



Westwood United Methodist Church  
<http://www.westwood-umc.org/>

538 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49006 269.344.7165  
Email: [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org)

## February 8 Meeting to Address Financial Future

Westwood UMC is a growing church – average attendance and membership have increased, estimates of giving (pledges) have increased, and the spirit of the congregation reflects the joy of transformed lives. We are a place of grace in a world that often doesn't want to give us a break. We live in tough economic times, and the church is not immune to this. We ended 2009 with a \$12,000 deficit and our 2010 budget (which is slightly less than 2009) projects an additional \$35,000 deficit. Just as every family has to make do with less income, so does the church. We must act soon – cutting expenses as well as asking for additional giving. Our actions must continue to build our effective ministries while balancing our budgets. On February 8 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather to discuss our situation in more detail and look at the options facing us. Our church is engaged in effective ministry and growing, yet we face some very tough decisions. May we all commit the weeks ahead to prayerful discernment of the best course of action.

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and there will be child care available.

---

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

King-Westwood Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Fundraiser for Sherman Lake YMCA Trip

When: Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

Where: WUMC!

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3 Children 10 and under

## Guard Your Valuables

Please remember when at the church that this is a public building and not quite as secure as your home. We have recently had yet another theft of property from visitors at the church.

During a recent "Walk to Emmaus" team meeting two women's purses were stolen by an "uninvited guest". This occurred during a lunch break when the valuables were left unattended in a meeting room. This kind of thing happens now and then, and it always leaves the victims with an uncomfortable feeling of violation.

So think of the church building just as you would any other public building. Good advice would be to keep all of your valuables with you at all times, or maybe even leave them securely locked in the trunk of your car.

This message brought to you from your Lay Leadership team.

---

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Westwood's middle high youth group will participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring, joining thousands of young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7. The youth will be at the sanctuary doors with soup pots following worship on to receive your donations which will go to feed the homeless at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. In addition, non-perishable food items will be collected for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes and may be placed at the display in the Narthex.

Thank you for sharing God's love with those in need in our community.



# News from Worship & Fine Arts



For the heights and depths. That have no reach, God gave us music, the soul's own speech  
Musical Offerings In Worship

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Service 8:30</b>	<b>Second Service 10:55</b>
Feb 7	WHBE	WHBE, Jousting Dinosaurs, Praise Team
Feb 13 Saturday	Sweet Things and Sweet Songs for Sweethearts 6:00 – 8PM	
Feb 14	Chancel Choir, Q	Choir, WW Ringers Q, Praise Team,
Feb 17, Wednesday	Ash Wednesday communion service – 7pm.	
Feb 21	Westwood Singers, Jr Chimes, Praise Team	

## Liturgical Dance Class For All Ages

The class is begun and time got away from us last Tuesday evening. I think this is just too much fun!! Thanks to those who have joined the class. If anyone else is wondering about coming, it would be alright to start with us on a new song on February 9 – Tuesday at 7pm.

## Westwood Handbell Ensemble 13 Ringers Strong!

What fun it is to have a full slate of ringers this season! We are blessed with three good – no great men – who ring the “real bells” - which in normal language means bass bells that weigh the same as a small child! The extra bass bells are being borrowed from the Capital City Ringers from Lansing. Dave and Jane are still there every Monday night for rehearsal and Dave is ringing this year with that group as well. The ensemble is sounding great, and as their director, I just want to say how wonderful it is to see the progress that this group has made over the years! Don't forget, we have two other ringing groups as well – and I will talk about them next week!

## Sweet Things And Sweet Songs For Sweethearts

The Third Annual talent show and dessert night and Fine Arts Fundraiser will happen Saturday, February 13 at 6:00 pm down in Simpson hall. It is wonderful to see all the talent offerings that happen on that night. If you would like to sing, play an instrument, do a magic trick, recite or read a poem, sing in your music group, ring in your bell group, or tell a joke or short story – let Jane know about your intentions. She holds the privilege of previewing entries beforehand, and is also willing to help you to further develop your talent by working with you on your “act.” This happens as close to Valentine's Day as possible, so remember, our theme is about loving each other, or God, or being friends, etc. That being said, every entry is not required to stick to that theme exclusively. All talent entries must be submitted by Thursday, February 11. You can fill out the form below and submit to the office.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry title \_\_\_\_\_

Others participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the type of entry you will be doing: (singing, ringing, poem, story, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 Year-in-Review at Mujila Falls Agriculture Center, Zambia, Part 3**  
**Rev. Paul Webster, Director**  
Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

We were able to purchase a high grade Holstein bull, a Dorper ram sheep, and a purebred Saanen buck (goat). These animals will help us to improve our livestock. We have given out several Saanen bucks to village groups who were trained at our site to milk goats. We are in the process of selling a pair of trained oxen to two of my workers so they can plow and care for their own expanded fields.

We participated in the second annual District Agriculture Show winning several first and second place prizes. We brought down many of our animals and examples of our field, fruit and vegetable crops. We, again, brought down our cart and pair of donkeys to give rides to the children. This year we brought down a milking goat and demonstrated milking and gave out free samples of milk.

We held our annual Harvest Seminar where we showed our crops and demonstrated some of our technologies to about 300 people. We also participated in the Chief's Rain Festival and showed some of our produce and activities at UMC Annual Conference.

We dedicated the Church at Kanyama and completed the church building at Mujila. We sponsored Executive Committee for 3 days as well as District Conference for 3 days.

God has been with us each step of the way in 2009 and we pray that He will continue to bless the Mujila Falls Agriculture Project in the coming year.

We know it has not been easy economically in the U.S. the past several months so we are especially thankful that congregations and individuals have continued to give faithfully. We strive to ensure that your gifts will bear much fruit among the African people.

**Parish Nurse News**  
Submitted by Kathy Hillman

Thank you to all who have completed and returned a health survey, distributed on Sunday 24th. There are more forms available in the Narthex/Lounge area, with a return box available, if you should need one. I am in process of reviewing the results received so that I can prepare to offer the requested information as I/we begin to develop the Parish Nurse program here at WUMC. Happy Heart Month! February hosts both Valentine's Day and is recognized as American Heart Association Month. There are several monthly National Health Observances recognized throughout the year and I will be sharing some of them with you.

Feb 5th-National Wear Red Day-"The Heart Truth-A national awareness campaign for women about heart disease

Feb 14-20-National Cardiac Rehab Week  
As you celebrate this month-consider taking your loved one /friend out for a "heart healthy"dinner/ lunch Websites for additional information:  
[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org),[www.hearttruth.gov](http://www.hearttruth.gov),[www.womenheart.org](http://www.womenheart.org)

Additional February Health Observances: Feb 15-21 Random Acts of Kindness Week-  
[www.actsofkindness.org](http://www.actsofkindness.org) try to do at least one act per day for someone.

National Children's Dental Health Month-  
[www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) children as young as 1-2 should have their first visit to a dentist.

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life"-Pr.4:23

# Getting to Know You

Barbara Hunt  
 Birthday October 28  
 Graduated from Richland HS 1960  
 Western Michigan University BA in Business Education 1964, Master's 1966  
 Married in 1965 to Jack Hunt, now deceased (1984)  
 Children: Steve (1971) lives in California  
 Susan (1975) and husband Dan live in the Detroit Area



After growing up in Richland where she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Barb came to Kalamazoo to study Business Education. She liked what she found here, and stayed. One of the things she found here was fellow WMU student Jack Hunt. At the time he was a police officer, attending WMU part-time. He went on to own and operate his own insurance agencies in the area.

Barb began her working career teaching business courses at Watervliet, Otsego and Portage Schools at various times. Taking time off to raise her family, Barb returned to work in 1984, getting her license and managing the agency for five years before determining she really wanted to get back into education. She worked as an Administrative Secretary for the Math and Science Center (KAMSC) and taught part time for the Community Education program in the Kalamazoo Schools.

Not completely ready to leave education when she retired, she has continued to work part time for the Community Education program. Barb is currently the friendly face that greets students taking community ed classes at Milwood Magnet School.

Barbara and Jack joined Westwood UMC in 1969 after buying a home in the west-side neighborhood. She has previously served on the administrative board, finance committee, the former Methodist Women Society and the hospitality committee. Currently she enjoys Early Eves, the New Adventurers and sings in the Chancel Choir.

Spare time finds Barb enjoying her computer or relaxing with a little TV. She has no favorite shows, but likes programs such as "Castle," "Brothers and Sisters" and "American Idol." She enjoys most music with the exception of Hard Rock and Heavy Metal. She hopes to do more traveling during her retirement.

Pasta ranks right up there among her favorite foods, and dining out preferences include Red Lobster and Olive Garden.

**UMCOR's Haiti Earthquake Response Update as of January 26  
Haiti Assessment Begins**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

UMCOR executives Melissa Crutchfield and Sharad Aggarwal crossed the border from Dominican Republic into Haiti late last week to begin an official assessment of damages in Port-au-Prince, including unreached and underserved communities in outlying areas.

UMCOR is working with the Methodist Church in Haiti to provide immediate relief and conduct ongoing relief and recovery operations that include food distribution, access to clean drinking water, medical assistance, and the rebuilding of homes and schools.

"We lost quite a few churches and schools that are important to the Methodist Church," Rev. Gesner Paul, president of the Methodist Church of Haiti, told United Methodist News Service.

The Methodist Church also is continuing its search for missing church members who still may be trapped under the rubble. The quake killed as many as 200,000 people and left some 1.5 million homeless, according to news reports.

**Clean Drinking Water**

After two strong aftershocks struck Haiti last week, thousands of people sought refuge on the grounds of Adventist University. UMCOR's partner, GlobalMedic, trained Haitian volunteer teams to operate a large-scale water purification unit, which now is providing clean water to more than 26,000 people at the university.

An additional four water purification units have been installed at Adventist Hospital and are supplying clean drinking water to 2,000 people per day, including patients, patients' families, and hospital staff.

"Safe, clean water is central to all we do. It is one way to make sure people do not get sick," said Sharad Aggarwal, UMCOR executive.

A shipment of 4.75 million Aquatab water purification tablets, 95,040 PUR sachets and

66,000 oral rehydration sachets arrived from Dominican Republic to provide immediate relief to those living in shelters or isolated villages, where many have been displaced and are sleeping on the ground.

**Healing the Injured**

A doctor from GlobalMedic, an UMCOR partner, is performing general surgery at Adventist Hospital with assistance from two medical staff. More than 500 patients arrived at the 71-bed hospital seeking medical attention. Most were suffering from fractures and infections. According to GlobalMedic staff, there are not enough doctors and medics to keep up with the need, and medical supplies are running out fast.

Volunteers at Adventist Hospital helped to make the hospital grounds sanitary. The volunteers removed garbage and properly disposed of exposed needles. They also assisted doctors and medics in organizing hospital patients into priority-care categories, so that patients with severe injuries would receive treatment right away.

UMCOR: Generous Haiti Support  
UMCOR is extremely grateful for the overwhelming support from donors everywhere. Gifts through Westwood to UMCOR through February will be forwarded to the Haiti Emergency. 100% of your gift goes to help the Haitian people.

---

**Valentines Day Dinner**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Treat your special valentine to a pork tenderloin dinner on Sunday, February 14, at 12:15 p.m. in Simpson Hall. Word puzzles and prizes plus other special treats and surprises will make this a fun time all while supporting our sister church in Voronezh, Russia with your donation to the Russia Initiative. No reservation is needed. So bring your date or a special valentine and celebrate the love we have for one another and our Russian church family.

### Small Groups, Big Fun!

Submitted by Bob Stroebe

When you get a small group of Westwood folks together, whether it's for a bible study, folding the Messenger, singing, ringing or eating, we just know how to have fun with it. When you get some of these small groups to come together and form one big group, we have a blast!

The first Westwood chili and soup cook off was on January 10<sup>th</sup> in Simpson Hall. Many small groups came to join in the friendly table decorating contest and to see who could make the best chili and soup. Everyone was a winner that evening! We had a great time sampling the soups and chili while visiting with old friends and getting to know a few new ones.

If you would like to inquire about joining an existing group or being a part of a new one, please let us know. We hope to start some new "Dinner with Friends" groups this month, so if you're interested in this kind of social gathering, now would be the time to check into it.

If you would like to be a part of any of the other groups and classes here a Westwood, don't be shy. Just give the office a call or contact Jane Wright, Pastor Wayne or myself. We'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

By the way, the next "all church" big fun gathering will be a 7pm on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>. It's the "Sweethearts and Sweet Things" dessert and talent show. Bring a dessert to pass and enjoy the fun. No reservations are necessary, but you do need to let Jane know ahead of time if you want to perform. Hope to see you there!



**Food, Water, Housing Top Priorities for Haitians**

**UMNS Report by Kathy Gilbert, January 27, 2010**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

**Food. Potable water. Shelter.**

Those are the top needs a group of 29 church and community leaders told three executives from the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Asked which is the most important, the group said all three.

The Jan. 12 earthquake left Mellier, about 80 kilometers from Port-au-Prince, without safe houses, churches, schools, businesses and basic needs. Because most of the attention of the humanitarian aid has focused on the capital city, not much help has reached more than 3,000 in this town and another 7,000 in the surrounding area. Community leaders met with UMCOR in the shade of an almond tree on wooden benches and pews salvaged from their destroyed Methodist church and school. Children played while adults and youth talked about the desperate state they are in since the earthquake.

Melissa Crutchfield and Sharad Aggarwal, executives with UMCOR, and the Rev. Edgar Avitia Legarda, executive with the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, listened in an effort to assess needs and develop a plan to provide relief. "The community participates from the very beginning," Aggarwal said. "In Mellier they have told us what their priorities are so we are not imposing what we think they need on them. That is what we do in all our programming for UMCOR. The community helps us determine what their needs are."

**No Jobs or Food**

Before the earthquake, 80 percent of the population was unemployed. Now it is 100 percent. There are also many more orphans and elderly people living alone, said Pierre Naccsae, a lay leader in the Methodist Church of Haiti. Naccsae said about 10 people died in the disaster,

but many more were injured. There is no medicine, doctor or clinic in the town.

There are no markets or vendors selling food. One young man said before the earthquake most people ate three meals a day, but since then they are lucky to eat once a day. "Today my bag is empty," he said. Everyone is sharing their food supply, but it is getting low.

Clifford Honore, 24, is an active member of the church. He is also a young man with no idea what the future holds for him.

"I have finished with secondary school and it is not possible for me to go to a university," said Honore. "I would like to become a mechanic or some technician, but there is no money. Everyday I just sit. This is a very difficult time." Honore said he felt hopeful before the disaster, but now it is hard.

**Working Together**

The United Methodist team has been in Haiti since Jan. 21. They have met with church leaders, visited several areas in and around Port-au-Prince and have met with other international humanitarian organizations helping in Haiti.

"Because of the particular circumstances of Haiti, sometimes relief kits and relief packages have some suggested items in addition to some of the minimum standards," Crutchfield said. "We got some good technical information and we got connected to lots of good partners."

Crutchfield said the team will meet with organizations throughout their time in Haiti this week and once a permanent office has been established, the meetings will continue.

"We realize the needs are great, and we have already done a few activities with our partners such as a water purification project with Global Medic. We are planning to set up a distribution of some relief supplies in Mellier before we leave Jan. 30." While UMCOR will work with the Methodist Church of Haiti, relief will go to the entire community, she added.

"If I could speak for all of Haiti, I would ask someone to help us build houses and offices," Honore said. "Help us so we will be ready before the next earthquake comes."

**Electronic Transfer of Funds Now Available**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

For your convenience, Westwood UMC is now offering electronic transfer of funds for your regular gifts to the church. Currently, if you want to make the transfer on a weekly basis, it will come out of your account on Wednesdays; if monthly, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month or the first business day following the 16<sup>th</sup>. We can tailor the transfer to your wishes if you need different accommodations, which you should note on the form. Please fill out the form in this Messenger and return it to the financial secretary's mailbox outside the church office if you would like to take advantage of this direct deposit opportunity. If you have questions, talk with Jean Whitcomb, financial secretary, or Dennis VandenBrink, assistant treasurer.

**Authorization Agreement For Direct Payments  
(ACH Debits)**

Company Name: Westwood United Methodist Church

I (we) hereby authorize Westwood United Methodist Church to initiate debit entries to our (our) Checking Account / Savings Account (circle one)

Indicated below at the depository financial institution (bank or credit union) named below and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Please provide us with your bank/credit union information as requested below

OR

Submit a Voided Check from the account you want debited

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Westwood UMC has received written notification from me, or either of us (if joint account), of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford Westwood UMC and Fifth Third Bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

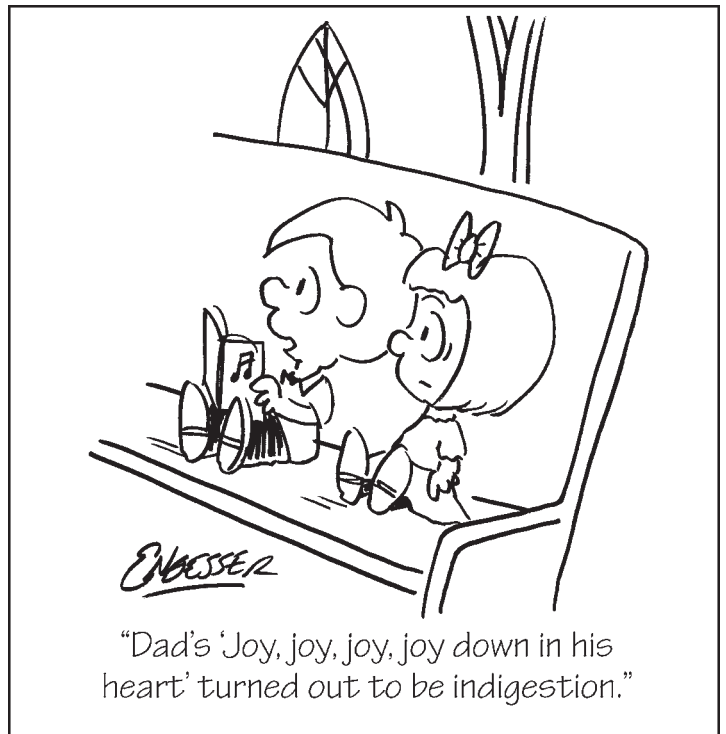
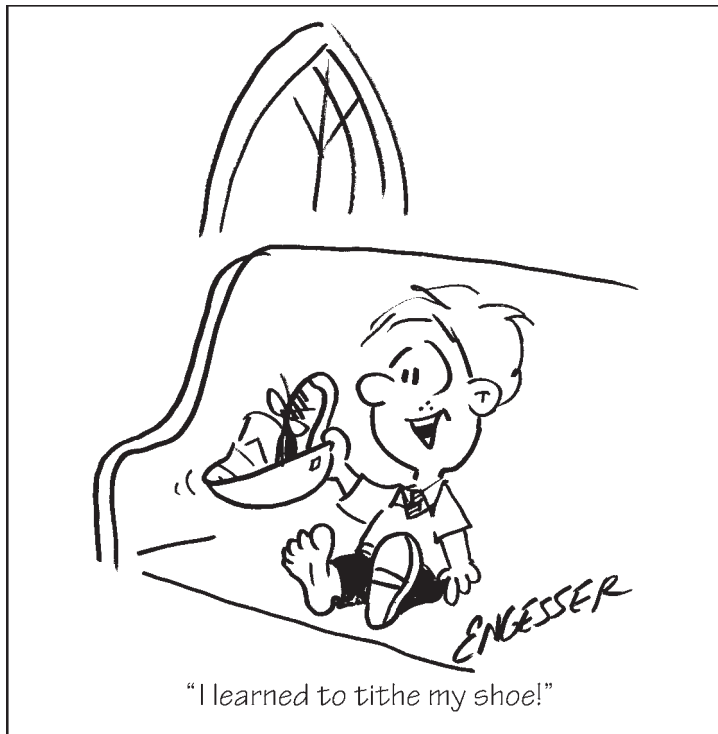
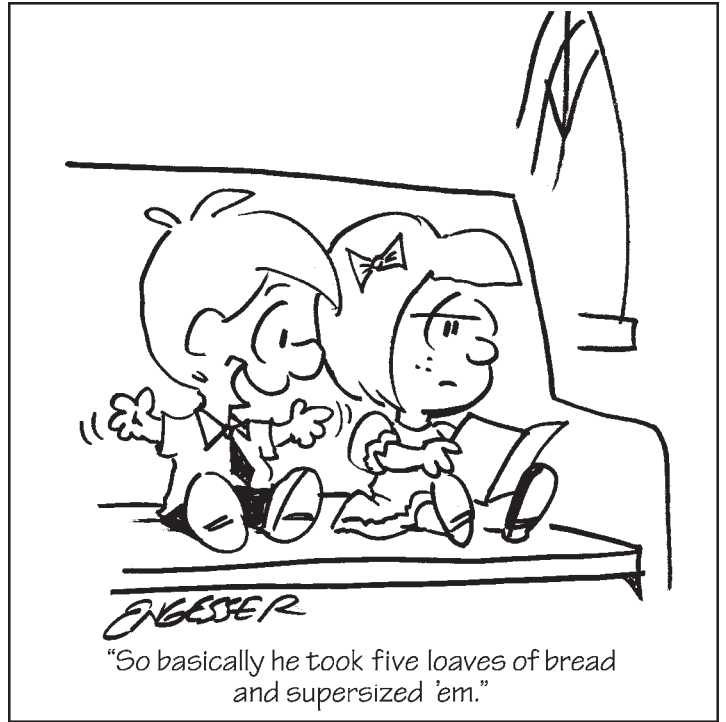
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly / Monthly (on the 16<sup>th</sup>)  
(Circle one) (Circle One)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Debit Authorizations Must Provide That The Receiver May Remove The Authorization Only By Notifying The Originator In The Manner Specified In The Authorization.

# Holy Humor



# Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

*Prayers for comfort, healing and strength*

## Homebound

Violet Essany, 1117 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

## Comfort, Healing and Strength

- Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004
- Gary Babbitt, 47040 24th St., Mattawan, MI 49071 *(Gary will have surgery on Tuesday, Feb.2.)*
- Don Bertch, Rose Arbor Hospice Residence, #9, 5473 Croydon Avenue, Kalamazoo, 49009
- Susan Clapp, 1974 Dunlin Court NE, Grand Rapids, 49505
- Gary Cumming, 4867 Sweet Cherry Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004
- Judy DeHaan, 612 Jenks Blvd., Kalamazoo, 49006
- Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, 49006
- Kevin Fretz, 6080 Rudgate, Kalamazoo, 49009 *(Broke his back in a sledding accident.)*
- Shirley Greene
- Those who have lost loved ones in Haiti
- Vicki Hale
- Mabel Hillis, 3014 Winter Wheat, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004
- Jack Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006
- Maxine McGehee, 6934 N. 14th St., Kalamazoo, 49004
- Kay Oppliger, P.O. Box 297, Oshtemo, 49077 *(Kay had surgery this week.)*
- Jim Parker, 5939 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, 49004
- Mary Penn, 550 Chadd's Ford Way, Oshtemo, 49009
- Jean Marie Peters *(Pastor Wayne's sister)*
- Betty Pick, Bickford Cottage, Merry Bee, 4704 W. Milham Ave., Portage, 49024
- John Reid, 1205 Bunkerhill, Kalamazoo, 49009
- Linda Ridderbos, 1316 Jupiter, Plainwell, 49080 *(Linda had surgery this week.)*
- Mike Roush, 522 Cherokee #212, Kalamazoo, 49006
- Patricia Smith
- Emily Strong, 3504 Iroquois Trail, Kalamazoo, 49006
- Betty Thompson, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Apt. 189, Kalamzoo, 49006
- Nancy Wallus, The Springs, 1451 Bronson Way, #111, Kalamazoo, 49009
- Jean Weinberg, 1517 Skylark, Kalamazoo, 49009

## Our Community Partner

King Westwood Elementary School Staff

## Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

- Toby Brown
- Neil Farver
- Carl Williams

## Year of the Neighbor

Pray for our Westwood Neighborhood



## Upcoming Church Events

### SUNDAY, February 7

Communion Sunday  
 8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:55 a.m. Worship  
 4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups Super Bowl Party

### MONDAY, February 8

7:00 p.m. Courters (Epworth)  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts of America (Simpson)  
 7:00 p.m. All Church Meeting

### TUESDAY, February 9

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Alpha (Simpson, Theatre)  
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Prayer Room)

### WEDNESDAY, February 10

10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Wesley)  
 6:00 p.m. Disciple II (Lounge)  
 6:00 p.m. Westwood Singers (#12)  
 6:00 p.m. High School Choir (#10)  
 6:15 p.m. 4th Day Women (Epworth)  
 6:15 p.m. The "Q"  
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Simpson)  
 6:45 p.m. WHBE (#13)  
 8:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 11

12:00 p.m. 4th Day Men  
 4:30 p.m. ISAAC Meeting (Lounge)  
 6:00 p.m. Glory Connection II  
 6:30 p.m. Nursery Training  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (#12)

### FRIDAY, February 12

No events scheduled.

### SATURDAY, February 13

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mark Reid (Wesley)  
 6:00 p.m. Sweet Things and Sweet Songs for Sweethearts (Simpson)

### SUNDAY, February 14

Valentine's Day  
 8:30 a.m. Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:55 a.m. Worship  
 12:15 p.m. Missions Dinner (Russia)  
 4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups



#### **Worship Celebrations**

Worship Celebrations are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Nursery care is provided during both celebrations.

#### **Prayer Chain**

We have an active prayer chain to lift up individuals in prayer whenever there is special need. To make your request known, please call Rose Marie Kohl at 343-8101, or the Church Office at 344-7165. To sign up for the email prayer chain list, please email [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org).

#### **Stephen Ministers Are There to Care**

Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, talk with Phil Bowman.

#### **Messenger Deadlines**

The Westwood Messenger is published weekly (bi-weekly from June through September). Deadlines are the Thursday prior to publication.



**Westwood  
United Methodist  
Church**

538 Nichols Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006-2946  
(269) 344-7165

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Permit No. 811

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Westwood Messenger* articles relate to the activities of Westwood United Methodist Church. Any member or constituent may submit articles for publication. Place articles, with your name and phone, in the *Messenger* mailbox outside the church office or send an e-mail to [betharbogast@charter.net](mailto:betharbogast@charter.net) by Wednesday of the week before it should appear. Your name may be used in the article. The *Messenger* is mailed Tuesday. Subscribers do not receive it before Wednesday. Articles must be submitted two weeks before events. All articles are edited to correct errors and conform with postal regulations. Due to space constraints, some articles are abbreviated or postponed at the discretion of the editor. If you have any questions or comments, address them to the editor: Beth Arbogast at 343-3937.

**Subscribing to the *Messenger***

The *Westwood Messenger* is a newsletter published weekly by the members and friends of Westwood United Methodist Church. There is no subscription fee. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe, call the church office at 344-7165.

Westwood UMC supports **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

**Westwood United Methodist Church Staff and Volunteers**

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*

- Pastor, The Reverend Dr. Wayne A. Price ..... 762-4787  
E-mail: [pastorwayne@westwood-umc.org](mailto:pastorwayne@westwood-umc.org)
- Director of Worship and Fine Art Ministry, Jane Wright ..... 544-2390  
E-mail: [jwright-wumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwright-wumc@sbcglobal.net)
- Church/Staff Admin. Assistant, Lois Moeller  
E-mail: [lmoeller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lmoeller@sbcglobal.net)
- Organist, Kay Ensfield
- Custodial Staff: Will Alderman, Stephanie Knewtson, David Knewtson, Peter Breithaupt, Dan Malseed, Bill Urfer
- Nursery Staff: Bridgette Clock
- Lay Leader, Bob Strobel ..... 342-8816
- Lay Minister of Spiritual Formation, Ken Smith ..... 270-3093
- Lay Minister of Worship, Matthew Knewtson ..... 349-5603
- Staff-Parish Chairperson, Irv Cumming
- Wesley Foundation Director, Lisa Batten ..... 344-4076  
Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College (Office)
- Westwood Messenger* Editor, Beth Arbogast ..... 343-3937  
E-mail: [betharbogast@charter.net](mailto:betharbogast@charter.net)

**For general information or if you are unsure where to direct your question, please email [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org) and your inquiry will be forwarded appropriately.**

**Note to Subscribers:** If you will be out of town and chose not receive your 3rd class mail, please contact the church at 344-7165 to have your *Messenger* temporarily stopped. If it is not stopped, the church pays for the original postage, plus a fee when it is returned. Please help us save costs and contact us as soon as possible.