

From the Heart of the Pastor

Jesus' final instructions to the disciples in Matthew were, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). "Making disciples" is showing others how to live in Jesus' grace by the example of our lives. Christianity is always a "life faith" because Jesus was God incarnate. "Incarnate" is defined by Webster's dictionary as, "to give bodily form and substance to". Making disciples is faith lived in person, and Jesus gives us the co-mission in bringing God's living way to others.

Baptism is a sign of commitment, in which we asked God to wash of our sins, and publicly declare our intention to follow His way. The baptism of water is a baptism of cleansing and forgiveness, freeing us from condemnation of our past, while the baptism of the Holy Spirit gives us the power, wisdom, and love to live Jesus' teachings. One way we receive the power of the Holy Spirit is through our relationships with others who have given their allegiance to Jesus. Faith is never a solo effort because Jesus' incarnate presence lives through each of us, and in relationship with one another.

God's presence through Jesus, took the commands of the Hebrew Bible (the Old Testament), and made them relational. Thus, God's expression of faith to people shifted from commands to relationship. The shift is reflected some of Jesus' final words, "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15). Todd Hunter started a church and communicated to people, "I do want things from you; I want things for you" (89). A friend's heart is what they want for you. I believe when Jesus calls us His "friends" the focus of faith shifts from commands to what Jesus wants for us.

Our church is important because Jesus has placed us on the west side of Kalamazoo to be in relationship with the people around us, showing them what it means to live in friendship with Jesus, and what Jesus wants for them. Being a friend of Jesus, we are concerned about what matters to Jesus, which means to live His teaching, and join Him in building the Kingdom.

In late August our Church Council met over two days to discern how God is blessing Westwood UMC and some of the places He wants us to focus on over the next four years. They are:

- Intentional discipleship
- Age-targeted programming: worship, education, special programs, families
- Being in mission: living our faith in service to others

In the coming months we will be sharing how we will embody these in our congregation. The Church Council and I ask that you lift them in prayer, asking our Lord how He will have us live the co-mission He has given us, as we share the friendship of Jesus with others.

Gratefully serving Jesus with you,
Pastor Wayne

Church Directory Pictures

If you were not able to get your pictures taken and have not yet scheduled your sitting for Oct. 12 - 14, please contact Beth Arbogast at 343-3937 today, or pick up a scheduling form by the church office, fill it out, and turn it in to the Messenger mailbox (outside of the 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.



Engineers Without Borders to Visit Mujila Falls

Paul Webster, our missionary in Zambia, reports: "After several months of communications I have been informed that Engineers Without Borders Chapter from Huntsville, Alabama, wants to send out a study team later this year to help us to design and build a water system for our project site as well as look at the possibility of building an agricultural lime quarry to serve local farmers with their soil fertility problems.

We look forward to their coming and hope that we can raise the funds necessary to put their plans into action. We are in the process of buying about a half kilometer of PVC pipe for the water system and will have to construct a large canal to serve the pemstock and ram pump to be installed near the falls. They will be designing a water filtration system to ensure that the water that we will be pumping from the river using only gravity as our power source will be clean and safe for us and our workers as well as for our animals."

Westwood Singers News

During the next several weeks, your Westwood Singer families will be working hard to raise money for our choir program and activities. We are offering a collection of excellent merchant coupons from local businesses. These **Peel It Cards** cost only \$10 and represent an incredible value. They may be used through the end of 2010. Some are for unlimited use through 2010. Unlimited use coupons include Arby's, Bennigans, Big Apple Bagel, Dunham's Sports, and Family Video. See any Westwood Singer for yours!

Merchants include:

Restaurants: The Craftsman Chop Co., TGIFridays, Ground Round, Buffalo Wild Wings, Big Boy, Old Country Buffet, Blackhawk Bar & Grill, Mission Pointe. **Entertainment:** Celebration Cinema, Rave Motion Pictures, Lazer Land, Video Hits, Kalamazoo 10, Airway Lanes. **Stores:** Best Buy, MC Sports. **Subs:** Quiznos, Lenny's, Blimpie. **Fast Food:** Burger King, Taco Bell, Fazoli's, Taco Bob's, Lee's, Big Apple Bagel, Noodles Co., Checkers. **Ice Cream/Coffee:** Dairy Queen, Coldstone Creamery, Biggby Coffee. **Pizza:** Godfather's Pizza, Hungry Howie's, Cottage Inn Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Cottage Inn Pizza, Samuel Mancinos, Papa Johns. **Auto:** Lentz.

Russia Initiative Dinner

A dinner to benefit Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia will be held Sunday, October 18 at 12:15 p.m. Enjoy a chicken dinner and support our financial covenant through the Russia Initiative with your donation. Enjoy good food and fellowship! Take-out orders dinners be available if you are unable to stay. Please help the church in Russia be a place where people can find love, joy, and hope and be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage MEN ONLY

This message is for MEN ONLY. Guys, if you want to score BIG Points with the misses, this is for you. Take your special gal on a date! Starting at 7:00 pm on Friday night October 30th join us for the video seminar, Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage. We finish by 10:00 pm and you are home way before the sports report. We start again Saturday morning at 9:00 am for a light breakfast before continuing the seminar, which is over no later than 1:00 pm, leaving you plenty of time for Saturday afternoon football!

What is it?

- A very funny look at marriage
- Presented by Pastor Mark Gungor, nationally known marriage and relationship expert. This guy is FUNNY!
- There are plenty of breaks between the segments...with SNACKS!
- A great way to show your spouse how cool and hip you are.
- Something the two of you will talk about for months to come.
- FREE

Okay, you will not want to miss out on this opportunity, so contact us to reserve your spot. Call either:

Early Eves

On Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m., the Early Eves will meet in Schneider Lounge to hear a presentation by Roxanne Frey on Bone Density and Osteoporosis. The hostesses are Mary Grant and Marion Burkey, and dinner will consist of Subway sandwiches (turkey and swiss, no mayo and no mustard). Please call Marion to RSVP and with any special requests at 250-0637. The cost for the meal is \$2.75.

Christians by Maya Angelou

'A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I'm not shouting 'I'm clean livin''
I'm whispering 'I was lost,
Now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble
And need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak
And need His strength to carry on.

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible,
But God believes I am worth it.

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I still feel the sting of pain..
I have my share of heartaches,
So I call upon His name.

When I say... 'I am a Christian'
I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!

A Lesson in Love, Hard Work and Muffins

Arlo “Dunk” Dunkelberger and the Middle High Youth Share a Service

In keeping with the style of Charles Wesley, the middle high youth planned on conducting their first outdoor service at Arlo Dunkelberger’s house on October 4. Cool, rainy weather forced the service inside the home where Dunk and his late wife, Lois had welcomed the youth for so many years. Cameron Andrews played his guitar, serving as the Director of Fine Arts Ministry, while everyone sang “Kum Ba Yah.” Poems were read by Katie Longstroth, and Rachel Price, while the message “Plains and Pains” was delivered by Josh Arbogast. Everyone was given a quick lesson on playing the kazoo and performed “Jesus Loves Me,” “Amazing Grace,” and “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” At the conclusion of the service the youth planted a Rose of Sharon bush and Lilies of the Valley in Dunk’s yard.

A little about our guest: Dunk, born in 1928, was part of a loving family which included five brothers and a sister. He was raised during the Great Depression on a farm in the rural community of South Haven. Dunk is proud of his ancestry, commenting that Clement Dunkelberger arrived in 1728 and was given 50 acres of property by William Penn in what is now Reading, Pennsylvania. As a youngster, Dunk helped his family survive the depression by picking blueberries. Earning five cents a quart, he was required to contribute one dollar each day before he could play with his friends. He also worked as a high school janitor. A fine athlete was born of all this work. When he was a strapping 5’ 10” and 145 pounds, he signed on as end for the Bangor High School football team. They won the State Championship in 1945 and Dunk was eventually inducted into the High School Football Hall of Fame. After graduating in 1947, Dunk went to Kalamazoo College and The University of Michigan where, in 1948, he met his future wife at an off-campus party. Lois and Dunk were married in 1951 after many college style dates over a cup of coffee. Married for 58 wonderful years before Lois went to be with the Lord, together the Dunkelberger’s had one daughter, Lynda, two grandchildren, Jeff and K.T, and two great-grandchildren, Michael and Jake.

Dunk has retired as a licensed mortician, and served twenty year as a volunteer at Fort Custer National Cemetery. Lois and Dunk also served as volunteers at Westwood in many capacities. “There is nothing around this church that I haven’t done and I encourage the youth to do the same. I remember when Lois and I rolled out the dough [2,000 pasties] for the first pasty sale.” Talk about being one of the original “holy rollers”. Dunk’s advice as a Sunday school teacher is to have fun with the kids, work out stories, have them lead worship, play games, make the scriptures enjoyable and build a trusting relationship.

Special thanks to Will Arbogast for driving the youth to Dunk’s house and overseeing the planting of the Rose of Sharon.



Middle High Sunday School News for September Weaving Baskets and Religion

Mrs. Ruth Tompsett, a basket weaver (Maple Lake Basketry) from Paw Paw, helped the middle high youth in creating reed baskets. The bases of the baskets were woven by Mrs. Tompsett and the youth were responsible for constructing the walls. Although the baskets were not finished during the class session, Tompsett, a master basket weaver took the baskets home and finished them for our youth.

The unfinished baskets represented our spiritual lives said Roxanne Frey. At one point we didn't know what we were making: the walls didn't seem too straight; the rows were uneven and everything was being held together by clothespins. Mrs. Tompsett, our teacher had planned the type and design of our basket. Each basket was a little different, depending upon the individual weaving the reeds. Some baskets were of one color and specific reed type, while others had blue, green or pink reeds intertwined. All from the same Divine Design. All with the same purpose in life. Will your basket hold all the rich blessings Jesus has in store for you?

Ark of the Middle High Covenant

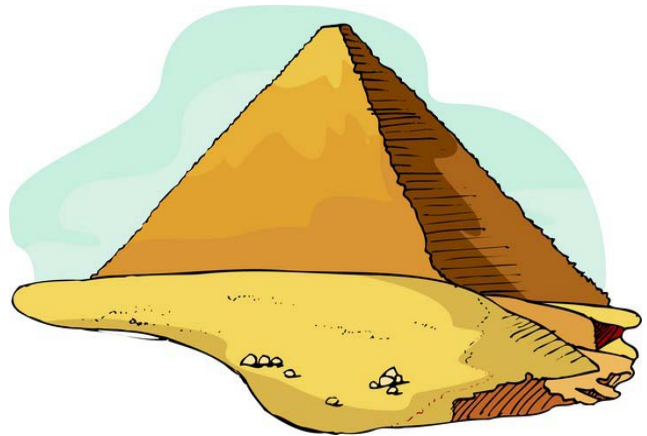
The overflow students were assisted by Mark Longstroth and Jim Frey as a time capsule was encased in cement and lowered into the ground by the lower parking lot on September 20, 2009. The original site for the time capsule was the court yard, but the drought conditions make the earth too difficult to dig. The Ark received a marker on September 27 with the help of our neighbor, Otis Perry, and will be exhumed on the 5th anniversary! A special thanks to Laura Anderson for donating the metal box for our time capsule.

Middle High Youth

Ahlan Wa Sahlan Egypt October 18th

Lynn Whitcomb, PhD in Egyptian Studies will discuss the culture of the Arabic nations. Egyptian food and a lesson in Arabic language will be included as we talk about Abraham and the covenant with God (Gen 13: 14-17).

You don't have to be a middle high youth to join in this discussion.



Reminders From The Trustees

Do not change the settings of the thermostats in any area of the church. If you think there is a problem with a room being too hot or too cold, let Lois know.

The door to the north parking lot is the only door that is to be unlocked during the week when there are not any functions at the church. If you are participating in an activity and have unlocked one of the other entrances, please make sure to relock the doors when you leave. This is requested as added security for the front office.

Please refrain from bringing any food, drinks, or gum into the sanctuary. We aim to keep those cushions for a long time and your cooperation is appreciated.

The Trustees

Did you miss these announcements? Need a reminder about ongoing mission? Take a look below.

Lost and Found!

There is a cabinet right under the church mail slots, just outside the church office that has a sign on it that says; "*LOST and FOUND*". You are welcome to open that cabinet door at any time and see if any items that you have lost at the church have been found. If you lost them at home, they probably won't be in there. The collection of "Found Stuff" is getting quite large, so please take a look. You may find something of yours that you didn't even know you lost!

Wanted: Dish Soap

Wanted: When you are grocery shopping and you see dish washing detergent on sale, could you buy an extra one and donate it to the church kitchen, either the upstairs kitchen or the downstairs kitchen. A lot of groups use our kitchens and we always seem to be without dish soap. Thank you.

E-mail Prayer Chain

Would you like to be contacted via e-mail when there is a prayer request during the week? I am compiling a confidential e-mail list that would do just that! If there is a request for prayer either through Rose Marie Kohl, Lois Moeller or anyone from our prayer team, you would receive an email. If I am unavailable, Sally Mahieu will be sending the message. If you would like to be included in the e-mail list, to be notified of prayer requests, please e-mail me at mary.grant@wmich.edu. Please call if you have any questions. Mary Grant, 345-9422

Ongoing Missions

Campbells Labels/ Box Tops for Education/Spartan Brand UPC
Personal Care Items for Ministry with Community
Eyeglasses
Aluminum Pull Tabs (pop can tabs)
Used Ink Jet Cartridges
Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes Food Donations
Medicine Bottles (clean and empty)

News from Worship & Fine Arts

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
Oct 11		Chancel Choir/Praise Team
Oct 18	Liturgical Dance – Jill Johns and Co.	Liturgical Dance – Jill Johns and Co. Praise team
Oct 25	Chancel Choir, Westwood Singers	Chancel Choir, WWS, Praise Team

Great Gospel Singout For UMCOR

If you would like to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, please make your donation through Westwood by October 11 when the Chancel Choir will take our UMCOR donations to the Great Gospel Sing Out to be counted. The event begins at 3:00. Each music group representing their church sings one song. After the song, a collection is taken for UMCOR. People vote for their favorite choir by putting loose coins and dollars and their church UMCOR donation into the offering. At the end, all the donations are tallied and announced for each church. The entire amount is then donated to UMCOR and the winners receive a trophy for their division. Westwood has won two years running! Save your coins and go to Vicksburg for all the fun. This might be the year the Great Gospel Sing Out brings tops out at over \$400,000 total over the years. Every church however, gets credit toward our ministry shares to the United Methodist Church Conference.

Music Ministries



Where all are welcome



Many are served

All groups welcome new faces into their ministries. Please feel invited to come. If you have questions, be sure to call Jane Wright for information, rehearsal times and contacts for any group of interest. Phone: 344-7165 Ext 205. Email: jwright-wumc@sbcglobal.net

Groups in action at Westwood UMC and beyond are: Praise Team, Westwood Handbell Ensemble, Chancel Choir, Handbell "Q", High School Choir, Westwood Ringers, Westwood Singers, Junior Chimes, Glory Connection II, Instrumentalists.

Fine Art Ministries Purpose Statement: The Fine Art/Music groups of Westwood United Methodist Church exist for the purpose of fostering, sharing and serving through our gifts related to the arts; so that through each group, God may be Glorified and the world may come to know and worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Hence, they are used by God for the building of His Kingdom; and are an avenue by which we offer Christ, Grow in Faith, Touch Lives, Make a difference.

Scripture related to our Fine Art Ministries: Praise God in His Sanctuary . . . Praise him with the sound of trumpets . . . with tambourine and dancing . . . with resounding cymbals. Psalm 150 Sing to the Lord a New Song, His praise in the assembly of the saints. Psalm 149

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Bill Johnson, Alterra of Wynwood, 3100 Old Centre, Portage, 49024

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

Don Bertch, Rose Arbor Hospice residence, #9, 5473 Croydon Avenue, Kalamazoo, 49009

Thom Carrington, (Thom is at home.)

Sue Clapp, 1974 Dunlin Court NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

Gary Cumming, 4867 Sweet Cherry Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Judy DeHaan, 612 Jenks Blvd., Kalamazoo, 49006

Arlo Dunkelberger and family, 1390 Ewing Way, Kalamazoo, 49004

Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, 49006

Lynn (Ethlyn) Graebner, Upjohn Community Care Center, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo,
2400 Portage, Kalamazoo, 49001

Vicki Hale

Dick Harrison, 3908 Iroquios, Kalamazoo, 49006

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

Samual Jennings

Sally Krohn

Bud Mahieu, 1433 Barney Rd., Kalamazoo, 49004

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

Mike Roush, 522 Cherokee #212, Kalamazoo, 49006

Patricia Smith

Norma Stafford, 1304 N. Eagle Lake Dr., Kalamazoo, 49009

Emily Strong, 3504 Iroquois Trail, Kalamazoo, 49006

Dani Sturdy, 4633 Brickleton Woods Dr., Portage 49024

Betty Thompson, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Apt. 189, Kalamzoo, 49006

Nancy Wallus, 717 Kendall, Kalamazoo, 49006

Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Nicholas Heystek

Neil McKenna

Carl Williams

Christopher Wilson



Calendar of Events




Sunday, October 11, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups
Monday, October 12, 2009	
2:30 PM	Church Directory Pictures
7:00 PM	Communications
7:00 PM	Courters
7:15 PM	Boy Scouts of America
Tuesday, October 13, 2009	
9:30 AM	Worship Team
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
2:30 PM	Church Directory Pictures
6:00 PM	Alpha
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday, October 14, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
2:30 PM	Church Directory Pictures
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Companions in Christ Bible Study
6:00 PM	High School Choir
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
Thursday, October 15, 2009	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
6:00 PM	Glory Connection
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
7:00 PM	Foundation
7:00 PM	BSA Program Committee
Friday, October 16, 2009	
3:30 PM	Kalamazoo Cross Country
7:00 PM	Civil War Roundtable
Saturday, October 17, 2009	
	No events scheduled.
Sunday, October 18, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
12:00 PM	Missions Dinner
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups



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There really is more to life!

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 at
8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.
Nursery care is provided
during both celebrations.**

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