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Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

WARM Weekend of Engagement

Come together Westerville. Celebrate your community creatively.

Choose from these special events!

The 2010 Westerville Community

*Prayer
Breakfast*

Thursday, May 6

7:00-8:30 AM

Westerville Community Center
350 North Cleveland Avenue

**PRAYER
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**

"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.

He cares for those who trust in Him" Nahum 1:7

"Prayer for Such a Time as This" comes to Westerville. Join community leaders, neighbors, friends and co-workers at this annual fellowship and national observance. Keynote speaker is **NBC 4 Anchor Cabot Rea**. A perennial favorite as emcee at our prayer event, this year Cabot will share his personal prayer experience. Breakfast partnerships are still available. Sponsoring a table for your organization not only provides a breakfast for you – but these one-day charitable contributions bring over 234,000 meals to more than 4, 208 local families in need. You could be the answer to many prayers this year.

For more information contact Cheryl at 899-0196 or email:
Cheryl@warmwesterville.org or Diana@warmwesterville.org



Saturday, May 8 (New to WARM this year!)

8:30 AM Columbus Zoo

More family fun than a barrel of monkeys! This year's event at the **Columbus Zoo** brings the community together in a 1-Mile or 5K Walk/Run to benefit your favorite local charities. Participating is easy. **First, register online at www.walk4faith.org**. Second, choose WARM as your charity. And third, ask friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you with their dollars and cents. Church groups, scouts, seniors, teens, weekend athletes and even young families are encouraged to participate. Free with your participation is a live Christian Concert and admission to the Columbus Zoo. *Need more information? Email Cheryl at Cheryl@warmwesterville.org*



Annual

POST OFFICE

FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 8

One day only! No postage required! Simply bag up your WARM canned food donations and leave them out next to your mailbox. Your faithful USPS carrier will provide special delivery of non-perishables directly to the WARM pantry. Pound for pound, it's the best express delivery deal in Westerville. The food you send provides hundreds of meals for thousands of people living right here in your zip code. You can also use our 24 hour food donation station located at the back of our building.

TOSRV Cycling Benefit

(New to WARM this year!)

Tour of the Scioto River Valley

Sat./Sun. May 8, 9



The 49th Annual TOSRV

Bicycling enthusiasts, get in gear. Why not involve your friends and family in community giving while doing what you truly love? Ask them to sponsor your bike tour with donations to benefit WARM. Whether you coast through all 200 miles on your bike or spend part of the weekend on the "sag" wagon, you can be proud of your fundraising accomplishments. *For sponsorship forms, email Cheryl@warmwesterville.org* To learn more about the TOSRV route and its history, visit www.tosrv.org



Mothers Day Gifting

Ole Barn Flowers

Sunday, May 9

12 Bouquets for \$20

You'll be her best kid ever. Why? Not because you gave her flowers this Mother's Day. But because you gave her a gift card that lets her enjoy a bouquet every month until next Mother's Day! As an extra bonus, proceeds of your gift card purchase support WARM and Mom will get a card from WARM thanking her for her support! Visit **Ole Barn Flowers** in Westerville to purchase a flower card. Then, for twelve months, your Mom will be able to stop in and collect a gift bouquet. Supplies are limited and some rules apply. *Contact Ole Barn Flowers at 882-0606 or Cheryl@warmwesterville.org*

The Heart of our Mission



Begun as Paul's Pantry in 1972, WARM nurtures partnerships with dozens of member churches throughout the area.

This month, we give special thanks to the members of our partner **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 233 South State Street recently celebrated a major turning point. On April 10th, **Bishop Breidenthal** presided over a special service called 'A Celebration of New Ministry'. On that day, the **Reverend Jennifer West** was installed as the 6th Rector of the church. St. Matthew's parishioners welcomed not only a new Rector, but also many new ministries that have recently emerged or re-emerged in their church. Guest clergy from the local Diocese were in attendance as were members of other Episcopal churches – including the **Rev. Jason Leo, Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church** in Clifton, Ohio and the choir of **St. Phillip's Episcopal Church** in Columbus. They all came to participate in a prayerful ceremony rich in tradition and symbolism. New Rector Jennifer K. West loves to preach and to make the gospel real to daily lives. Rev. West was called to St. Matthew's in February, 2009 from Rhode Island to fully use her pastoral counseling abilities as well as her entrepreneurial inclinations. Extending hospitality is a vital part of her ministry. She strives to lead by collaboration and she encourages all to think about their faith and to ask questions.

St. Matthew's has been a part of Westerville since 1961 when 60 individuals began meeting regularly for prayer and service at the Westerville Armory. Today, members gather weekly at a beautiful church structure located just across State Street, in the shadow of the building that harbored their early beginnings. The **Reverend Fred Shirley, Deacon**, credits the willingness of the members of the congregation to "get their hands dirty" along with amazing generosity as key to the success of the ministries.

The St. Matthew's membership supports several missions including: **HIS Place Soup Kitchen** in Downtown Columbus; **Partners in Ministry in Liberia** and **WARM**. The church's WARM community outreach includes a monthly food and financial collection. The Sunday offering is presented before the Altar in a "Red Wagon" for blessing and then delivery to the WARM pantry. Members insure the outreach is more than food and money, they and the church clergy devote volunteer time to WARM as well.

Does your church have a wagon full of love to share with neighbors in need? Contact Denise@warmwesterville.org for help in getting a food drive off the ground. Or email Karan@warmwesterville.org if you have some volunteer energy to share. Every loving act will benefit your community.



Giving Your Opinion

The WARM website has been undergoing a renovation. We would love to have your comments regarding ease of use. Go to www.warmwesterville.org and take a test drive.

Email Cheryl@warmwesterville.org with your comments and suggestions.



Giving Creatively – What a blessing!

Some local donors are blessed with outstanding imaginations when it comes to devising clever new ways to sponsor WARM food drives. We want to share some recent efforts.

Maybe one of these will give you a great new idea:

Otterbein honors students Kneading Minds program –

Seniors **Aristi Ennis** and **Ashley Butler** and advisor **Cindy Laurie-Rose** cooked up this idea. After receiving a grant from the **National Collegiate Honors Council** the group wrestled with ideas for a new program to advance their mission of "living, learning and serving". They settled on the idea of baking bread because, "it smells like home". Grant money was used to purchase basic bread making supplies and then the students gathered in a dorm kitchen to knead and bake their bread. A market for the delicious product quickly developed among fellow students, faculty and staff. With two days spent baking for profit last quarter, the students were able to raise more than \$500 for WARM.



Animal Clinic of Westerville, Sunbury Road–

Owners **John** and **Elaine Nowery** are perhaps best known for their love and care of animals, but staff and clients know they have a soft-spot for people, too. The clinic has partnered with WARM as fundraiser, donor and distribution point for WARM newsletters and brochures. After recently visiting WARM offices, the couple plans to involve their staff in more giving opportunities. As valuable as their monetary and in-kind support is, the Nowery's commitment to further the WARM mission through ongoing communication with clients and staff is even more powerful and sustaining.

WARM Memorial Donations

Was your Mom a nurturing sort who took care of those around her? Honor her cherished memory this Mother's Day with a special WARM donation in her name. With your help, your mother's caring spirit will live on - giving healthy meals, kind words and a glimmer of hope to so many who are lacking this kind of love. WARM Memorial Donations can be given as heartfelt acknowledgements at Memorial Day, too. No gesture is too small.

Contact Diana@warmwesterville.org



WARM by the Numbers

January through March, 2010:

993 Families visited the pantry

1973 Individuals served

35,514 Meals provided

13% Increase over same period last year

2,060 Volunteer hours of community service

Thanks for continuing to support our community for such a time as this.