

*Blessed by the Grace of God, following Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we:
Celebrate with joy and gratitude God's abundant love,
Learn and grow as disciples of Christ,
Care for each other and our neighbors,
Serve God's people with compassion, sharing the Good News.*

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS – FEBRUARY 18/FEBRUARY 19, 2012

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: - 6:00 p.m. Dinner/6:30 p.m. Fellowship

☺ **Jr. High** – Blindfolded Plastic Tablecloth Maze

☺ **Sr. High** – Relationships

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- From Saturday, **February 18**, through Sunday, **February 26**, be sure to visit the small group ministry displays in Beran Parlor.
- Centennial Books are still available for sale for \$20. They may be purchased in the office during the week and between services in the Gathering Area. Get yours today!
- Centennial Videos – Two ladies with long-term contacts with MWPC speak out - check out the video on the church website under “Our Centennial.”
- The Centennial Committee challenge of \$100,000 for the Hunger Fund continues. Please mark your donation “Hunger Fund.”

WINGS

Psalm 91: God's Umbrella of Protection, by Peggy Joyce Ruth, will be the next Bible study for the ladies of WINGS. All women are welcome to join the study of this beautiful psalm, beginning Friday, **February 24**. The book and companion workbook, *God's Shield of Protection*, can be ordered from Amazon.com. WINGS meets every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Beran Parlor. Contact Tracy Martin if you have questions.

MISSING PIECE

February's Missing Piece is meal helpers/complete meal kits. Although many have been donated, many are also going out; please place your donations on the Pantry Shelf in the Gathering Area.

HELP THE DEACONS *THROW IN THE TOWEL!*

Care Ministry – Board of Deacons is sponsoring a *Bath Towel Drive* through the month of February. The House of Peace, a domestic violence shelter, is in desperate need of bath towels for their clients. Care Ministry - Board of Deacons needs your help to *throw* new/nearly-new towels into the Mini-Mission house.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Experience what *Financial Peace* can do for you. Many families from MWPC have attended -- now it's your turn. Class begins Tuesday, **February 21** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FIRST LUTHERAN COMMUNITY MEAL

Interested in lending a hand? On Monday, **February 27**, members of MWPC will carpool down to First Lutheran Church in Over-the-Rhine to help serve the monthly Community Meal. Last month, over 250 folks were served by members of a number of area congregations. The carpool will leave the church parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer for this meaningful hands-on mission outreach, please contact Joan Sigmund.

SPEAKING CHRISTIAN

To help prepare for this year's Alton Jenkins Lectureship with Marcus Borg, LP will lead a discussion of a book Dr. Borg refers to as "a Christian Primer." Participants do not need to agree with Dr. Borg, just be willing to engage in honest conversation about what we believe and why. Participants are invited to submit questions in advance (lp.jones@mwpc-church.org) on the chapters to be covered in each session. Those questions will be discussed first and any remaining time will be used to cover other topics of interest. Discussions will be held on five consecutive Wednesdays, **February 29 through March 28**, 7:00 -8:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Media Room. The discussion outline is as follows:

February 29:	Chapters 1-4	March 21:	Chapters 15-19
March 7:	Chapters 5-9	March 28:	Chapters 20-25
March 14:	Chapters 10-14		

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – CHURCH WOMEN UNITED – FRIDAY, MARCH 2

“Let Justice Prevail” is the theme for this year’s annual World Day of Prayer, written by the Women of Malaysia. The service will be held at Nativity Catholic Church (5936 Ridge Ave). Registration will be at 12:30 p.m. with worship at 1:00 p.m. All offerings will benefit CWU, Grant Recipients Worldwide. The carpool will leave MWPC at 12:00 p.m. Friday, **March 2**. RSVP to Jackie Tansey, by Wednesday, **February 29**. Please join this wonderful opportunity to send heartfelt prayers for Malaysia to our God and Creator.

SAVE YOUR SPOT

There are a few spots left for the Women's Retreat, Saturday and Sunday, **March 17-18**, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Milford. Give yourself the treat of a little time away! Find more information and registration online (mwpc-church.org).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 22

10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer with Worship
6:30 p.m.	Focus on Children
7:30 p.m.	Worship