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AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

Adult and Family Ministries

Adult Bible Study will be offered Sunday evenings starting in September. This study will be an introduction to the New Testament.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Church World Service Self-Help Kits

Ever since the beginning of the Gift of the Heart Kit Program, United Methodist have worked hand in hand with Church World Service to assemble and ship Health Kits, School Kits and Baby Kits to many parts of the world.

We will have kits available to purchase in August. The cost of the kits is \$15.00 which is averaged between the Health, School and Baby Kits purchase price. If you would like to make your own kit a list of materials will be in the narthex.

2007 Festival of Sharing Celebration Day is Saturday, October 6th, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Otterbein College Campus in Westerville, Ohio 43081. Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Product/Taste Survey

The Concert and Ministry Outreach will be holding a product/taste survey to raise money for their funds on Tuesday, August 21, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Sign-ups are at 30 minute intervals and we ask that you be available for as little as 5 minutes to as long as 45 minutes. We get credit and payment for EVERY PERSON, 18 and over, who attends and answers some questions. This is an easy way to help because there is nothing to buy. We just ask for a donation of some of your time.

SENIOR ADULTS

Mark Thursday, August 9 on your calendar. We will be having a planning meeting and carry-in dinner for the senior adults (or younger) of the church. At this meeting we will be brainstorming on some future fun things you would like to be involved in. So bring a covered dish, put on your thinking cap and plan to be with us for some fun and fellowship. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. meat and drinks will be furnished. If you need transportation please call Bev Overstake at 1-937-446-2576. Hope to see you there.

Nurture and Congregational Care

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Those who are undergoing treatments:

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Bereavements from last month:

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Lloyd & Pam Hauck and family at the death of Lloyd's brother Robert (Bob) Hauck of Bethel, Ohio.

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Bob & Melissa Wagers and family at the death of Bob's father Larry Wagers of Loveland, Ohio.

Crossroad Student Ministries

Thanks to all who supported the youth in their trip to Youth 2007. We were overwhelmed with your generous support. We would like to take the time to say thank you to everyone on Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. All of our investors are invited to come and join us for videos, testimonies, pictures and desserts.

IT'S FAIR WEEK! - Thanks for your help at the Fair! I'm writing this article the Tuesday of fair week and I'm happy to report that things are going well. We have survived harness racing (the most difficult part of our week). We are loving the cool breezes – who would have thought we'd need sweatshirts in July?!? Thanks to everyone who has supplied water and food. These things make the week much more bearable.

WE'RE GOING ON THE ROAD! Sunday August 5th and 12th the Praise band and youth drama teams will be ministering in other congregations. Sunday evening the 5th, we will be joining Lisa Wright's Father's congregation in Hammersville and sharing music with them. On the 12th, we will head to Bonnie's home congregation of Jonesville UMC to share an evening worship service with them. We are planning on providing van rides to anyone who would like to join us for either of these special evenings. We will need to leave at 6:00 on the 5th to make it for service and 4:00 pm on the 12th to make it in time for dinner. Please join us for these adventures if you'd like!

PERSPECTIVE: It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over and that fall is quickly approaching. It has been a wonderful pleasure to have Lisa Smith working with us this summer. She has done an outstanding job as our intern. We are already beginning to plan for the fall semester of youth ministry activities. If you have anything that you would like to suggest, please let us know and we will give it some thought. We know that we are planning our laser tag overnight, our traditional trip to Olds Farms, a parents group that will work through the Focus on the Family, How to Drug Proof your Kids material, a Christmas play and more.

SAVE THE DATE! We had so much fun playing laser tag (26 participants) that we have scheduled an amazing overnight opportunity. Be sure to save Friday September 28th for an all night Laser tag bash at Scallywag Tag. Cost will be \$25 plus a snack.

MISSION OUTRECH

Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow

What is Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow?

Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow is an effort to raise the financial resources necessary to fund the initiatives that will fulfill the "Vision" affirmed by the West Ohio Annual Conference in June of 2001.

What is the "Vision"?

"Every congregation is a healthy, growing, spiritually vital, risk-taking center for making and equipping disciples of Jesus for the purpose of transforming the world." The purpose of the "Vision" is to fulfill our "Mission" which is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The bottom line of all of this is to position churches to fulfill the "Great Commission and Great Commandment."

What has to happen for this vision to become a reality?

There are two primary areas of need that must be addressed in order to strengthen churches for today's challenges and position churches to meet future needs.

1. Strengthen Local Congregations – In order to fulfill our mission, every congregation must be given the tools to position itself for maximum ministry. This will involve:

- Investing in leadership through training pastors to meet new cultural and demographic challenges
- Training lay leaders for effective service
- Recruiting and training new pastors for future leadership
- Preparing churches to attract and minister to persons under 35
- Expansion and renovation of churches
- Elimination or reduction of indebtedness

2. Create New Venues for Disciple Making and Worship – In order to seize opportunities brought about by population growth and demographic and cultural shifts, we must be prepared to:

- Start new congregations
- Acquire prime property
- Assist in funding satellites for existing congregations
- Establish multicultural churches
- Support mission partners in Mexico, Russia, and Africa

To learn more go to www.wocthevision.org

YWCA House of Peace

The YWCA provides safe crisis line assistance, protective shelter and necessary supportive services for battered women and their children to move them toward self-sufficiency, independence and freedom from abuse.

Saul's Homeless Shelter

The James Saul's Homeless Shelter provides temporary emergency shelter services for residents of Clermont County. The shelter is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Upcoming events and information:

AUGUST 2007

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT (additional information listed below as available)
1 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	New Study on Men of the Bible
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	High School	Quilting Ministry
	12:30 -1:30 pm	Wendy's Half Acre Rd	Youth Lunch Bunch
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Williamsburg Area	Youth Secret Service
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
2 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
		Roller Skating	Crossroads Student Ministries
3 Fr	Leaving for Longs Retreat Churchwide Campout		
4 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
5 Su	10 th Sunday after Pentecost Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	8:00 AM	MaMa's Grill	Men's Breakfast – Jim Taylor 724-3368
		Movie Night	Crossroads Student Ministries
	Returning from Longs Retreat Churchwide Campout		
6 M	7:00 PM	1st Church of Nazarene	Community Prayer Meeting
7 Tu	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Investors Thank You from Youth 2007 Group
8 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study Men of the Bible
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	High School	Quilting Ministry
	12:30 -1:30 pm	Wendy's Half Acre Rd	Youth Lunch Bunch
	1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	United Methodist Women
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Williamsburg Area	Youth Secret Service
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
9 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Senior Planning Meeting
		Bowling	Crossroads Student Ministries
	Leaving for Willow Creek Leadership Summit		
11 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
	Retuning from Willow Creek Leadership Summit		
12 Su	11 th Sunday after Pentecost Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	1:00 – 6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Baby Shower
		Movie Night	Crossroads Student Ministries
13 M	7:00 PM	Parlor	Christian Support Group
14 Tu	7:00 PM	Parlor	Staff Parish Relations
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Trustees
	7:00 PM	Youth Room	Youth Bible Study
15 W	SEPTEMBER Newsletter Deadline		
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study Men of the Bible
	11:30 am-1:00 pm	High School	Quilting Ministry
	12:30 -1:30 pm	Wendy's Half Acre Rd	Youth Lunch Bunch
	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Williamsburg Area	Youth Secret Service
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
16 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Memorial Committee Meeting
18 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
19 Su	12 th Sunday after Pentecost Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	8:00 AM	MaMa's Grill	Men's Breakfast – Jim Taylor 724-3368

21 Tu	4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Youth Room	Product Survey Youth Bible Study
22 W	10:00 AM 11:30 am-1:00 pm 12:30 -1:30 pm 2:00 – 4:00 pm 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall High School Wendy's Half Acre Rd Williamsburg Area Worship Center	Bible Study Men of the Bible Quilting Ministry Youth Lunch Bunch Youth Secret Service Choir Practice
23Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week 6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Youth hosting MRDD Bingo
25 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
26 Su	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see below)	
28 Tu	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Finance Meeting
29 W	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall Worship Center	Spiritual Gifts Bible Study Choir Practice
30 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		

Usual Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:00 AM Worship and Praise
10:00 AM Classes and Groups
11:00 AM Worship and Praise

The deadline for the newsletter will be the 15th of the month if you have something you would like to put in the newsletter you can fax 724-6318, e-mail wburgumc@aol.com or drop it by the office.

**CHECK OUT ON OUR WEBSITE,
www.williamsburgumc.com
FOR UPCOMING EVENTS & ETC...**

The church office would like to keep everyone informed of our men and women serving in the armed forces. The information we would like to post is the rank the service person holds and where he/she is stationed with the address. Give your information to the office, e-mail at wburgumc@aol.com fax 724-6318 or call 724-6305.

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CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Anyone interested in singing, speaking, or helping with the Christmas Cantata this year please contact Jill Oetzel at 513-532-3902. Cantata rehearsals will begin September 19th at 8:00 p.m. Look for any changes in the Cantata Schedule in the bulletin.

SING-A-LONG GANG AND HANDBELLS: Will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 16th. With sing-a-long at 5:30 p.m. and ding-a-lings at 6:00 p.m. Any previous member of either group who will be unable to participate this year, please let me know. Anyone interested in joining, please call Jill at 513-532-3902. Thanks

INSTRUMENTALIST: Anyone who would like to participate in the orchestra for Christmas, please call Jill at 513-532-3902. The music is not overly difficult, so anyone may get it early and practice or see if it will be to difficult. Thanks.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: The ladies met on Wednesday, July 11th at 9:30 a.m. Instead of the usual meeting we filled bowls with fruit and candies for our friends who are unable to be as active as they once were. Some fruit and an inspirational booklet entitled "Bountiful Blessings" made it like a "Christmas in July". We enjoyed lunch together, then went different directions to deliver 31 gifts of love.