

From the Heart of the Pastor

Peter and Paul lived admirable lives because they were authentic about their past mistakes and sins, and sought to change their lives through the forgiveness of Jesus. As a result they courageously lived for others, enduring rejection and even suffering. They did not know their actions and faithfulness would impact you 2,000 years later, yet they offered their lives to Jesus, faithful He would use them to bless others.

“Living for others” and making sacrifices are often done for those we know and love. We like to see the difference our lives make. One of the greatest acts of faith is living for those we do not know, and in ways we will never see. Ten years ago I was accepted into the Beeson Doctoral fellowship Program at Asbury Theological Seminary. The fellowship was named after Ralph Waldo Beeson, an insurance salesman from the south. Mr. Beeson lived very modestly in the lean years when he was starting his business. He became more and more successful, and still continued to live very modestly. Eventually, his small business grew into a corporation worth over \$100 million. He still sacrificed and lived modestly so he could bequeath his wealth to the Lord.

He had a vision of helping established pastors further their education, especially in the area of leadership, church growth, and preaching. He met with the people of Asbury Theological Seminary, and set up a program to pay for all expenses, including tuition, books, travel, as well as a monthly stipend and housing. Joy and I received one of the Beeson Scholarships, spending a year in studying pastoral ministry. We, and twenty-one other pastors, spent the year in study together, because of the commitment and faith of Ralph Waldo Beeson. We never met Mr. Beeson, he passed away before we received the scholarship, yet he made a profound effect on our lives.

Most of us do not possess the kind of wealth Mr. Beeson accumulated. Nonetheless, we can make a significant impact with our faith. Our missionary in Russia, Pastor Irina, is making a great impact on her city, and throughout Russia. She is teaming up with Adam Hamilton, of Resurrection UMC (Kansas City) in evangelistic ministry in Russia. Paul Webster, our missionary in Zambia, is changing the well-being and the economy of his region, with his successful farm. In addition, he is a living witness of Jesus' love to the people of Africa. Our Appalachia Service Team changed lives in Kentucky, and you will hear about it on Sunday. You met few of the people of Russia, Africa, and Kentucky whom you impact, yet your commitment at Westwood UMC provides them faith.

I encourage you to continue your reading of the New Testament, as well as your questions. Look deeply how faith in the Bible changed the lives of people of the time, and then changed the world. Think about how we can continue at Westwood UMC, to make an impact in our world through our changed lives, living courageously for others. Set your focus on Jesus' transforming grace in your life, and how your commitment to Him may be manifest in your sacrifice for those you do not know. Through faith, your commitment will bless people 7 to 10 years in the future and beyond.

Gratefully serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Wayne

News from Worship & Fine Arts

Musical offerings in worship

| Date | First Service 8:30 | Second Service 10:55 |
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| July 19 | Tina Egan | Tina Egan |
| July 26 | Wendy Wheeler | Wendy Wheeler |
| Aug 2 | Glory Connection | Glory Connection |



Check out that star! Summer musical "Camp Westwood"

1. The Next Scheduled Meeting for Camp Westwood is Thursday, July 30 7PM.
Helpers Needed: Recreation/ crafts or Group escort (Guardian Angel)
Please call Jane Wright – 344-7165 Ext 205 if you have an interest.
If you can do even a few days, we would appreciate it.
2. Camp Westwood free to Kids entering grades 1-9. Dates: August 3-13 with presentations on August 13 (Thursday evening at 7 PM) and Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service, August 16
3. Registration Forms: are available on the Worship and Music Bulletin Board, & on the back table in the narthex, posted in the newsletter occasionally, and on the church web site (education link):
www.westwood-umc.org
4. Please help spread the news about this event to your neighborhood and people you know!!

Thank You

Those who attended Lake Junaluska North Carolina extend a hearty Thank You to our Westwood Congregation for your support, encouragement and prayers during a very educational, spiritual and musical week. Experiences were: Choir, Musical, Handbells, Drama, Music Reading, Clinician classes on rehearsal topics, Dance, Worship, Congregational Song and much more. Beautiful happenings in a beautiful place. Thanks so much for your support.

Ministry Opportunity

Do you enjoy helping people? Do you like to smile? This could be for you!! There is a desire to secure 11 more people who will volunteer to usher for the 2nd service – once a month. If you are interested, but wonder about whether you could actually do once a month, there is a list provided of the ushers, and it is pretty easy to find a sub for yourself if you know you will be absent on your Sunday. Ushers are asked to be in place 10-15 minutes ahead of worship to hand out bulletins and greet folks as they arrive. They collect the offering, count people present, and help usher people to the front of the church on communion Sundays (first Sundays). Ushers distribute attendance pads during worship and collect them after worship. They also help tidy up the sanctuary after worship. It is a very important ministry, as our ushers are some of the very first encountered by any of our guests, and you can be a warm smile to some who really need it, as they enter worship. God bless our ushers.

Heart Of The Staff A Note From Jane

Today's family spends much of its time apart from one another, and I feel that corporate worship – needs to be a home for all ages, together in worship. Multiple generation activity has received a very bad rap over the years, with a focus toward “age appropriate” activities that keep ages levels in groups for a lot of the time. While that isn't all bad, it doesn't need to be the only thought. There is a wealth to be rediscovered in bringing ages together, not just for worship, but for a variety of functions within the church and family. As a child, I remember being fascinated when company came and the adults began their “session” around the kitchen table. I never missed perching myself within ear shot of when “congress was in session!” I learned perspectives on all topics of life and living.

Worship might feel much the same as a family experience. We are all gathered around the table. God is there, we are there, the kids are there, and the Pastor is there with something to say! I get excited every Sunday morning when that alarm goes off, because soon, we will all be there, together again – with God and the Pastor and . . .and . . . and! I have long been a proponent of blended worship (to use a term that has been thrown around loosely to mean a mix of contemporary music with traditional hymns and occasional other things added like dramas and liturgical dance along with the choirs and praise team). That understanding speaks loudly to the fact that the arts are a very important part of any worship experience. In fact, much emotion becomes wrapped up into the arts and music in worship. There are reasons behind that emotion and they mostly center around past experiences which at some point became very meaningful to individuals during their faith walk. The experiences differ between individuals; which means, there exists a wide variety of “meaningful” material for worship. For this reason, rarely will one piece of music, or hymn, or song, or worship experience hit a “bull's eye” for an entire congregation. That is the reality of who we are as people. Hence, my reasons for advocating this “blending of music and the arts into worship.” Because worship involves people of all ages, and because we call ourselves, “Church Families” we might consider how it is that families learn to function in a healthy way for the benefit of its members. All families have multiple generations with multiple tastes in music, ways in which they learn, and are impacted spiritually. However, just because a family member is playing his music too loud, it doesn't mean that the adults choose to remove that individual from the household! I suppose there are those who can afford boarding schools, but that isn't generally feasible or even desirable. Growing up together, we learn about each individual, their likes and dislikes, what excites them and what quiets and centers them, how they think and feel. If we are a church “family” – we should come to an understanding that to make worship meaningful for each of us, there needs to be some variety in the way we do it. It is my prayer that all of us will embrace the respect and tolerance that allows for the variety of ways in which we want to worship. Like everything else, it might require communication and submersion over time before it becomes the new culture in a given church family. But, I hold to this: It is well worth the patience and perseverance, because it says to ALL: “Come and worship.” For the sake of each other, we develop openness toward variety that might allow God to reach each worshipping heart. For the sake of family, we come to appreciate the differences that make us collectively one – and together - we grow – together!

Our Journey

Our journey began at Genesis through Exodus. On the way, we saw Leviticus recording the Numbers of people at Deuteronomy, while Joshua was waiting at the beautiful gate for Judges to see Ruth calling loudly "Samuel, Samuel". At a stage, the first and second Kings of Chronicles were coming to visit Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther for the misfortune of Job, their brother. Then they noticed that Mr. Psalms was teaching his children Proverbs concerning Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomon. This coincided with the period that Isaiah and Jeremiah were engaged in Lamentation for Ezekiel and Daniel their friend. By that time, Amos and Obadiah were not around. Three days later, Hosea, Joel and Jonah travelled in the same ship with Micah and Nahum to Jerusalem. More also, Habakkuk visited Zephaniah who introduced him to Haggai a friend of Zechariah whose cousin is Malachi. Immediately after the old tradition, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John got involved in Acts with the Romans who were behaving like the Corinthians, who were also always at loggerhead with the Galatians. At that time too, the Ephesians realizing that the Philippians were close to the Colossians, suggested to the Thessalonians that they should first of all see Timothy who had gone to the house of Titus to teach Philemon his younger brother how to read and write Hebrew. On hearing, James asked Peter to explain to him how the three Johns have disclosed to Jude the Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Update from Zambia

Continuing news on the Mujila Falls Agriculture Project, missionary Paul Webster writes: "We have had mixed results with our purchase of unimproved bush cows for our project. While cheap, we have found that the calves they produce are very small and grow very slowly. They also give almost no milk and we are having to supplement the calves with milk from our Fresian cows. Two of the cattle that were bought while I was gone appear to be infertile.

We failed to use artificial insemination to breed them up to Brown Swiss. This is an experiment that we will try again when I am sure to be here to supervise. We are therefore, going to go back to buying the more expensive improved animals as we can find them in the coming months.

Right now we have 9 milking cows. We have a total of 38 cattle. Unfortunately, most are male and we have only three heifers that will freshen in the coming year.

Now that I am back, we are working on better nutrition for the calves and the hope is that we can raise more heifers."

Acolyte Training And Comissioning

A big opportunity for children to serve in church is to perform the duties of an acolyte. Historically the acolyte job was to light the sanctuary for service. Now the duty is symbolic of carrying the light of Christ in to church and then taking the Light out to the world. On Saturday Sept. 19th, training for new acolytes will take place in the Narthex at WMUC at 10:30-11:30. Acolytes for the 2009-2010 year will be commissioned on Sept 27th at the second service. All children, entering second grade are welcome. Please contact Jane Wright or Kim Longstroth for detail.

Job Board at Westwood UMC Got a Job? Need a Job?

We thought it would be a good idea if we, the congregation of Westwood, began to network with one another regarding available jobs and the need for jobs within our community. If you, or someone you know, needs a job, be sure to visit the job board – near the elevator entrance next to ALPHA. There are cards to fill out and post on the board. If you know about a job that is available, fill out the same card and post that as well. If you don't need a job and don't know about any right now – please visit the board and find out who does need a job and also become aware of what job postings you see there. Keep your eyes and ears open for jobs around the area, and keep others in mind as you go through your week. Pray for jobs to become available for those who need them, and if you hear about something, contact someone on the board with information, and also post the information on the board. Together, we can change lives and make a difference! Thank you.

Canned Fruit Needed

While the Postal Carriers collection of food for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes on May 9 brought in a record amount, very little canned fruit was given and their supply has been depleted. If you can purchase canned fruit and put it in the Loaves and Fishes collection basket in the main hallway, it will be delivered to Loaves and Fishes promptly. Thank you!

Thank You

Dear Westwood Congregation,

Thank you so much for helping send me to camp again this year. It is my last year and it is an experience that I look forward to every year. I'm also happy to be able to strengthen my relationship with God and unite with fellow Christians and close friends.

God Bless,
Chelsea Ashcraft

Camp Westwood Items Needed:

If you can help supply any of the items below for use at Camp Westwood, we would really appreciate it!!!!

Decorations – mark with your name for return to you:

1. Christmas décor – wreaths, large pictures, instruments, carolers, yard type ornaments that we can set around.
2. Beach items, Hawaiian items – palm trees, beach towels, colored buckets, large flower prints (cardboard or cloth)
Large flowers – paper or cloth.
Fruit decorations – pineapples, etc.

Craft Items – for donation

1. Craft Glue bottles & glue sticks
2. Colored paper
3. Permanent colored markers
4. Beads for stringing
5. fabric paint

Cash Donations: to Music Ministries designated fund #329. **THANK YOU!!!!**

Summer Reading of the New Testament

July 12 – July 18

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| M | Acts 7-9 |
| T | Acts 10-12 |
| W | Acts 13-15 |
| T | Acts 16-18 |
| F | Acts 19-21 |
| S | Acts 20-22 |

July 19-July 25

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| M | Acts 23-25 |
| T | Acts 26-28 |
| W | Romans 1-2 |
| T | Romans 3-5 |
| F | Romans 6-8 |
| S | Romans 9-11 |

What's Going on in Missions

\$1,000 was sent to the Russia Initiative for support of our brothers and sisters in Christ at Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia. Dennis and Nancy VandenBrink will be travelling to Voronezh for 10 days to help build a handicap entrance for the building which houses Resurrection UMC. They leave July 30 along with two persons from Middleville UMC and would appreciate your prayers.

\$260 was sent to the Free Health Clinic of Kalamazoo. This amount included half of the Golden Cross Sunday special offering (\$162) plus \$98 from June's loose coins. July's loose coins go to Shepherd's Center.

\$299 was remitted for Peace with Justice Sunday.

\$140 was given to Stockbridge Ave. UMC to support their Vacation Bible School reachout to the Edison neighborhood the week of July 13. This amount included an offering from our VBS and \$65 in loose coins given on June 24. Healthy snacks and drink boxes were also delivered.

As of July 9, 46 cans of fruit had been delivered to Loaves and Fishes.

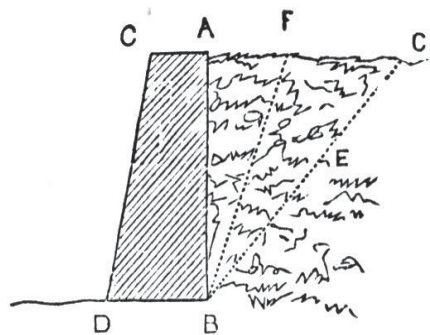
Please join us for breakfast on Sunday, July 21 and support our covenant with missionary Paul Webster in Zambia. Egg strata, cinnamon rolls, and fresh fruit will be served from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in return for your donation.

Watch for sales on school supplies and backpacks and purchase as you are able. Collection boxes will be set up soon near the Missions bulletin board. They will be delivered for Back to School events sponsored by Kalamazoo Deacons Conference and Stockbridge Ave. UMC.

Retaining Wall Volunteers and ASP Team

We will be working to replace the retaining wall on the north side of the lower parking lot. The schedule is:

July 13 – 25 (longer if needed)
Monday through Friday
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. (unless it is raining)
Saturday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m. (unless it is raining)



Many hands are definitely needed to complete this project! All are welcome whenever you are available. It is not necessary to

commit to every work time. If you have any questions contact Matt Knewtson at 720-6716 or matt.knewtson@wmich.edu.

Early Eves

Early Eves to meet on July 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Penn's home/pool, 550 Chadd's Ford Way, Oshtemo. Hostesses for the evening will be Mary Penn, Jean Ullrey, and Lois Ellis. All women are invited to come and share this time of fellowship.

Thank You, Joe Mitchell!

Have you noticed the new "plantings" at the entrance to the Kingdom Kids hallway at the top of the back stairs? We are indebted to Joe Mitchell for his vision and artistic talent in providing this colorful creation to enhance our Kingdom Kids program. When you see Joe, tell him thanks!

Music And Liturgical Arts Week In Lake Junaluska June 20-26

Lake Junaluska here we come! Choir directors Jane Wright and Karen Bowman organized the trip to Lake Junaluska for the Westwood Singers. Rachel Price, Katie Longstroth, Kristin and Natalie Sturdy attended. Kim Longstroth served as chaperone, allowing Jane and Karen to attend many workshops to learn new methods of conducting to enhance our music programs. It was a wonderful week!

Natalie participated in the Children Musical. She did well with her speaking part. The musical was the premier production of 'Dinner for Five... Thousand', written by Alan Pote and Tom S. Long. Alan's wife Susan directed along with Tom Long. The seventy plus children gave a wonderful performance.

Katie, Kristin and Rachel booked four hours of rehearsal every day. Their hard work was evident on Thursday evening. The middle school choir (100+ youth) performed complicated four part harmonies beautifully. Katie participated in a scripture reading as part of one of the songs.

At Wednesday's worship service, Jane participated as a scripture reader. Katie, Kristin and Rachel assisted with communion by offering the elements.

This was such a busy week. Each day started with worship, then proceeded to rehearsal, lunch, rehearsal, seminars, pool time, and evening programming. There was trolley service, long walks by the lake, shopping at Cokesbury, worship, music and fun! While we were constantly on the go, we were aware of the serenity of the conference setting. Each one participating in this week found it to be a wonderful energizing experience. We are grateful and glad for the support of Westwood UMC. AND... we hope to return to Lake Junaluska for next year's conference with more of our Westwood family.

Connect With Westwood United Methodist Church

You will soon be receiving a booklet that the Communication Team created to help you Connect with Westwood United Methodist Church. It is a brief overview of the groups and the opportunities available to you here at WUMC. Please keep this book and use it to find out where and how you can Connect!

Thanks,
The Communication Team

Westwood Celebration Picnic

Please join your church family on August 16th for one service at 10:00 a.m. (featuring the Children's Summer Musical) and then for a special church picnic. The church will provide the meat for grilling, and we ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. There will also be special games for the kids.

Please save the date and we'll see you there!



Golden Gazette

Newsletter of the OLDER ADULT COUNCIL

Sallie Platt, Editor

Golden Birthdays Send a Card - Make a Call - Say a Prayer

- 7/2 Phil Bowman, 6456 Torrington Rd. (09), Ph. 375-9580
7/3 Nina Watkins, 3222 Magnolia Cir. (08), Ph. 342-0953
7/3 Kay Oppliger, P.O. Box 297, Oshtemo (49077), Ph. 375-2549
7/6 Mary McGee, 1634 Linden Trail (09), Ph. 372-2225
7/6 Carolyn Parker, 5939 N. Westnedge (04), Ph. 342-9152
7/7 Bob Mitchell, 3813 Rockwood (04), Ph. 343-6806
7/8 Wilma Maurer, Alamo Nursing Home, 8290 West C Ave., 49009
7/14 Beth Shirley, 1335 Northampton (06), Ph. 349-9575
7/14 Charles Schultz, Jr., 1029 Denner St. Apt#1 (06), Ph. 385-2541
7/16 Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Rd. (06), Ph. 345-6345 *Irene is turning 103 this year!*
7/16 Jeanette Jupp, 4817 Weston (06), Ph. 345-8833
7/18 Don Henson, 3420 Canterbury (06), Ph. 382-3384
7/20 Jane Nuyen, 5700 Vintage Ln. Apt#210 (09), Ph. 382-3561
7/21 Wes Merriman, 3614 Pontiac (06), Ph. 382-5696
7/25 Marlene Pyle, 3312 St. Antoine (06), Ph. 375-3225
7/27 Don Bertch, 2834 Junedale (06), Ph. 345-5334
7/28 Dick Harrison, 3907 Iroquois (06), Ph. 345-7524
7/28 Arla Dunkelberger, 1390 Ewing Way (09), Ph. 372-7595
7/29 Larry Oppliger, P.O. Box 297, Oshtemo (49077), Ph. 375-2549
- 8/12 Bill Pyle, 3312 St. Antoine (06), Ph. 375-3225
8/14 Pat MacIntosh, 1505 W. Main (06), Ph. 345-3637
8/19 Judith White, 7789 West Saint Andrews Cir., Portage (49024), Ph. 327-7969
8/22 Bev Henson, 3420 Canterbury (06), Ph. 382-3384
8/23 Don Howard, 1104 Fletcher (06), Ph. 342-4869
8/23 Dorothy Morse, Life Care Center of Plainwell, 320 Brigham, Plainwell (49080)
8/23 Eileen Scamehorn, 707 Hillboro Circle (06), Ph. 375-1821
8/24 Jeanne Richardson, 30 S. 2nd St. (09), Ph. 372-3924
8/26 Jean Dickenson, 3503 Devonshire (06), Ph. 349-3549
8/28 Lois Dunkelberger, 1390 Ewing Way (09), Ph. 372-7595
8/29 Frances Hargie, 4335 Leisure Lane, Apt#A109 (06), Ph. 345-7604
8/31 Joe Mitchell, 245 Roundhill Rd. (09), Ph. 353-1897
8/31 Jane Wright, 6864 Country View Dr. (09), Ph. 544-2390

The 55 Plus does not meet again until September 2, 2009.

Kingdom Kids Invitation

LOW time investment—HIGH return for growing in faith

With grateful hearts and enthusiasm the Kingdom Kids Task Force is embarking on its third year of programming. We strive to make each child feel welcome and supported, learning about the Bible in ways that are interesting and engaging, and we have found that content is meaningful to kids *and* to leaders. Over the last two years more than 75 people have shared their gifts and blessed our children. What a great program for these kids as they interact with the rest of our congregation while they learn!



This September our children will begin exploring this year's theme which is the Covenants God has made with us, beginning with the Exodus out of Egypt, the Ten Commandments, and Isaiah preparing the way for the Christ Child.

Please check out the Signup Board in the Narthex for the 2009-2010 program year—SO MANY CHOICES! The kids LOVE the storytellers who visit them during Gathering Time on Sunday mornings. This is a special and fun way to spend just 5-10 minutes each Sunday (for a short, defined number of weeks) to bring the story to life for the children, as they learn through the Bible verses and activities in the workshops!

Ways to Be Involved on Sundays:

- Storytellers for the Gathering (each week for 4-6 weeks) from 9:30-9:45am
- Workshop Leaders (2 weeks in the area of your choice) 9:30-10:30 am

Ways to Be Involved "Behind the Scenes:

- Paint Kingdom Kids (Ed wing) hallway in August—help us decide when
- Prayer partners (your own devotional time)
- Administrative Jobs: copying, compiling notebooks, making Bible verse cards and more—your convenience

Join the Task Force:

1st Tuesday of the month (usually) at 7:00 pm

Contact Karen Bowman to sign up for your "low investment" of time for the "high return" of kids' (and your own) growth in faith!

Again, **thank you** all for being the life and heart of this program!



Kingdom
Kids

The Alpha Course



What is the point of **life**?

What happens when you Die?

Is forgiveness possible?

What relevance does **Jesus** have in 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.

Who is Alpha for? Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those wanting to investigate Christianity.
- New Christians.
- Newcomers to the church.
- Those who want to brush up on the basics.

An Alpha Invitation Update

Wow! Have we ever been blessed! The Alpha Invitation has brought seven new churches on line to run Alpha this fall. You will see all the Alpha Invitation churches listed below. Thank you to all that have given towards our Advertising budget. With church donations, individual donations and Alpha Foundation matching funds we have raised almost \$10,000 so far. Yes, there is still time for you to participate and help us get to our \$15,000 goal. Just put a check or cash in the offering plate and designate it for the Alpha Invitation #320. Thank you for your support.

Participating Churches

Almena UMC, Battle Creek 1st Presbyterian, 3rd CRC, Garrison Hills Wesleyan Church, Haven of Rest (Battle Creek), Hope Church of the Nazarene, Lawrence UMC, Riverwalk Community Church, Schoolcraft UMC, Simpson UMC(Bangor), Wakeshma Community Church, Westwood UMC.

Our next Alpha Course begins September 8, 2009 with the introductory Dinner at 6:00 PM in Simpson Hall.

Please come and invite a friend!

7 Reasons Not To Mess With Children

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'. The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went to hell?' The little girl replied, 'Then you ask him'.

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.' The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mummy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead...'

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, 'Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face.' 'Yes,' the class said. 'Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?' A little fellow shouted, 'Cause your feet ain't empty.'

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: 'ake only ONE. God is watching.' Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

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Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004
Gary Babbitt, 47040 24th Street, Mattawan, 49071
Pat Bailey, 1855 Quail Cove, Kalamazoo, 49009
Edna Mae Beck, 2603 Ayrshire, Lansing, 48911
Thom Carrington, Sojourner House, 1490 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids, 49506
Jolie Ann Corda, 617 Flamingo Avenue, Portage, 49024
Gary Cumming, 4867 Sweet Cherry Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004
Lois and Arlo Dunkelberger, 1390 Ewing Way, Kalamazoo, 49009
Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, 49006
Elizabeth Dye, Sojourners House, Room # 129, 5364 Green Meadow Dr., Kalamazoo, 49009
Herb Ellinger, Friendship Village #191, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo, 49006
Bob Eschliman, 25052 Silver Oaks Blvd., Mattawan, 49071
Norma Fort, Life Care Center-Plainwell, Room 123, 320 Brigham, Plainwell, 49080
Lynn (Ethlyn) Graebner, Upjohn Community Care Center, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, 2400 Portage, Kalamazoo, 49008
Vicki Hale
Fran Hargie (*Released from Hospital - possible long term care facility.*)
Thomas Kasdorf (*He had a serious fall and is in Bronson Hospital.*)
Julie Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006 (*Julie had foot surgery recently.*)
Reverend Jerry Lewis (*Pastor of Westwood Church of God. Serious condition.*)
Jim Parker, 5939 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, 49004
Mary Penn
Jean Marie Peters (*Pastor Wayne's sister in California will undergo further treatment for cancer.*)
John and Betty Pick, The Fountains at Bronson Place, 1700 Bronson Way, Kalamazoo, 49009
Betty is at the Springs.
Patricia Smith
Emily Strong, 3504 Iroquois Trail, Kalamazoo, 49006
Betty Thompson, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Apt. 189, Kalamazoo, 49006
Nancy Wallus, 717 Kendall, Kalamazoo, 49006

Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghai

Stephen Breisach
Anthony Earl
Nicholas Heystek
Neil McKenna
Ryan Mitchell
John Moser
Carl Williams
Christopher Wilson






Calendar of Events

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| Sunday, July 19, 2009 | |
| 8:30 AM | Worship Celebration |
| 9:15 AM | Missions Breakfast |
| 9:30 AM | Praise Team |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Celebration |
| Monday, July 20, 2009 | |
| 10:00 AM | Cooperative Ministries Meeting |
| 6:00 PM | Spiritual Formation |
| 7:00 PM | Courters |
| 7:15 PM | Board of Trustees |
| Tuesday, July 21, 2009 | |
| 9:00 AM | Worship Team |
| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting |
| 6:30 PM | Early Eves |
| Wednesday, July 22, 2009 | |
| 10:00 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| 1:00 PM | Prayer Fellowship |
| 6:15 PM | 4th Day Women |
| Thursday, July 23, 2009 | |
| 12:00 PM | 4th Day Men |
| Friday, July 24, 2009 | |
| | No events scheduled. |
| Saturday, July 25, 2009 | |
| | No events scheduled. |
| Sunday, July 26, 2009 | |
| 8:30 AM | Worship Celebration |
| 9:30 AM | Praise Team |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Celebration |
| Monday, July 27, 2009 | |
| 7:00 PM | Courters |
| Tuesday, July 28, 2009 | |
| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting |
| 12:30 PM | Lay Leaders/Staff |
| 6:30 PM | Quilters and Crafters |
| Wednesday, July 29, 2009 | |
| 10:00 AM | Adult Bible Study |
| 6:15 PM | 4th Day Women |
| Thursday, July 30, 2009 | |
| 12:00 PM | 4th Day Men |
| Friday, July 31, 2009 | |
| | Westwood Fire Department Ice Cream Social |

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Nursery care is provided
during both celebrations.



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-  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

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