

11:00 a.m. Service
Modern and experientially centered worship

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements – *(please sign the friendship pads)*

We begin with the Bible . . .

Raising our voices in thanks and praise:

♪ Joy to the World – UMH 246

♪ All Hail King Jesus – FWS 2069

WE HEAR AND EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD

A time of centering prayer

..... **LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

FWS 2090 Light the Advent Candle: Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain

A reading from the Bible – Luke 2:22-40

“Simeon and Anna meet the baby Jesus in the temple”

Leader: The Word of the Lord **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The ministry of music

*Following the Ministry of Music, children age four through grade three
are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.*

The message: **“GOD’S PROMISE FULFILLED”**

WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS

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♪ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus – UMH 349

The ministry of giving (prayer of dedication and offering)

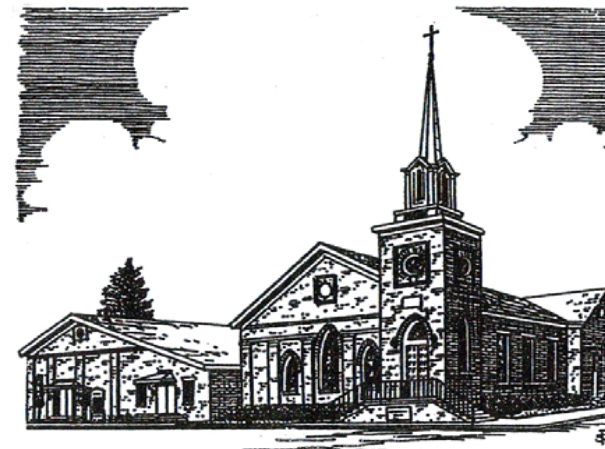
WESLEY COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE (see insert)

♪ O Come, All Ye Faithful – UMH 234

A parting blessing

Singing our benediction (On Eagles’ Wings – FWS 143)

Music to energize us as we go to reflect the light of Christ



*Williamsburg
United
Methodist
Church*

December 28, 2008

Welcome To the **WILLIAMSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

Welcome friends!

Once again we stand amazed at the miracle of the Incarnation – Immanuel, God with us. Let us fill the sanctuary of the Lord with praise, “Glory to God in the highest.” As the family of God, we greet one another; a special welcome to those visiting with us today.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER - Please pass the Friendship pad along your row, so each person can write his/her name, address & e-mail. If you are a guest to our church please fill out the card at the top of the friendship pad, then place it in the offering plate so we can get know you better.

INFANT & TODDLERS CARE (under 4 years of age) is available in room #6, down the hallway from the Worship Center.

DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS may be placed in the blue tubs at each entrance of the sanctuary / worship center. Distribution is made through the “Emergency Mission” program of the Williamsburg area churches.

*** Our Vision and Mission ***

To be a healthy, growing, spiritually vital, risk-taking center
for making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the purpose of transforming the world.

December 28, 2008
WELCOME TO WORSHIP **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

9:00 a.m. Service
Familiar and historically centered worship

THE PEOPLE GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & FELLOWSHIP
(please sign and pass the friendship pads)

PRELUDE “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” African/American Spiritual *Acolytes*
arr. by Thygerso

HYMN – Joy to the World **UMH 246**
Please stand if you are able

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

WE PRAY TOGETHER (in unison)

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts that are not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life and forgiveness you offer is not yet proclaimed widely in our community. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ’s way. Amen.

..... **LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH**
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SCRIPTURE Luke 2:22-40
“Simeon and Anna meet the baby Jesus in the temple”
Leader: The Word of the Lord **PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Piano Solo by Ruth White
“What Child is This” 16th Century English Melody arr. John Leavitt
*Following the Ministry of Music, **children age four through grade three** are invited to go to Children’s Church, upstairs in Room #201.*

THE SERMON **“GOD’S PROMISE FULFILLED”**

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

HYMN (*seated*) – Love Came Down at Christmas **UMH 242**

THE OFFERING

- Your regular giving fulfills the mission and ministry of our church by –*
- *Providing resources for worship every week of the year;*
 - *Supporting thirteen theological schools and a medical school.*

We give our Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

The Offertory “Away in a Manger” melody James R. Murray
The Doxology (*Please stand if you are able*) **UMH 95**
The Prayer of Dedication

♫ (*seated*) **“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”** Tune: Carol, CMD218 **UMH 606**
(Charles Wesley wrote this hymn text especially for this covenant service)

WESLEY COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE (see insert)

HYMN – Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH 238**
Please stand, if you are able (Acolytes)
At the close of this service there is a time for those who have special prayer needs. You are invited to come to the front pew or to the kneeling step during this closing song. The pastor will meet you there.

A BLESSING (in unison)

Now may God, who was celebrated by angels’ songs and worshiped by shepherds from the hillsides, anoint us with the true spirit of Christmas, that we too may sing and worship, now and forever, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION **On Eagles’ Wings** **UMH 143**
POSTLUDE “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” tune, Felix Mendelssohn

**I DO HERE COVENANT WITH YOU, O CHRIST,
TO TAKE MY LOT WITH YOU AS IT MAY FALL.
THROUGH YOUR GRACE I PROMISE
THAT NEITHER LIFE NOR DEATH SHALL PART ME FROM YOU.**

God has given holy laws as the rule of your life.

**I DO HERE WILLINGLY PUT MY NECK UNDER YOUR YOKE,
TO CARRY YOUR BURDEN.
ALL YOUR LAWS ARE HOLY, JUST, AND GOOD.
I THEREFORE TAKE THEM AS THE RULE
FOR MY WORDS, THOUGHTS, AND ACTIONS,
PROMISING THAT I WILL STRIVE
TO ORDER MY WHOLE LIFE ACCORDING TO YOUR DIRECTION,
AND NOT ALLOW MYSELF TO NEGLECT ANYTHING I KNOW TO BE MY DUTY.**

The almighty God searches and knows your heart.

**O GOD, YOU KNOW THAT I MAKE THIS COVENANT WITH YOU TODAY
WITHOUT GUILF OR RESERVATION.
IF ANY FALSEHOOD SHOULD BE IN IT, GUIDE ME AND HELP ME TO SET IT ARIGHT.
AND NOW, GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE FATHER,
WHOM I FROM THIS DAY FORWARD SHALL LOOK UPON AS MY GOD AND FATHER.
GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE SON,
WHO HAVE LOVED ME AND WASHED ME FROM MY SINS IN YOUR OWN BLOOD,
AND NOW IS MY SAVIOR AND REDEEMER.
GLORY BE TO YOU, O GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WHO BY YOUR ALMIGHTY POWER HAVE TURNED MY HEART FROM SIN TO GOD.**

**O MIGHTY GOD, THE LORD OMNIPOTENT, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
YOU HAVE NOW BECOME MY COVENANT FRIEND.
AND I, THROUGH YOUR INFINITE GRACE,
HAVE BECOME YOUR COVENANT SERVANT.
SO BE IT.
AND LET THE COVENANT I HAVE MADE ON EARTH BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN.
AMEN.**

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You are advised to make this covenant not only in your heart, but in word; not only in word, but in writing. Therefore, with all reverence, lay the service before the Lord as your act and deed. And when you have done this, sign it. Then keep it as a reminder of the holy agreement between God and you that you may remember it during doubts and temptations.

A COVENANT FOR THE NEW YEAR

Pastor = Regular type

CONGREGATION= ALL CAPS AND BOLD TYPE

PROCLAMATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God.
Through baptism, we have entered this life and have been admitted into the new covenant of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator.
He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last for ever.

On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ,
the Source and Perfecter of our faith.
On the other side, we are pledged to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ,
who loved us and gave himself for us.

From time to time we renew our covenant with God,
especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant
and gather at the Lord's table.

Today, however, we meet, as the generations before us have met,
to renew the covenant that binds us to God.
Let us make this covenant of God our own.

WESLEY'S COVENANT SERVICE

INVITATION

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants.
Give yourselves to him, that you may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honorable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ
except by denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ.

Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT, UNDER YOUR COMMAND.
I WILL NO LONGER BE MY OWN.
I WILL GIVE UP MYSELF TO YOUR WILL IN ALL THINGS.**

Be satisfied that Christ shall give you your place and work.

**LORD, MAKE ME WHAT YOU WILL.
I PUT MYSELF FULLY INTO YOUR HANDS:
PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING,
LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR YOU, OR LAID ASIDE FOR YOU,
LET ME BE FULL, LET ME BE EMPTY,
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.
I FREELY AND WITH A WILLING HEART
GIVE IT ALL TO YOUR PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.**

Christ will be the Savior of none but his servants.
He is the source of all salvation to those who obey.
Christ will have no servants except by consent;
Christ will not accept anything except full consent to all that he requires.
Christ will be all in all, or he will be nothing.

Confirm this by a holy covenant.

To make this covenant a reality in your life, listen to these admonitions:

First, set apart some time, more than once, to be spent alone before the Lord;
in seeking earnestly God's special assistance and gracious acceptance of you;
in carefully thinking through all the conditions of the covenant;
in searching your hearts whether you have already freely given your life to Christ.
Consider what your sins are.
Consider the laws of Christ, how holy, strict, and spiritual they are,
and whether you, after having carefully considered them,
are willing to choose them all.
Be sure you are clear in these matters, see that you do not lie to God.

Second, be serious and in a spirit of holy awe and reverence.

Third, claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength,
so you can keep your promise. Trust not your own strength and power.

Fourth, resolve to be faithful.
You have given to the Lord your hearts, you have opened your mouths to the Lord,
and you have dedicated yourself to God. With God's power, never go back.

And last, be then prepared to renew your covenant with the Lord.
[Bow your heads or] Fall down on your knees, lift your hands toward heaven,
open your hearts to the Lord, as we pray:

COVENANT PRAYER

The people kneel or bow.

**O RIGHTEOUS GOD, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST,
SEE ME AS I FALL DOWN BEFORE YOU.
FORGIVE MY UNFAITHFULNESS IN NOT HAVING DONE YOUR WILL,
FOR YOU HAVE PROMISED MERCY TO ME
IF I TURN TO YOU WITH MY WHOLE HEART.**

God requires that you shall put away all your idols.

**I HERE FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART RENOUNCE THEM ALL,
COVENANTING WITH YOU THAT NO KNOWN SIN
SHALL BE ALLOWED IN MY LIFE.
AGAINST YOUR WILL, I HAVE TURNED MY LOVE TOWARD THE WORLD.
IN YOUR POWER
I WILL WATCH ALL TEMPTATIONS THAT WILL LEAD ME AWAY FROM YOU.
FOR MY OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RIDDLED WITH SIN,
UNABLE TO STAND BEFORE YOU.**

Through Christ, God has offered to be your God again if you would let him.

**BEFORE ALL HEAVEN AND EARTH,
I HERE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS MY LORD AND GOD.
I TAKE YOU, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, FOR MY PORTION,
AND VOW TO GIVE UP MYSELF, BODY AND SOUL, AS YOUR SERVANT,
TO SERVE YOU IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.**

God has given the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way and means of coming to God.

**JESUS, I DO HERE ON BENDED KNEES ACCEPT CHRIST
AS THE ONLY NEW AND LIVING WAY,
AND SINCERELY JOIN MYSELF IN A COVENANT WITH HIM.
O BLESSED JESUS, I COME TO YOU,
HUNGRY, SINFUL, MISERABLE, BLIND, AND NAKED,
UNWORTHY EVEN TO WASH THE FEET OF YOUR SERVANTS.
I DO HERE, WITH ALL MY POWER, ACCEPT YOU AS MY LORD AND HEAD.
I RENOUNCE MY OWN WORTHINESS,
AND VOW THAT YOU ARE THE LORD, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.
I RENOUNCE MY OWN WISDOM, AND TAKE YOU FOR MY ONLY GUIDE.
I RENOUNCE MY OWN WILL, AND TAKE YOUR WILL AS MY LAW.**

Christ has told you that you must suffer with him.

Schedule of Activities for the Week of

December 28th, 2008 – January 4th, 2009

TODAY SUNDAY 28th: 1st Sunday After Christmas Day

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 p.m. Worship and Praise
- 6:00 p.m. No Sing-a-long gang in Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. No Handbell Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 31st: NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion in Chapel

THURSDAY January 1st: NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

SATURDAY 3rd: 9:00 a.m. Rising Tides Practice in Worship Center

NEXT SUNDAY 4th: Epiphany Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 p.m. Worship and Praise
- 6:00 p.m. No Sing-a-long gang in Worship Center
- 7:00 p.m. No Handbell Choir Practice in Fellowship Hall

(1) USHERS & ACOLYTES FOR 11:00 a.m. SERVICE: Sign-up sheet is in the Lobby.

(2) CHRISTMAS CARD TABLE: The table is located in the Fellowship Hall. Take time and check to see if you have received a special card from someone who is wishing you a Blessed Merry Christmas.

(3) EMERGENCY MISSION: Our need at present is personal hygiene products, paper and laundry products.

(4) MINISTRY UPDATE – December 21, 2008

Christian Education Classes (Children 18, Youth 6, Adult 59)	80	Average YTD	86
10:15 a.m. Worship Service	195	Average YTD	171
Received last week for the Budget:	\$ 7,093.00		
Received last week for other purposes:	\$ 3,905.00		
Budget Goal Year to Date:	258,180.00		
Received for the Budget YTD:	\$ 221,379.07		
Budget Expenses YTD:	\$ 223,494.79		

CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES:

There are no evening youth activities for December 28th

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Wesley Covenant Service

Sunday, December 28, During Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We close the year and prepare for the next year by reaffirming our faith and dedicating ourselves to God's work using a covenant service designed by John Wesley.

New Year's Eve Communion

Wednesday, December 31, at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 p.m. A brief service of communion will be repeated each half hour in the chapel. Wrap up your year by receiving this means of God's grace and seeking God's guidance in the year to come.

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 4, 2009, During Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We celebrate the visit of the wise men who brought gifts to the Christ Child and the incarnation (God coming in human form). This is an even more ancient celebration among Christians than Christmas.

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2009, During Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We move ahead in our year by deepening our understanding of the Covenant of Baptism and offering a time for a personal and congregational Renewal of Baptismal Covenants.

Community

Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Living

Presents

A Renaissance Feaste

January 8 & 9, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Otterbein Lebanon Campus Center Multipurpose Room

Tickets \$15.00 per person - Dinner & Entertainment included

For reservations call: The Renaissance 'Hot Line' at 513-696-8575

After December 8, 2008 OR

Mail your check to: Renaissance Tickets, Otterbein Lebanon

Red Flyer on bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information

TODAY'S SERVANTS AND HELPERS

	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters:	Floyd & Janis Reynolds Sandy Newsom & Joanne Cornelius	
Ushers:	Les Harvey & Jerry Mursinna Pete Cooper & Tayler Cooper	
Worship Leader:	Guy Bainum	Doug Chalker
Nursery Helpers:		Debbie Doyle
Junior Church:	Children age 4 through 3 rd Grade are invited to go upstairs to <u>Room # 201</u> :	
	Candy Bainum	Brenda Jones

Flowers for worship in honor/memory of



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WILLIAMSBURG EMERGENCY MISSION

Tuesdays, Wednesday, & Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Week of December 28th



WE 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:

Kent & Betsy Foreman: Graham

Sarah Forney

Stephen & Connie Foster: Chris

Trevor Foster

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

BEREAVEMENTS: The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Brenda & Byron Jody on the death of Brenda's mother, Betty Hopper from Corbin, Kentucky.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM LAST SUNDAY'S PRAYER CARDS:

For **Barbara Ross** submitted by Bonnie Ring

For **Joy Chapman** submitted by Mary Howell

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM ONLINE SOURCES:

For **Alayna Greaves** by Penny Balzhiser

For **Mabel Albasin** submitted by e-mail prayer chain

For **Tom Arnold** submitted by Missi Brown

For **Christi Bach** submitted by Missi Brown

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:

Evalou Jones	Gene Wilson	Hazel Cox	Will Lytle	Wade Lytle
Jessie Abrams	Jerry Burger	Mary Vaughan	Betty Lykins	Bob Cummins
Kitty & Jack Arwine	Marilyn Whiteman	Clara Mae Hundemer	Bob James	
Helen Bastin				
Darlene Weisbrod (Dorothy Lewis' sister)		Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)		
Thelma Jeffers (Tim's mother)		Tom Brown (Munch Brown's Father)		
Mollie Dreher (Herb & Sandy Rowan's daughter)		Ken Newman (Tom & Pat Fisher's Son in Law)		
Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)		Allyson Clark (Randy & Dana Clark's daughter)		
Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)		Lyda Cravens (Cindy Gregory's Mother)		
Roger Boothby (Allen Boothby's brother)				

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Mabel Albasin - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
4400 Gleneste-Withamsville Road
Cincinnati, OH 45245
Room # 158 Bed 1 Phone # 943-8219

Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford Room #315A
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Lloyd Frodge (Don Frodge's Father) - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) Otterbein

RETIREMENT CENTERS:

Bill McManus – Eastgate Village Room #127
May Marshall - Eastgate Village Apt # 110
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
David Hutchens (Susan King's Father) – Mt. Pleasant Retirement Community in Monroe, Oh.

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

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A.M.N. Patrick Fender PSC 251-Box 341 A.P.O. - AP 96542

Capt. David McCollum Army Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
137 Sawmill Road, St. Robert, MO 65584

Please help us update our list of Service Men & Women now serving in the armed forces.

If you have someone to include on our list – Please contact Bill Lewis with the following information: Full name; rank; mailing address with city, state, and zip or APO; email; what branch of service; where currently stationed; and your name as a contact for this person.
Bill's home phone: 724-7285, work phone: 724-7283 and email: info@eastforkwelding.com

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