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JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Snow emergency:

Level 1 & Level 2

We will hold activities for those who feel it is safe for them to venture out.

Level 3

ALL Sunday activities (including worship) are cancelled.

MEETINGS:

If Williamsburg Local Schools are closed, ALL weekday and evening meeting will be cancelled (unless you are notified otherwise.)

YOUTH NOTES:

Thanks to everyone who supported the youth's efforts at their Christmas program. It was a great evening. A special thanks to Michelle Lewis for directing the play. Thanks also to the many parents who helped pull everything together.

The youth quilting project has taken off full speed. Some recent recipients include Tessie Workman, Sam Maham, Jean Hancock, Mary Bare, Ruben Lewis Jr., and others. We will have a planning day on Wednesday January 2nd at the high school at 2:30 pm. We will resume stitching with the teens on Wednesday January 9th 2:30 - 4:30. If you are interested in joining us for this special project, please see Bonnie, Rita Abrams or Wanda Ferree.

Upcoming events in January –

7:00 pm Sunday, January 20th we will have a special high impact worship service. We will have worship videos, music by the praise band, movie clips, special games and more. Youth won't want to miss this BIG EVENT. We will be talking about charting our course for the year and where we will go as a ministry and as individuals in 2008.

3:15 pm Saturday, January 26th we will meet at the church to head for the Cincinnati Gardens for Winter Jam. Mercy Me, Skillet and many more Christian music groups will be performing. Cost is just \$10 at the door. Bring money for food and drinks. We will eat once we get in at the Gardens. Invite your friends and let a youth team member know that you're coming.

Nurture and Congregational Care

Prayer Team Contacts:

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Those in Residential Care Centers:

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Mary Bare

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Milford, Ohio 45150

Wanda Merkle

Batavia Nursing & Convalescent Inn,
4000 Golden Age Drive, Batavia, OH 45103

Verna Burger

Locust Ridge Nursing Home
12745 Elm Corner Rd, Williamsburg, OH 45176

Sam Maham

Villa Georgetown Nursing Home,
8065 Dr. Faul Road, Georgetown, OH 45121

Rose Marie Cavagnaro

Grandview Medical Center, 405 W Grand Ave,
Dayton, Ohio 45405, Physical Rehabilitation Unit
Room # 5126

Those in Retirement Centers:

May Marshall

Eastgate Village Apt #110
776 Old St. Rt. 74, Cincinnati OH 45245

Those who are restricted at home:

Kitty Arwine

3982 St Rt. 133, Williamsburg, OH 45176

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Rosella Toft

4289 Dela Palma Rd, Williamsburg, Oh 45176

Ruth Lytle

159 S. 2nd St., Williamsburg, OH 45176

Dick Forney

1302 Forest Glen Ave, Batavia, OH 45103

Charles Kirk

P.O. Box 467, Williamsburg, OH 45176

Those who are undergoing treatments:

Jerry Burger

4068 Tollgate Road, Batavia, Ohio 45103

Bereavements from last month:

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Shirley Adams & Family on the death of Shirley's mother, Leona Knauer. Leona died Monday, December 10, 2007.

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to Mary Howell & Helen Belle Frazee & family of Ramona Edwards. Ramona died on Sunday, December 16th, 2007.

Thank You

I want to thank our church family and friends for their support during the past 10 plus years. Marcy was a real trooper on fighting the ovarian cancer; we appreciated all the prayers, cards and phone calls. I thank God for allowing me to have Marcy as my wife and my best friend during the past 25 years. We Thank You, Al DeBoard and Family

Dear Friends, Pedro, my family and I would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, gifts and great food during my arrival home from the hospital. We love you and may God bless you. In Christ Love, Janet Harry.

MUSIC NOTES

I want to extend a big thank you to the Chancel Choir, Ruth White, and our orchestra members for their part in the success of the Christmas Cantata. We are also so blessed to have had the added talents of the hand bell choir, sing-a-long gang, and our cantata speakers. Looking ahead: The New Year brings many more exciting activities. This spring I am hoping to generate enough interest to put on a children's musical. Also, the Easter Cantata will quickly be upon us. If there is anyone interested in participating in the upcoming events, please contact Jill at 532-3902. I am looking for children ages 1st – 5th grade, and anyone who would like to play an instrument in our orchestra. Thanks again for a wonderful 2007 and Happy New Year! Jill Oetzel

Community Concerns & Missions

Human Relations Day is the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday observance. It rallies support for Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs.

Teen Challenge is a nationally recognized facility located in Milford, Ohio. It is a faith based treatment center founded in 1972. Teen Challenge Cincinnati focuses on drug and alcohol rehabilitation for young men 18 to 35 by means of a 9 to 12 month, highly disciplined and morally centered, residency program. In order to meet the unique needs in the students' lives, the focus is on their spiritual, mental and physical rehabilitation. They operate at a capacity of 34 men who undergo radical, deep character transformation. Students go through intensive studies, receive their GED if necessary, participate in occupational therapy, and receive life equipping skills along with job placement opportunities. Most of the support for Teen Challenge Cincinnati comes from private supporters.

Women's Christian Fellowship Group

The next Women's Christian Fellowship Group will meet on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Rita Abrams will present "How to Make Your Own Herbal Teas." Bring your favorite mug and plan to enjoy the company of your Christian sisters! Deb Kemerley will lead devotions. Mark your calendar, invite a friend, and plan to attend! Pat Louiso & Betsy Foreman, Group Leaders

FINDING YOUR WAY INTO THE WORD OF GOD

The Adult Ministry team will be providing an 8-week series called "Introduction to the New Testament." Adults of all ages and biblical knowledge will enjoy learning with others about the New Testament. January and February are great months for learning since most people don't schedule many extra curricular activities, so sign up for this great small group Bible Study.

Cokesbury Disciple Series

starting Sunday January 13, 2008!

We will be meeting on Sunday evenings starting at 6:00pm for approximately 2 hours. The Bible study will take place at Jim and Tracy Taylor's house located at 4143 Dela Palma Road in Williamsburg. We will need to complete registration by January 6 so that we have ample time to order student guidebooks. The cost of the student book will be \$9.00 per book and each person should have their own. Space is limited to no more than 18.

To sign up please contact Jim or Tracy Taylor at 724-3368 by January 6, 2007.

NEW DIRECTORY & ROSTER

Those Church members & friends that had your pictures taken last fall (2006), your directory is in the church office. Please cross your name off the master list when you pick up your directory. Church members & friends who already have their directory can pick up updated rosters & picture supplements for your Directory. Please cross off your name on the master list.

United Methodist Women

- Delivered 40 fruit bowls to our friends & shut-in's was an overwhelming success. Some talked & so pleased we remembered them. Many tears were shed of appreciation Lots of Hugs.
- We would like to thank all that helped with the turkey dinner. We all appreciated the extra help. Several new dishwashers were discovered could not put on our dinner with out your continued support. Also thanks to our church family who joined us for dinner.
- Upcoming events for the New Year are:
 - Rummage Sale in the spring,
 - Installation of officers, spring yard sale will be here before we know it.

Men's Breakfast

After January 1, 2008 we will be changing the Men's Breakfast to a different format of time and content. The new time will be 7:30 am on the second and fourth Sunday of the month and will still be at Mama's. We will be studying some books for discussion. The first book will be "Epic" by John Eldridge. It is a short book with a few chapters but much content. It is available in written form and is available on tape for CD. Eldridge has a web site the is <http://www.ransomedheart.com> if you want to look over the selection of books and tapes. From that point we will be looking for further books to study that relate to men's life and expectations and, more importantly, what men face in their daily lives at work and at home. Let me know if you can come.

Upcoming events and information:

JANUARY 2008

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT (additional information listed below as available)
1 Tu	NEW YEAR'S DAY		
2 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
	2:30 PM	Williamsburg High School	Quilting Planning ONLY (Just bring yourself)
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Club Scout Pack # 84 (4 grade) Meeting
3 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	3:30 PM	Room # 205	Girl Scout Junior Troop # 1802 Meeting
5 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
6 Su	Epiphany of the Lord Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	6:30 PM	Worship Center	Sing-a-long Gang
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Handbells Practice
7 M	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (2 grade) Meeting
8 Tu	2:30 PM	Youth Room	6 th Grade After School Group
	7:00 PM	Parlor	Staff Parish Relations Meeting
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (3 grade) Meeting
9 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Williamsburg United Methodist Women
	2:30 PM	Williamsburg High School	Quilting Outreach Ministry
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Club Scout Pack # 84 (4 grade) Meeting
10 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	3:30 PM	Youth Room	5 th Grade After School Group
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
12 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
13 Su	1 ST Sunday after Epiphany Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	6:30 PM	Worship Center	Sing-a-long Gang
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Handbells Practice
14 M	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Women's Christian Fellowship Group
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (2 grade) Meeting
15 Tu	FEBRUARY Newsletter Deadline		
	2:30 PM	Youth Room	6 th Grade After School Group
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (3 grade) Meeting
16 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
	2:30 PM	Williamsburg High School	Quilting Outreach Ministry
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (4 grade) Meeting
17 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	3:30 PM	Youth Room	5 th Grade After School Group
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
19 Sa		Worship Center	Rising Tides Practice
20 Su	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany Usual Sunday Morning Schedule (see back of page)		
	6:30 PM	Worship Center	Sing-a-long Gang
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Handbells Practice
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Crossroads Student Ministries Special High Impact Service
21 M	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance		
22 Tu	2:30 PM	Youth Room	6 th Grade After School Group
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (3 grade) Meeting
23 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
	2:30 PM	Williamsburg High School	Quilting Outreach Ministry
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	NO Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (4 grade) Meeting
24 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	3:30 PM	Youth Room	5 th Grade After School Group
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Memorial Committee meeting

25 Fr	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Strategic Planning Sessions
26 Sa	9:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall Worship Center	Strategic Planning Sessions Rising Tides Practice
	3:15 PM	Cincinnati Gardens	Crossroads Student Ministries going to Concert
27 Su	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Usual Sunday	Morning Schedule (see below)
	6:30 PM	Worship Center	Sing-a-long Gang
	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Handbells Practice
28 M	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (2 grade) Meeting
29 Tu	2:30 PM	Youth Room	6 th Grade After School Group
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (3 grade) Meeting
30 W	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall	Bible Study
	2:30 PM	Williamsburg High School	Quilting Outreach Ministry
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring
	7:00 PM	Worship Center	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Room # 205	Cub Scout Pack # 84 (4 grade) Meeting
31 Th	Last Day for bulletin information to be turned into the Office for this week		
	3:30 PM	Youth Room	5 th Grade After School Group
	3:30 PM	Fellowship Hall	Tutoring

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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TWO OPTIONS FOR GIVING IN 2008

New! Electronic Funds Transfer Program
Traditional Envelope Program

A New Way to Give

Our church is embracing technology and adopting a giving option that may be more convenient for many of our parishioners – the Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Program. Beginning in January, it will work in the same manner as the programs offered by local gas and electric and many insurance and mortgage companies.

You choose a donation frequency: weekly, semimonthly, or monthly. Indicate the amount of the contribution for each of the fund(s) you wish to support – General, Missions, Trustees, Youth. Then complete the remainder of the Authorization Form, mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering and we will arrange for your savings or checking account to be debited as you select.

Important Benefits of EFT

The Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program yields very significant benefits for *our church* and makes life easier for you:

- The satisfaction of giving to God first
- Less work for church volunteers in processing the collections
- A more predictable income flow for better planning
- Improved cash management with less labor
- Easier personal budgeting

Traditional Choices Remain

All registered parishioners will continue to receive envelopes, including envelopes for special collections for a variety of needs. Church collections will be taken each week as usual. EFT participants mark their envelopes “EFT” and place them in the collection plate.

If you do not currently use envelopes, please consider participating in either our envelope program or the EFT program. Our church needs your consistent support.