

From the Heart of the Pastor

The summer has flown by, and it is amazing to believe the beginning of school comes this next week. I hope you kept up with the reading of the Bible, and that it opened some new insights about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in your life. If you are behind in the reading, press on so that you can have the satisfaction of reading the whole New Testament. God will continue to reveal Himself to you through His Word.

I also want to share some exciting news about a cooperative effort between three Kalamazoo United Methodist Churches. A few friends, in lay leadership at First UMC, Millwood UMC, and Westwood UMC were talking informally about the churches and asked the question, "Could we cooperate in some areas?" The pastors, chairpersons of the Church Councils, and the chairpersons of Staff-Parish Relations met together and sought to answer the question.

The group has met three times and expressed an interest in doing a local mission project together, as well as opening spiritual development classes to the different congregations. First UMC invited Westwood UMC and Millwood UMC to join them for a "Do All the Good You Can" day on September 26. Last year members of First UMC assisted local charities on this day. The cooperation group thought it would be a good witness of our concern for the community and ministry of our Lord if we joined them in the effort.

The churches also agreed to share with their congregations some of the spiritual development classes they are offering for the fall. The other churches will be invited to participate in our Alpha, Financial Peace University, and Disciple IV classes. We will let you know what the other churches are offering as well.

We are hoping to strengthen one another through cooperation, as we are all part of the same denomination and share the commitment to our Lord through John Wesley's (the founder of Methodism) commitment to "Acts of Piety" and "Acts of Compassion." If you have any questions please talk with Thom Andrews (Chairperson of Church Council), Irv Cumming (Chairperson of SPRC), or myself.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:00
August 30	JAZZ SERVICE – John Chamberlin Glory Connection II	JAZZ SERVICE – John Chamberlin Glory Connection II
Sept 6		Instrumentalists
Date Sept 13 and beyond		Second Service 10:55
Sept 13, Kick Off Sunday	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir/ Praise Team
Sept 20	Glory Connection	Glory Connection / Praise Team

Special Jazz Service August 30

John Chamberlin and company will be musically leading us in worship on Sunday August 30 at both services. Be sure to invite friends, neighbors, those who might be interested in finding out more about Westwood UMC. This will be a wonderful & unique day of worship! We are so very thankful for John and his talent.

Check Out That Star!" "Camp Westwood" Thank You!!



Such a labor of LOVE! Special THANKS to all kids became Stars at Camp Westwood this summer. AND - With well over 35 volunteers to help things run smoothly, Westwood folks are truly ministers in action at Camp Westwood. Thanks so very much to ALL who helped and for some who are continuing with the clean up and tidying of final details. We may all never know exactly how or when lives are touched, moved, inspired to faith, called into ministry or even given eternal salvation. What we do know is that lives changed and we make a difference through Camp Westwood. Thank you all for being part of the Mission of Westwood UMC and the heart of God.

Music Programing Kicks Off In September!

Please check below for times. All groups welcome new faces. Just show up or if you have questions, be sure to call the contact listed below for your group of interest.

Praise Team, rehearsals resume on Sept 13 at 9:45.

Leader: Jane Wright

Westwood Handbell Ensemble (Youth/adult) begins Wed Sept 2 at 6:30 bell polishing night, room 13.

Leader – Jane Wright – 344-7165

Handbell Q (invited ringers) meet Wednesdays 6:15 in Room 13.

Leader: Jan Urfer 381-2256

Chancel Choir begins Thur., Sept 10, (First rehearsal location TBA) Room 12 of the Education Wing.

Leader – Jane Wright - 344-7165

Westwood Singers (grades 4-8) begin Wed, Sept 9, room 12, 6-7:45,

Leader Karen Bowman 375-9580.

Westwood Ringers (Grades 5-12) will begin Sunday, Sept 20 at 4:45 in room 13.

Leader Vicki Reed 385-1760

Junior Chimes (grades 3-5) begin during second service starting Sept TBA

Leader Erica Jenkins 552-4993.

Instrumentalists who would like to play in worship on Sept 6 and other Sundays,

Leader: Jane Wright

Note Worship Service Times Change September 13

Beginning Sept 13, the second service will begin at 10:55. The first service remains the same.



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

Have you seen those billboards and the ads in the Gazette Thursday Ticket? Look for the man on the mountain asking the question: "Is there more to life than this?"

It is an exciting time in the community as the new Alpha courses start up and the current courses get rejuvenated with all the advertising going on. Please put your yard signs in your yards and have your car magnets on to support the Alpha Invitation. If you are still wanting a yard sign they are available.

Even more important is that you bring someone to the Introductory Dinner Tuesday September 8th.

Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Please come and see what Alpha is all about. Call the church office to make dinner reservations.

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, Schoolcraft UMC, Schoolcraft Assembly of God, 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 invite someone to Alpha.

The New Adventurers are going to the New Vic Theatre

Saturday, September, 26
Dessert & Theatre

The New Adventurers are going to the "New Vic Theatre" on Saturday, September 26 to the "The Best of Times". This is a musical odyssey of the popular folk music era of the 60's and 70's. We will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. for dessert before going to the musical. Please call Joyce Branch at 372-7688 for information or reservations. Tickets are \$25.00. Deadline is September 10th.

News from Paul Webster

An update bulletin was received by Paul Webster, our missionary at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Zambia, in early August. Excerpts will be printed in the Messenger over the next few weeks.

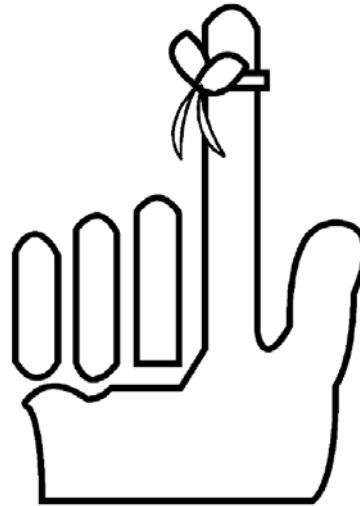
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just wanted to share a few things we have been doing in the past few months. It has been a busy time as we have participated in a District Agriculture Show, built a swing set for our Mama Roxanne Day Care Centre, trained a new pair of oxen, trained a local group in goat milking, cleared a new corn field, planted pasture grasses, and planted and irrigated our dry season gardens, continue construction on a missionary house and complete two worker houses. In June we bought a new Holstein bull for the project and completed filling our silage pit. In May we harvested our many crops.

We are half way through the dry season and are beginning to think about planting, again. We are planning two "demonstration plow days" in October, and will be hosting a Volunteer-in-Mission person in September and a group from Engineers without Borders in October. We are continuing to build my missionary house and working on our water system.

Remember...

September 13 services will begin at 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. and Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.



Summer Reading of the New Testament

August 23 – 29

M	Hebrews 1-3
T	Hebrews 4-7
W	Hebrews 8-10
T	Hebrews 11-13
F	James 1-3
S	James 4-5

August 30 – September 5

M	1 Peter
T	2 Peter
W	1 John 1-2
T	1 John 3-5
F	1 John, 2 John, Jude
S	Revelation 1-3

Church Directory

The photos for the pictorial directory will be taken on Sept. 24 – 26 and Oct. 12 – 14.

Below is a scheduling form. Please mark off the top three choices of dates and times for your photo sitting (mark 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice) and turn in the form below to the Messenger mailbox beside the church office. If you would like a sitting of extended family in addition to your directory photo, you are more than welcome to do so. If you have any questions about scheduling or your photo sitting, please contact Beth Arbogast at 343-3937.

Name _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Number of persons in your party _____

Thursday, Sept. 24

_____ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

_____ 4:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

_____ 6:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 25

_____ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

_____ 4:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

_____ 6:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 26

_____ 9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

_____ 11:50 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

_____ 1:50 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 12

_____ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

_____ 4:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

_____ 6:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

_____ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

_____ 4:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

_____ 6:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

_____ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

_____ 4:40 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

_____ 6:40 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Julian Blair, 22979 Canary Avenue, Mattawan, MI, 49071

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

Herb Ellinger, Friendship Village #191, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo, 49006

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

Dick Harrison

Mabel Hillis, 3014 Winter Wheat, Kalamazoo, MI, 49004

Julie Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

The family and congregation of Reverend Jerry Lewis

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 Afghanistan

Anthony Earl

Nicholas Heystek

Ryan Mitchell

John Moser

Carl Williams

Christopher Wilson






Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 23, 2009	
	Alpha Sunday
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:15 AM	Missions Breakfast
9:30 AM	Praise Team
10:00 AM	Worship Celebration
Monday, August 24, 2009	
7:00 PM	Courters
Tuesday, August 25, 2009	
TBD	Worship Team of Lay Leaders/Staff
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
6:30 PM	Quilters and Crafters
TBD	Worship Assistant's Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM	Prayer Fellowship
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
Thursday, August 27, 2009	
10:00 AM	Cooperation Meeting
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
Friday, August 28, 2009	
6:30 PM	Church Council Retreat
Saturday, August 29, 2009	
9:00 AM	Church Council Retreat
Sunday, August 30, 2009	
	Jazz Worship Service
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Praise Team
10:00 AM	Worship Celebration
Monday, August 31, 2009	
7:00 PM	Courters
Tuesday, September 01, 2009	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Lay Leaders/Staff
Wednesday, September 02, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
Thursday, September 03, 2009	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
Friday, September 04, 2009	
	No events scheduled.
Saturday, September 05, 2009	
	No events scheduled.
Sunday, September 06, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
10:00 AM	Worship Celebration

**Worship Celebrations at
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**
Nursery care is provided
during both celebrations.



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!

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