

## **Discipleship Growth Program From the "New Streams of Living Water"**

**Charting the Course of  
Christian Discipleship.** this a  
new study course designed  
around the Bible and the  
definition of a disciple.

1. We're On a Mission
2. What is a Disciple?
3. Looking Around  
...discipleship principles;  
Wesley's disciple-  
formation system
4. What Are We Doing?  
..assessing the current  
reality.
5. Where Do We want to  
Go?
6. How will We get There?
7. Who's Going with Us?
8. Keeping It Going!

**Wednesday Evenings 7:00  
starting Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Lenten Study**  
**Pastor Russ Smith will lead  
the study: *Radical  
Renovation: Living the  
Cross Shaped Life* by James  
Harnish.**

Just as a house can be rebuilt  
after it has fallen into disrepair  
or devastation, so God can  
enter into our brokenness and  
completely rebuild our lives, so  
that we can become the kind of  
people in whom the living  
Christ can take up residence.  
As the great cathedrals were  
built in the shape of a cross,  
the author tells us, the  
traditional Lenten disciplines  
invite us to allow the Spirit of  
God to reshape the way we  
think, act, and live into the  
likeness of Jesus on his way to  
the cross.

**Thursday Evenings at 6:30.**

## **Celebration of 175<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Continues...**

As part of our year of  
celebration we will welcome  
back our pulpit the Rev. Jack  
and Jerry Travelstead on  
Sunday, February 24. Please  
let your friends and former  
members of Wesley know of  
their visit on February 24.

### **United Methodist Men Sweetheart Breakfast**

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8am  
at Wesley Village the UMM will  
hold a Sweetheart Breakfast.  
The cost is \$8.00 per person.  
Chris Valillo will perform at the  
breakfast at 9:00 am. Please call  
the church office to make  
reservations.

### **Social Concerns**

Wondering what to do with  
your old Recycling Bin now that  
you have the new Recycling  
Bin? Why not donate it to the  
church so that we can place  
one in each classroom for our  
ongoing Church-wide recycling  
effort? We could use 25 or so  
recycling bins for the church!  
Just drop them off at the  
office.

We thank you! - from your  
Social Concerns Team

### **Mystery Tour**

Come join us for a 3 day 2  
night all inclusive trip by motor  
coach leaving Wesley Village  
around 9:30 am on April 30,  
2008. This is a mystery tour.  
Each morning you will received  
the days itinerary. All inclusive  
prices are per person; Single  
\$460.00; Double \$365.00  
Triple \$345.00 and quad  
\$320.00. Deposit by February  
10<sup>th</sup> with balance due by April

1, 2008. Contact Marla or  
Melinda at Wesley Village if  
you are interested 833-2123.

### **Jr. High Youth Group**

The Jr. High Youth Group will  
be meeting tonight from 5:00  
to 7:30 p.m. Part of the group  
will be preparing the Jr. High  
Room for painting while the  
other part of the group leads a  
"Valentine's Day Service  
Project" for parents of young  
children. We'll watch your  
young children while the  
parents go out on a date (as  
long as it's between 5:00 and  
7:30!). We'll provide dinner,  
games and activities! SO - Jr.  
Highs - dress in your work  
clothes and be here by 5:00!!!

### **Midweek Lenten Brown Bag Study - Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the Wesley Foundation**

Please join us for the Lenten  
Study, "Living the Questions"  
on Wednesdays from noon to  
12:50 at the Wesley  
Foundation. Bring a brown bag  
lunch and Dave Lafary & Steve  
Smith will provide soup and  
drinks. The study is a DVD-  
based faith exploration with  
conversation and suggestions  
for Christian practices each  
week. The sessions run  
through Wednesday, March  
26<sup>th</sup> - and we will not be  
meeting the Wednesday of  
Spring Break on March 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Please join us for one or all of  
these sessions!

### **Summer Camps and Scholarships!**

It is NOT too early to begin  
thinking about summer camp  
for your child or youth! In fact  
- if you register for camp by  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, you can take  
the 'early bird discount' of \$25.

Full payment is required at the time of registration to receive this "early bird discount. Camp brochures are available at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. Additionally, the Missions Team of our church has committed itself to paying for ½ the cost of each in-conference camp for each child (this assistance is available for only 1 summer camp per child) – for as long as our Camp Money or \$2,400 lasts! So – register early and the Missions Team will pay for ½ of the cost of the camp, PLUS you can get the \$25 early bird discount off of your half of the camp costs. Finally – if you are hesitant (even with the 'early bird discount' and the ½ of the cost paid for by the Missions Team) for money reasons – please see Rev. Steve Smith as soon as possible. We will find the money! We do NOT want money to be a reason for your child to miss this important experience in Christian development.

### **Liberia: Rebuilding Our Churches, Mission Stations, Clinics, and schools**

After 20 years of revolution in Liberia, the warfare has ceased. Almost all rebels or combatants are pacified and the once modern nation is trying to reestablish basic utilities, governmental services and economic stability. *Doe Juah United Methodist Church* is our partner church in Liberia. It is an ethnic church, speaking a language of a people who migrated from the coastal rain forest into the suburbs of the capital, Monrovia. This church was first established a few miles away in 1976. Their pastor is Rev. Robert Sieh. They have 346 members. The church members are poor but have continued to sacrifice much to build their church. They are installing a ceiling in the sanctuary. Their next project is the children's

Sunday school area and a fellowship area estimated to cost \$12,000 and then the doors, windows, painting and tile flooring estimated at \$10,000.

Pastor Smith invites you to join him in making a second mile giving toward helping the *Doe Juah UMC* in Monrovia, Liberia.

### **Kenya Tragedy**

The violence following disputed elections has left the lives of many Kenyans in shambles. Nearly 200,000 people have been displaced by the crisis—many of them fleeing to neighboring Uganda.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is working to bring supplies and shelter for the displaced. UMCOR is assisting the East Africa Conference in their efforts to provide food and shelter to Kenyans who have fled to Uganda. UMCOR is working to bring food, water and other necessities directly to where many people are seeking refuge.

You can take part in UMCOR's response by giving to UMCOR's response in Kenya. To give by check please. rite "UMCOR Advance #982450, International Disaster Response - Kenya" on the memo line of your check. You may place your offering, payable to your church, with the UMCOR Advance number.

### **Mission of the Month Wesley Christian Child Development Center**

The February Mission of the Month is the "**Wesley Christian Child Development Center**" in our own church! We are lifting this up this month for educational purposes only! You can find out more information about this mission in our February Wesley Window newsletter which is posted on the Welcome Area Bulletin Board in the Atrium. You can also find a copy of this on our webpage at <http://macombwesleyumc.com>, and you can speak with its Director, Jenny Bosworth, any time during the business week.

What is different this month (and three other months this year) in our Mission of the Month design is that our Missions Team has decided to use some grant money that it is charged to distribute each year (to worthy McDonough County non-profit organizations) to pay for our mission commitment (\$2,000) for the "**Wesley Christian Child Development Center**". Mission of the Month money that comes in this month of February will be used to help fund any of our mission of the Month commitments this year that may go underfunded. Our intent is to assure our mission partners that we will fully honor our financial commitments to them this year.

So – when you give to the "Mission of the Month" this month – you help to support the following: Our Church's Good Samaritan Fund that helps serve people who come to us in need (Jan.); the United Methodist Committee on Relief – our denomination's disaster relief efforts around the world (Mar.); summer camp scholarships for children going to United Methodist summer camps in our conference (Apr.); Golden Cross – our conference's many missions in Illinois to the hungry and poor, and vulnerable (May); our denomination's special missional emphasis efforts – Peace with Justice, Native American Awareness, Human Relations, World Communion, and United Methodist Students (Jun.); Haiti Missions and Africa University (Jul.); the Heifer Project International worldwide development program (Aug.); Blanket and Tools Sunday providing care to the world's hungry (Oct.); and our church's effort to provide meaningful two-thirds world mission experiences like the one most recently in Costa Rica (Nov.). So please give generously this month to support our church's compassionate outreach in Christ's name. Just mark your check, "Mission of the Month." Thank you.

## February 10, 2008

**Acolytes:** Cordell Bentzinger  
Georgie Hendrickson

### Ushers

8:30 am Scott & Spencer  
Conlin  
Scott Smith  
Robert Shouse  
11:00 am Bill & Carol Cupples  
Jan Armstrong  
Zan Harris

### Welcome Center

8:30 am Steve & Kay Hillgoss  
11:00 am Joan & Don Mapes

### Greeters

8:30 am Don Mutch  
Ken & Marion  
Keudell  
11:00 am Ed & Molly Baker  
Dannel & Rhonda  
Bridgewater

### Multimedia Tech

Jim Olsen

### Sound Tech

Tom Ford

## February 17, 2008

**Acolytes:** Hayley Coker  
Rachel Olsen

### Ushers

8:30 am Jerry & Alex  
Erlandson  
11:00 am Cindy Struthers  
Dana Walker  
Zan Harris  
Kyong Ae Taite

### Greeters

8:30 am Eleanor Pontifex  
Virginia Kessler  
11:00 am David & Marilyn Eck  
Karen Smith

### Welcome Center

8:30 am Frank & Sandy  
Kessler  
11:00 am Nan & Marvin Hall

### Multimedia Tech

Jim Olsen

### Sound Tech

Cecil Porter

## ~ This Week at Wesley ~

### Sunday, February 10, 2008

8:30 am Wesley Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Wesley Worship  
1:00 pm CFCM  
3:15 pm Korean UMC Worship  
5:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group  
5:00 pm Jr. High Valentines Kid-Care

### Monday, February 11, 2008

4:30pm Brownies  
5:30pm Heritage Task Force  
7:00 pm Choral Society

### Tuesday, February 12, 2008

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, February 13, 2008

4:15 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:45 pm Faith Encounter  
7:00 pm **Charting the Course**  
7:00 pm Korean Fellowship  
7:00 pm Wesley Ringers  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

### Thursday, February 14, 2008

4:30 pm Praise Band  
6:30 pm **Living the Cross**  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### Friday, February 15, 2008

6:30 am United Methodist Men –  
Cookies Diner  
1:30 pm Library Committee  
3:30 pm Korean Language School

### Saturday, February 16, 2008

1:00 pm Jr. High Ski Trip

### Sunday, February 17, 2008

8:30 am Wesley Worship  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Wesley Worship  
1:00 pm CFCM  
3:15 pm Korean UMC Worship  
4:30 pm Sr. High Ski Trip

## Personal Prayer Requests

Jeni; Rena Mae Martin; Family of  
Patty Harber Moore; Russell  
Shryack; David Runyon; For the  
Family of Bea Wehrly on the  
death of her sister Emily Schubert;  
Roger Ward

## Long Term Prayer Requests

Aimee & Jim and their children  
Nicholas, Emily & Zachary;  
Maureen and Melanie; Lisa B.;  
Melanie Dallefeld; Bill Moore;  
Bill Black; Tim Dausch; Natalie  
Marie Renken

## Prayer for those in the Military

Marc Medina; Jessica Purdy; "W"  
Hezekiah Holcroft; Anthony  
Reynolds; Josh Bell, Jon Cremer,  
Neil Fulsang; Lynard Jones, Jeff  
Lester, James P.; Lincoln, Clyde  
Meredith, Tim & Lisa Moore,  
Timothy J. Murphy, William  
"Toby" Oxtoby, Chaplain Ron  
Pettigrew, Chris Vail Raymer, Joel  
Rodely, Joe Serrie, Norvel Taite  
III, Alexander Tronvig, Clark  
Troyer, Chris & Nicole Wille,  
Michael Yeast

## Prayer for those in Nursing Homes

### Bickford Cottage

Bernie Bucher

### Country View Care Center

Susan Specht

### The Elms

Melissa Bettisworth, Ruby  
Hainline, Jackie Murphy, Viola  
Sayre, Rubye Vail, Ruth Walker

### Heartland Health Care

Catherine Eberle, Barbara  
Goodman (Canton), Alice Grove

### Wesley Village

Madge Birkey, Mildred Clark,  
Charles Conner, Lillie Pearl Helm,  
Norman Krong, Esther Main,  
Madolyn Redman, Laura Seitz,  
Dorothy Upp, Bertha VanInwegen,  
John Watson, Gerry Schulenberg