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HOMELESS SHELTER DINNER

On Sunday, December 5, our Jr. High and High School youth - SOULFIRE STUDENT MINISTRIES - will be preparing and serving dinner at the Homeless Shelter. They will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to begin food preparation. They will then transport and serve the meal at the shelter. Anyone interested in helping with this expression of compassion and Christian love can contact Carolee Grehan, wumcprayer@hotmail.com or 937-783-9506

Christmas Celebration Dinner

All women are invited to attend the Women's Christian Fellowship Christmas dinner. It will be held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Turkey/ham croissant sandwiches and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share with the group.

If you would like to donate a gift of money to help a child in need, you may do so during the evening. (In the past, it has been tradition for us to donate to a child or family in need as opposed to spending money to go out to eat as a group.)

Other fun activities will take place. Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this Christmas celebration of friendship at Williamsburg United Methodist Church!

Children's Ministries - Birthday Party for Jesus

Saturday, December 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

For children, nursery through 6th grade & their parents.

Upstairs in the Youth Room @ the church.

Join us in this celebration of the birth of our savior. No

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presents please, just your presence.

SoulFire Student Ministries

Sunday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

For youth in Grades 7 - 12. What's your Christmas I Q? Join in the fun of seeing how much we think we know about Christmas and Christmas traditions. Maybe we will make some new ones!

Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 19

Sunday School will be at 9:00 a.m.

Music Department's Christmas Program:

Candles & Carols: A service of hope, peace, joy and love,
arranged by Mark Hayes.

This will be a combined service at 10:15 a.m.

with a fellowship time to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Parsonage Open House, 456 S. Broadway Street

Sunday, December 19, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Duane and Deb invite you to stop by and enjoy a bit of the season with them.

Feel free to drop in at your convenience and come and go as you wish.

Christmas Candlelight Services:

Carols, Candlelight, and the Christ Child

Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m.**Friday, December 24 at 11:00 p.m.**

These services are patterned after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Join us as we usher in the celebration of Christ's birth together.

Wesley Covenant Service,

Sunday, December 26, 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.

New Year's Eve Communion,

Friday, Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 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 2, 2010, during Worship

at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

We begin the new year by celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas and Epiphany Sunday as we recall the Visit of the Wise Men and

the Mystery of the Incarnation.

The Baptism of the Lord,

Sunday, January 9, 2010, during Worship at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

We recall the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the Jordan River and we take the opportunity to renew our own baptismal vows.

CHRISTMAS CARD CENTRAL

You are invited and encouraged to bring or send **ONE** Christmas card to share with the church family and friends - and post it on the large bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

There will **not** be a table for multiple cards addressed to families or individuals.

Do take the time, each week, to check out the "Christmas Card Central" bulletin board to see and enjoy all of the greetings of the season.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our pecans have arrived! We have the pecans for baking and bags of Chocolate Covered Pecans. They sell for \$7.00 a bag. At our meeting Wednesday we packed boxes with an assortment of useful items, plus snacks and candy for our military serving in Afghanistan. They were sent to Dave Parr, Daryl Wright, and Erik Fisher. The boxes for our military serving in the states will be sent nearer to Christmas. Donations will be accepted if you wish to be included.

CHRISTMAS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

We have had several requests from families needing help for Christmas. We serve only Williamsburg students and our church family. Any class, small group or individual willing to adopt a family please contact Nancy Pontz at 724-7138 and Robin Carter at 673-1927

POINSETTIAS

Place your poinsettia order by Monday, December 13th, in memory or in honor of a loved one to be placed on the altar for the Sunday, December 19th service. Call Baskets & Treasures at 724-9700 and they will deliver your poinsettia to the church. Cost for 1 plant is \$12.00, 2-branch plant is \$20.00 and a 3-branch plant is \$30.00. Colors available are red, pink, white & novelty. If you bring in your own plant, please put your name and who it is in memory or honor of on the plant.

WESLEYAN HERITAGE TOUR

You are invited to join Educational Opportunities Tours, Bishop Bruce Ough and his wife, Char, and District Superintendent Randy Stearns and wife Melanie (district coordinators for the Ohio River Valley), for 9 exciting days of Wesley Heritage in England beginning March 24, 2011. The cost of \$2398 includes travel from Cincinnati, Dayton or Columbus as well as 7 nights in first class hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor coaches, guided sightseeing entrance fees, study guide, and a lecture program by

seminary professors.

Tour highlights include:

Asbury House, Birmingham

New Room and Charles Wesley House, Bristol City Road Chapel, London

Old Rectory and St. Andrews Church, Epworth Coventry Cathedral, Coventry

For more information contact Ohio River Valley District

Superintendent, Randy Stearns, at rstearns@wocumc.org or

Melanie Stearns, Armstrong Chapel Director of Education and

Spiritual Formation, at mstearns@armstrongchapel.org. An

informational meeting will be held at a date in the near future.

2010 LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

The Mt. Orab Church of Christ, 400 Smith Avenue, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154 invites you to attend the 2010 Living Christmas Tree. This year's dates are Dec. 10, 11 & 12, 7:30 p.m. nightly. You may order tickets through our church office at 937-444-2721. Each year we collect canned goods for our food pantry & would appreciate any donations to this community outreach. The program is free but tickets are recommended in order to assure seating.

BULLETIN BOARD FOR SERVICE FAMILIES

United Methodist Women are posting on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall pictures of current service families. If you have a picture of your military family please bring it to the Church Office.

EMMAUS WALK /CHRYSALIS FLIGHT

If you have attended an Emmaus Walk or Chrysalis Flight let us know your name and year attended. Share this information with the church office or email at office@williamsburg.com

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Any hunters have extra Venison??? The Mission would be happy to accept any meat (Commercially processed only) that you don't anticipate using. Thanks

THANK YOU

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The Quilt I received from my church family is very much appreciated. It lifted my spirits to know I have so many of you that have helped in my recovery by calls, cards, prayers and the comforting quilt. God Bless you, Bob Ring

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. Thanks so much for the floral arrangement it was very kind. You guys all meant a lot to grandma. Sincerely, Mabel Albasin Family

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I am so appreciative of the many cards I received during my illness. Cards really do lift ones spirit. Thanks to everyone for prayers, visits, phone calls and flowers. We really appreciated the delicious food that people gave us. It will be hard to go back to eating my cooking.

Carol Berry

During a time like this we realize how much our family & friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Friends at the Methodist Church - Thank you for the beautiful silk flower arrangement & prayers. Our faith, family and friends have been such a comfort. Earl Whiteman & Family

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat! From what I saw all children and (I think) all adults had a great time. Thanks to our Father for the beautiful weather and the blessing of great friends. What a great way to show our community that we have something great going on....Thanks Again!!

Thank you for all of your prayers for Beth Matraccia. On Friday, the doctor discovered that the true cause of the back pain was that a rib was dislocated. After putting the rib back where it belonged, the pain went away. She will continue to do therapy to get all of irritated muscles back to normal. Praise God! God Bless You, Carolee Grehan

BEREAVEMENT:

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Mabel Albasin** on the death of Mabel. Mabel died on *Wednesday, November 10th, 2010.*

The church extends prayers and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Geoff & Pat Rutherford on the death **Joseph Rutherford** (Pat Rutherford's Father in law). Joe died on *Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010.*

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