	Shannon Bibbee
Brandon Reid		

Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.

DISTRICT LAY LEADERSHIP GATHERING with Bishop Ough
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
6:30 GATHERING
7:00 - 9:00 PROGRAM
CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR UMC
8005 Pfeiffer Road
(Directions at end)

How Does the Faith of the First Christians Transform the Life and Work of 21st Century Churches?

Gathering (Lay Ministry displays will be available for viewing.)

Welcome District Superintendent

Purpose of our Gathering Bishop Bruce Ough

Presentation and Dialogue Dr. Larry Welborn

"How did an obscure movement of Galilean fishermen transform the world in only three centuries? Together we will explore the dynamics of growth in the formative period of the church, focusing on Paul's strategies of reconciliation and renewal. Several aspects of the life and mission of the early Christians will be considered. How did Paul make contact with people in the cities he evangelized? Did Paul make a missionary use of his workshop? What role did the "house-church" model play in the attractiveness of the Christian movement? Did the gospel create a new sense of family? In what sense was early Christianity an "open network," creating relationships which reached across social class, race and gender? Did the gospel empower people with a new sense of "citizenship?" How did Paul succeed in creating "communities of affection" in which members became "partners in the same passions?" Above all, what role did the core convictions of the first Christians play in the explosive growth of the movement? What are the consequences of believing that "God so loved the world.," and that God has given to us a "ministry of reconciliation?" How can the faith of the first Christians transform the life and work of 21st century churches in the West Ohio Conference?

Lay Leadership Training Opportunities Bruce Boyd & George Howard

Presentation and Dialogue Bishop Bruce Ough

What are the central dynamics of the Acts 2 church?

Where are these dynamics present in your church?

What is your role, as lay leaders, in giving expression to these dynamics?

Directions to Church of the Saviour UMC:

From I-275, Take the Montgomery/Morrow exit (#50).

Go south on Montgomery Road for about 1 mile.

Turn right on Pfeiffer Rd. Church will be just ahead on your left.

From I-71, Take the Pfeiffer Rd. exit which is just south of the I-275 loop.

Go east on Pfeiffer Rd. The church will be on your right.