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From the Heart of the Pastor

What is God's vision for your life and the lives of people around you? As we talked about Sunday God's vision for Nehemiah was to build a protective wall around Jerusalem. The wall was torn down many years earlier when the Babylonians invaded and forced the Israelites to leave their homes and relocate into strange and foreign lands. Eventually, when the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem they did not have the protection of the walls. They were vulnerable to any attacks from wild animals, vandals, bandits, and murderers. I think many of the Jews wondered why God allowed all of it to happen.

While Kalamazoo does not have a protective wall with gates, God does provide protection for us by His sacrifice, grace, mercy, and commandments. John Eldridge, writer of *Waking the Dead*, believes the most important battle is the battle for our hearts. Therefore, we must protect our hearts from the attacks of evil and discouragement. Only Jesus can truly provide protection from brokenness, hate, and fear.

Immaculee Ilibagiza was a Tutsi who survived the genocide of Rwanda hiding out in a parsonage bathroom for 91 days. The Hutus slaughtered nearly all of her family, and she became filled with hate. She pictured Jesus on the cross and asked Him, "Why did you not say or do anything to stop them from killing you?" She sensed Jesus saying, "Then they would not have known my command to love one another as I loved you." Immaculee also sensed God weeping for the suffering of the Tutsis as well as the Hutus who were inflicting the suffering. She realized He wept for all His children. Jesus eventually transformed her heart from hatred and revenge to forgiveness and grace. Immaculee accepted Jesus' love, which provided a wall protecting her heart against despair.

Where is God weeping for your family, in our community and world? Do you sense Him weeping for children vulnerable to the despair of poverty, bullying, or abuse? Do you sense Him weeping for youth facing meaninglessness or a poor self-image? Is He weeping for broken and distant marriages, or lonely people? Is He weeping for hungry or homeless people? Do you sense Him weeping for Seniors who are facing challenges of health, transportation, and money?

On Sunday, we saw a wall of food at the front of our sanctuary (Thank you New Adventurers!) which represented a wall protecting people against hunger. The hundreds of food items will go to Loaves and Fishes, which helps protect people against hunger in our community. This Sunday a number of people will walk in the CROP Walk to fight hunger in our community and world. On Friday night, many youth will attend "Acquire the Fire" and hear about how much Jesus loves them and wants them to know His life. God is doing great things through our congregation to build walls of protection, which protect God's most cherished possession: our hearts.

On Sunday, each of us received a piece of paper naming something which breaks God's heart. **Please pray the one thing using Nehemiah's prayer: Address, Request, Confess, and Success (ARCS, as found in Nehemiah 1), through Pentecost (May 23).** Pray for God to reveal to you what Jesus did about it, what you can do about it, and what Westwood UMC can do about it. What is God's vision for our life and our community? We are the presence of Jesus' love to our families and our community.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,
Pastor Wayne

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Offer Christ, Grow in Faith, Touch Lives, and Make a Difference

Church Women United

Submitted by Jeanette Jupp

May Fellowship Day will be held on May 7, 2010 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Robeson St.

Bible Study at 10:45
Lunch at 12 - \$6 - reservations to Betty Gardner, 345-8092 - by Monday, May 3.
Program at 1.

Questions call Jeanette Jupp - 345-8833

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Submitted by Sallie Platt

We will meet on Wednesday, May 5, at noon in Simpson Hall for a prepared meal. Westwood member Norman Grant will present a program "Train Festival: A Celebration of Railroading." Everyone is welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

New Adventurers

Submitted by Louise Jameson

On Saturday, May 22, the New Adventurers will meet at 4:00 p.m. at St. Julian Wineries followed by a visit to the Warner Wineries, where we'll get a taste of "some of the best wines Southwest Michigan has to offer." At 5:00, we'll then proceed to La Cantina Italian Restaurant to share in a meal and fellowship. Please call Ron & Royann Anspach (381-3369) to make your reservation for both the wine tasting and meal or just the meal. Please let the Anspachs know if you'd be interested in car pooling from the church parking lot (wine tasting event leaving at 3:20 pm and dinner only leaving at 4:20 pm).

CROP Walk

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

The 35th Annual Kalamazoo Valley CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, May 2 stepping off at Bronson Park at 2 p.m. This is a local tradition of raising hunger awareness and supporting local agencies as well as Church World Service in fighting hunger at home, in the nation and in the world one step at a time. Many of our youth will be walking as well as a few adults. It's not too late to sign up to be a walker or contribute to a walker. Visit the CROP Walk table in the Narthex on May 2 to join the CROP Hunger Walk or contribute to a walker (or respond to one of our youth carrying their CROP Walk envelope). Thank you for your support!



Golden Cross Sunday

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Golden Cross Sunday will be observed on May 2 with a special offering for ministries concerned with disabilities, aging, and health care concerns. Half of the offering will go to the Free Clinic of Kalamazoo which provides uninsured residents with medical care, emergency dental screening and referrals, medication assistance, eye exam referrals and community resource information. The other half will go to West Michigan Conference Health and Welfare Ministries which includes the chaplaincy program at Bronson Hospital. Special giving envelopes are in your offering envelope packet.



Summer Hours begin May 30

Worship Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Northwest United Methodist Church Dinner

Submitted by Jane Wright

Swiss Steak Dinner, with mashed potatoes , veggies, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage. Saturday, May 1 from 5 – 7 p.m. Cost \$8.00/adult, children under 12 \$2.50. Northwest United Methodist Church, 3140 N. 3rd Street, Kalamazoo, 49009.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies during the month of May

9:30 am (Simpson Hall)
(continuing Bible classes)
Submitted by Louise Jameson

As part of Adult Bible Studies' quarter curriculum, "Teaching on Community," the class will focus during the month of May on the teachings of the church. Letters to the early churches challenge us to remain connected to our faith communities, grounded in truth and love. Within these communities we grow in our personal faith in Christ and with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, we nurture that faith and growth in others. This is a drop-in class where over coffee and homemade cookies, we share and discuss God's Word and how His Word applies to us today. The class is facilitated by Louise Jameson. Drop in for a visit and stay for one class, a month or a quarter!

News from Missionary Paul Webster

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

(We received an email update dated April 13 from our missionary at Mujila Falls in Zambia. Excerpts from that update will appear over the next 3 Messengers.)

"It has been a few months since I last contacted you. There has been a lot happening here. Our chickens have been transferred to our newly refurbished layer building and are now producing about 1200 eggs per day. This has meant a lot of work with putting in a new concrete floor, replacing chicken wire over windows, building a new water system, etc. We have also put a floor in the egg house, plastered and whitewashed.

Selling over 1000 eggs per day is not an easy chore. It takes us two hours or more just to get the eggs over the rough roads to Mwinilunga. Then we have had to find a partner who will buy the eggs from us at wholesale price and aggressively market them at retail. We are attempting to force down the price of eggs which has been over 22 cents each recently. We hope to bring them down to below 15 cents each very soon, but this requires a partner who will agree to just a 20% mark-up. Retailers here are accustomed to gouging and making large profits on small sales instead of making small profits on large sales and making their living from volume. The concept has a lot of getting used to for them; it requires a leap of faith."

Operating Fund Financial Picture

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

	<u>1st Quarter 2010</u>
Total Income	\$84,863
Total Expenditures	\$76,985
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 7,878

Because of your giving, we are in the "black" for 2010 and are making up the deficit we ended 2009 with. Your continued financial support will enable us to do "kingdom work" in this community and throughout the world.

Operating Fund Balance as of 3/31/10: (\$3,745)

News from Worship & Fine Arts

Submitted by Jane Wright

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
May 2	Westwood Handbell Ens, Q	Westwood Handbell Ens, Q and Praise Team
May 9	Men's Ens, Rachel P & Jane W.	Mens Ens, Rachel & Jane, J Chimes, Praise T.
May 16	James McDuffy (Guest soloist)	James McDuffy, Senior High Choir, Praise T.
May 23	Chancel Choir,	Chancel Choir, WW Singers, Praise Team
May 30	Women's Ensemble	Women's Ensemble, WW Ringers, Praise T.

Camp Westwood 2010, Daniel's Dangerous Dilemma

August 2-12 Note: New Dates!!

Time: 9 to noon weekdays

Location: Westwood UMC

Who: All children and youth grade levels K-9.

Helpers Needed: High School grades 10 and up and all adults who love kids.

Planning meeting for all who would like to help – Wednesday, May 5 from 4-6PM.

Please call or email Jane Wright: jwright-wumc@sbcglobal.net or phone: 344-7165 ext 205 if you have interest in helping. We definitely need more hands, and yours are very important!

Registration forms will be available in the narthex and on the music bulletin board.

Choir Festival In Grand Rapids Carries Over To Westwood UMC

April 17 and 18, our choir members (Chancel choir and Westwood Singers) were very busy people. Dr. Steven Michelson was in rehearsal to work through 8 pieces of music with the choir on Thursday, April 15 and about half the choir was able to attend the all day choir workshop that was sponsored on Saturday by the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, of which Jane is a board member. The day was filled with music rehearsals and food!! Dr. Michelson worked with the adult choir and Heidi Hertel worked with the younger singers (all of which, were the Westwood Singers exclusively) Our singers got her undivided attention!! The closing worship service was the same service that was presented at Westwood the following Sunday morning, April 18: The Walk to Emmaus. Dr. Michelson was a delight to work with, and our choir members were leading the charge at the workshop for the day. He was very pleased with us all!! Many thanks go out to all our singers who did such a fabulous job and supported the Fellowship's first choir festival in I don't know how long. There is now enthusiasm for making this event a regular occurrence! It was fun singing in a choir of 49 adult singers that day. Our Westwood Singers was the only choir that actually registered to attend, which showed the board that publicity for this needs to fall into more of the right hands in order to get the word out. So, thanks for leading the way, Westwood. Perhaps you have had a hand in starting something bigger than us that could benefit singers everywhere in the West Michigan District. Additional thanks go to Thom Andrews and Joe Mitchell who enacted the parts of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. What a blessing for our church and our God!!

Getting to Know You

Mark Quintel

Born Dec. 18, 1960 in Alpena, MI
Alpena HS 1979

Sharon Quintel

Born May 29, 1961 in Dearborn, MI
Alpena HS 1979

BS Industrial Design, WMU 1991 BS Occupational Therapy, EMU 1983, MS WMU 2002

Married August 17, 1984 at Alpena First United Methodism Church

Sons Benjamin (Nov 29, 1988) and Joshua (Jan 14, 1991) both born in Kalamazoo

In a graduating class of over 800, Mark and Sharon found each other in the band where they marched down the football field together at Alpena High School, Sharon playing the flute and Mark leading the way as Drum Major. Mark also played the trumpet and baritone horn.



Mark was raised in the small village of Ossineke, south of Alpena, where his parents owned a resort on Lake Huron. In 1977 it was sold and they moved to Alpena. Sharon lived with her family in Lincoln Park, MI until they moved to Alpena when she was in fourth grade.

After graduation Mark and Sharon went their separate ways, educationally speaking, Sharon to Ypsilanti to Eastern Michigan University and Mark to WMU via Alpena Community College. Five years following HS graduation they married and Sharon joined Mark in Kalamazoo.

Mark held a variety of jobs while working through college including six years at Gillmore’s in “visual presentations” department where his responsibilities included building various displays. In addition he worked as a nurse’s and home health aides. After graduating from WMU he worked for Ronningen-Petter Corp., makers of industrial filtration equipment. They were acquired by Eaton where Mark is now “Product Development Engineer.”

Sharon has also held a variety of positions in the field of Occupational Therapy including with the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric and Borgess Hospitals. She also helped develop and operate the Covenant Senior Day Program for six years. Since 2003 she has worked as a school OT for Kalamazoo which she feels is her real calling.

The Quintel family arrived at Westwood UMC in 1990, seeking a church home to nurture their young family. In addition to a location convenient to their home, they were drawn here for a variety to reasons including the diverse music program, strong children’s programming. The style of worship and the theology was a good fit for a couple with Catholic/Methodist roots. Mark’s church involvement has included trustees, ASP and KSP, enrichment, asbestos removal, and building props for various church activities. Sharon has been involved helping with Bible School, planning crafts for the Camp Westwood, teaching Sunday School, Kingdom Kids, and Sunday Hospitality including ministries such as “Hole Lotta Love” and “Apple Pie.”

Flower gardening, attending theatre events, spending time on Drummond Island are high on Sharon’s fun list, she appreciates the diversity of arts available in Kalamazoo. Jodie Picoult is her favourite author but Mitch Albom’s “Tuesdays with Morrie” is her favorite book overall. Her music interests range from Chopin to Jack Johnson to the Beatles. HGTV is her favorite TV while Mark watches the Discovery Channel. Mark enjoys woodworking, cross-country skiing, sailboarding, working on cars and making model airplanes, a past activity shared with his Dad. Favorites reads include suspense novels by Dean Koontz, and he recently completed the “Left Behind” series. His listening habits include the classics, rock and roll, and the Beatles.

They share the same favorite Bible verse, Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Sharon’s favorite hymn is “Breathe on me Breath of God” while Mark chooses “Amazing Grace.”

Project Connect 2010

A Day for Free Services All in One Place

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Need a haircut? Help with a resume? A medical exam?

Project Connect aims to deliver these services and many more (see the Missions bulletin board for a full list) on this free service day for all residents of Kalamazoo County. Whereas residents typically have to travel to multiple organizations to receive services, Project Connect allows organizations to serve a variety of needs simultaneously in one location.

On Wednesday, May 12th, from 1 pm to 6 pm, Project Connect will open its doors at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center (Fairgrounds), located at 2900 Lake Street in Kalamazoo.

In 2009, Project Connect served 308 homeless clients with 23 different services at the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. For 2010, organizers expect anywhere from 700 to 1000 Kalamazoo County Residents. In addition, Project Connect organizers are looking to enhance their efforts further towards supporting needy residents in Kalamazoo.

This year the efforts, chaired by PRI Director Jeff Brown, plan to target all needy residents, including low-wage earners, the homeless and families simply facing hard times. Michelle Schneider, the coordinator for Project Connect, believes that reaching out to families with financial struggles will lessen the chance of foreclosure and eviction, and therefore reduce new instances homelessness.

“Targeting lower-income populations, in addition to those individuals that are homeless, will allow residents at risk of homelessness to acquire services that support them in increasing their self-sufficiency and their ability to retain their housing,” said Schneider.

Schneider also plans to expand the scope of services offered at this year’s event. While last year primarily focused on fulfilling basic needs, this year will include opportunities such as employment and educational skills.

“This year we will be offering a number of services that were not available last year,” said Schneider, “Some of those include banking and insurance, college applications, dieticians, financial literacy, infant and toddler growth and development, Medicare Extra Help applications, medication review, portraits, service referrals, temporary employment applications, and tutoring.”

Project Connect will provide transportation opportunities for those without access at several locations throughout Kalamazoo County. Shuttles will run from Ministry with Community, the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, the Comstock Community Center, or the Portage Community Center from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm on the day of the event.

ISAAC

Submitted by Deb Hazel

ISAAC is focusing on education in April and asked the Core Teams to visit local schools to better understand the impact of the state funding cuts to schools. King-Westwood Principal Judy D’Arcangelis gave a tour to 5 people from ISAAC and Westwood UMC on 4-15-2010 and provided us with the written information about the effects of the funding cuts to King-Westwood Elementary school. One of our Westwood members, Ann Spath who was on the tour, commented that she felt the behavior at the school had significantly improved in the past 3 years. Principal D’Arcangelis was appreciative of that comment, and stated that the school had focused on that issue recently, but one of the losses next year is that the position of Assistant Principal will be cut. The Assistant Principal has been instrumental in helping to bring the behavior of the students in line with a school that is focused on being a place to learn. This has allowed the Principal to focus on academic instruction. The principal’s focus will have to change next year when the Assistant Principal position is eliminated. The written information from Principal D’Arcangelis includes a list of needs for the 2010-2011 school year. We are hoping to re-vitalize our ministry to King-Westwood Elementary School beginning in the fall and ask you to consider participating in some way. Besides the list of needs, we are actively praying for a WUMC Coordinator who can help our congregation members best use their time and talents at the school by matching the congregation volunteer with the best fit at the school. Please pray with us for this person as well as consider what you are able to do to help in this ministry. Please contact Pastor Wayne if you are interested in coordinating this important ministry for our congregation.

The Head-Start program that is located at WUMC also gave us a “wish list” bubbles, books for children ages 3-6, puzzles with 25-50 pieces, writing paper, craft items, a kite and surprises. Those items can be left outside their door with a note that says “From the Westwood UMC Church Family”.

TO: ISAAC Visitors
FROM: Judy D’Arcangelis, Principal
RE: School Needs

It is our mission to be certain that children are ready for success in college and in life by the end of their pre-K to 12th grade education. To accomplish this, educators, the students themselves, parents, school support staff, and people/organizations from the community must join together. All of these groups are essential to the accomplishment of our mission. It truly does “take a village” to educate each child.

In addition to ongoing needs for tutors, mentors, mental health services, and health services, we are now facing significant cutbacks due to inadequate state funding for education. It is the opinion of many people in Michigan that the funding mechanism itself needs to be changed. We must operate within our financial resources and at this point, that includes cutting of staff members. (This is unavoidable because 85% of almost every school district’s funding is used for personnel.)

We are fortunate in the Kalamazoo Public Schools to be a growing district. Thanks to The Kalamazoo Promise and a commitment to educational excellence by our district, families, and community, we are among the approximately 20% of Michigan school districts that are increasing in enrollment. Most are declining. Despite the growth, we are facing significant cutbacks along with everyone else.

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The other difficulty all school districts in Michigan are facing is the unknown of what amount of funding will actually be allocated for schools by our legislators in 2010-2011. By law, we have to have a budget adopted by July 1st. We often do not actually know what our funding is until we are well into the fiscal year. It is a very challenging way “to do business.”

Impact on King-Westwood’s 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget (projected enrollment: 514 students)
Our budget may have to be further revised as more information is known about school funding for next year.

1. We will have no assistant principal. *(All five elementary assistant principal positions in the district have been eliminated.)*
2. We are projected for slow growth so have been allocated an additional teacher. We are expected to have class sizes of 22 – 24 in the K-3 classes and 27 – 29 in the 4th and 5th grade classes. We are used to being full so this is no change for us.
3. All elementary schools have had to plan for a 1% reduction in site-based budget items (which actually includes most non-personnel items). In addition, our school has significantly tightened up this area to keep two full-time secretaries here (rather than 1.5). [There were past decisions to run our office with less than the allocated number of secretaries so that we could keep more of the services of a professional librarian in our school. It is a priority for us to have a librarian on our staff.]
4. In addition to the first item, our biggest area of concern is a reduction in Title 1 funding. Title 1 funds are used to provide support for students who struggle in reading and/or mathematics. In our school, our funds have been used to pay for our Title 1 Achievement/Behavior Support position, part of our librarian position (called Title 1 Literacy Interventionist), two Reading Recovery teacher half-time positions, and Title 1 Hourly Tutors (who provide direct support to children in reading and/or mathematics under the supervision of classroom teachers). Other areas of support from Title 1 have been purchase of reading and mathematics intervention materials, extra duty pay for teachers to run mathematics tutoring and a writing class after school, our portion of the Kalamazoo Communities In Schools site facilitator position (also called Title 1 School Community Resources Facilitator), parent involvement activities/materials, and student incentives. **In the 2010-2011 budget, we will only be able to support 40% of the Title 1 Hourly Tutor service hours.** Thus, help with tutoring children is our highest priority need.
5. We have cut almost all of our Title 1 instructional supplies (for materials) and will have to absorb this in the General Budget. We have eliminated funding for teachers to provide mathematics and writing class after school. This will need to be “picked up” by volunteer teachers and/or people from the community for us to be able to provide these learning supports. We have eliminated student incentives and will need to ask for donations of books, bookmarks, pencils, theme books, pencils, extra calculators, etc.
6. We have ongoing programs where we need volunteer help including Reach Out and Read Open Library) two Tuesdays a month from 4 – 7 pm, and Publishers Center (where children are helped to edit writing and produce their own book, currently one afternoon a week).

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King-Westwood Needs for 2010-2011 Based On Information Shared in this Document

- Volunteers to tutor children (with classroom teacher leadership provided)
- Volunteers to serve as mentors for children
- Volunteers for Reach Out and Read Open Library, Publishing Center, after school mathematics tutoring assistants, writing class assistants
- Volunteers to provide activities (outside or inside) at recess time (because we also always have need for this kind of help)
- Volunteers to help in our library (book check-out, check-in, shelving so that librarian can be involved more of her time in instruction of children)
- **Donations of any amount for the King-Westwood Children’s Fund are needed and appreciated.** These funds are used to help families get medication and glasses for children in need; provide emergency financial help to families who have a fire or lose belongings/shelter for other reasons; other emergency help. In the past, Westwood United Methodist Church has been able to contribute some funds annually or semi-annually.
- Donations of items to be used for student incentives (e.g., books, pencils, pens, theme books, rulers, erasers, simple calculators, flash cards).





The Alpha Course

What is the point of **life**?

What happens when you **die**?

Is **forgiveness** possible?

What relevance does **Jesus** have for our lives today?

What is Alpha? The course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening manner over ten, thought provoking weekly sessions. There is a meal together at the beginning of each session which gives you an opportunity to get to know each other. Listen, learn, discuss and discover. Ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

Alpha Retreat



February 26th & 27th we held our retreat at Gull Lake Ministries. The churches involved were The Haven of Battle Creek, Wakeshma Community Church and Westwood UMC.

Come to Alpha for:

Good Food, Good Fun, and Real Answers
The Next Alpha course @ WUMC begins next September 8th.
Please contact Mike Turner (207-6150) or Pastor Wayne
for answers to questions concerning the Alpha Course.

Holy Humor

Until a child tells you what they are thinking, we can't even begin to imagine how their mind is working.... Little Sipho was doing very badly in math.

His parents had tried everything...tutors, mentors, flash cards, special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally, in a last ditch effort, they took Sipho down and enrolled him In the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Sipho came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying.

Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Sipho was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner.

To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before. This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference.

Finally, little Sipho brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, his mom looked at it and to her great surprise; Little Sipho got an 'A' in math. She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said, 'Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?' Little Sipho looked at her and shook his head, no. 'Well, then,' she replied, was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? What was it?'

Little Sipho looked at her and said, 'Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around.'

Have a wonderful day and God bless



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Kalamazoo Central has been chosen as a Top 6 finalist in the Race to the Commencement!

Help Kalamazoo Central win President Obama's Graduation Address by Rating our Video a 5 at

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Upcoming Church Events

The Westwood Messenger

April 26, 2010

Sunday, May 02, 2010

Communion Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Celebration
9:00 AM Youth Alpha
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Worship Celebration
2:00 PM CROP Walk
4:45 PM Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM Youth Groups

Monday, May 03, 2010

7:00 PM Courters
7:00 PM Boy Scouts of America
7:00 PM Spiritual Partners

Tuesday, May 04, 2010

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:30 PM Lay Ministers/Staff
6:30 PM Youth Alpha Leaders Training
7:00 PM Kingdom Kids Meeting
7:00 PM Compassionate Friends
7:00 PM BSA District Meeting
7:00 PM KAL IPMS

Wednesday, May 05, 2010

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
12:00 PM 55 Plus
6:00 PM Disciple II
6:00 PM Westwood Singers
6:00 PM High School Choir
6:15 PM 4th Day Women
6:15 PM The "Q"
6:45 PM WHBE
8:00 PM Praise Team

Thursday, May 06, 2010

11:45 AM 4th Day Men
6:00 PM Glory Connection II
6:30 PM The Lioness
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM BSA Commissioners

Friday, May 07, 2010

5:00 PM Youth Alpha Overnight Retreat

Saturday, May 08, 2010

Youth Alpha Retreat Continues
4:30 PM Video Taping of Cardboard Testimonies

Sunday, May 09, 2010

*Mother's Day
ASP Plant Sale*

8:30 AM Worship Celebration
9:00 AM Youth Alpha
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:55 AM Worship Celebration
4:45 PM Westwood Ringers

Monday, May 10, 2010

7:00 PM Communications
7:00 PM Courters
7:00 PM Boy Scouts of America

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

10:00 AM Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM Disciple II
6:00 PM Westwood Singers
6:00 PM High School Choir
6:15 PM 4th Day Women
6:15 PM The "Q"
6:45 PM WHBE
8:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, May 13, 2010

11:45 AM 4th Day Men
6:00 PM Glory Connection II
4:30 PM ISAAC Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, May 14, 2010

No events scheduled.

Saturday, May 15, 2010

No events scheduled.

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Homebound

Violet Essany

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast
 Gary Babbitt
 Laurie Burke
 Susan Clapp
 Gary Cumming
 Judy DeHaan
 Irene Dutton
 Elizabeth Dye
 Shirley Greene
 Vicki Hale
 Kathy Hillman & Family
 Barbara Hunt
 Jack Lancaster
 Marian Mahieu
 Mary Penn
 Betty Pick
 Linda Ridderbos
 Mike Roush
 Eileen Scamehorn
 Celina Schnooberer
 Patricia Smith
 Emily Strong
 Nancy Wallus
 Doug Weldon

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

Prayers for Continued Blessings

Happy Birthday to all who have their special day this week!



At Westwood United Methodist Church, we seek to connect:

-  with God, seeking a spiritual center for our lives
-  with each other, creating friendships that last
-  with our community, serving the needs of our neighbors

Come and see!

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.

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care

Are you going thorough a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by every-day 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 bi-weekly. Deadlines are the Thursday prior to publication. Go Green! Email the editor or the church office to receive the Messenger electronically.



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