

From the Heart of the Pastor

We are blessed to be 'saved to serve' as Matt Sturdy explained on Sunday. Perhaps how God saved your life was not quite as dramatic as Matt's story, yet in some way God has saved all of our lives. Nicky Gumbel wrote a guide to living a Godly life called, "Challenging Lifestyle." The book includes chapters on "How to Live under God's Blessing," "How to Deal with Anger," "How to Get Our Relationships Right," as well as other chapters about what we face in our lives. You may not have been saved from physical death, but you may have been saved from meaninglessness, potentially destructive relationships, as well as emotional or spiritual death. How has your relationship with Jesus impacted you and saved you?

Who you are is a blessing to others and to God. As I mentioned on Sunday, God can use your life experiences as a gift of empathy and compassion for others. On November 1 we will remember the people who gave the gift of themselves to us, but are no longer with us. I encourage you to think about how God has given you people in your life as a gift of his encouragement and strength.

I also invite you to think about how God is using you, and can use you, to be a gift to others. One aspect of being a gift to others is your experience, another is your innate abilities. These are things you do which you can do well, and are sometimes referred to as "Spiritual Gifts". A website called Mintools.com based their list of spiritual gifts on Romans 12:

- **Administration**
- **Discernment**
- **Exhortation**
- **Evangelism**
- **Faith**
- **Giving**
- **Helps**
- **Hospitality**
- **Knowledge**
- **Leadership**
- **Mercy**
- **Pastor**
- **Service**
- **Teaching**
- **Wisdom**

In encourage you to go the website (Mintools.com), take their questionnaire about spiritual gifts, and identify the ways God has gifted you as you are saved to serve. You have received the blessings of God through others, may you be blessed to be a blessing.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
Nov 1	WHBE, C Choir, W. Ringers	WHBE, C Choir, W. Ringers
Nov 8	Wesley Foundation here	Wesley Foundation here
Nov 15		WW Singers, H.S. Choir, Praise Team
Nov 22	Chancel Choir	C. Choir, Jr Chimes, Praise Team
Nov 29	Glory Connection II	Glory Connection II, Praise Team

All Saints Day - Nov. 1

If you have lost a loved one from WUMC this year from November 2, 2008 to November 1, 2009; and if you would like their picture displayed on All Saints Sunday, please send or bring them to the Church Office. All pictures will be returned. Thank you.



Season Of Praise

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

All singers are welcome to attend the rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata. They are Thursday nights at 7PM and each week, we work through two or three movements of the Cantata, which will happen on Sunday, December 20 at both services. Please come and sing. We would like a nice full group for this event and we need your voice!!!!

Westwood Music Ministries At Friendship Village

November 22, the Westwood Music Ministries will be connecting with Community while being featured in concert at Friendship Village at 7PM in the KIVA. There will be several groups attending (Westwood Singers & Ringers, Chancel Choir, Glory Connection, Westwood Handbell Ensemble and Q) Thanks and God Bless you - to all our performers who are giving of their time and talents for this event for the sake of the Friendship Village residents.

Hanging of the Greens

On Saturday, November 28th, The New Adventurers will be Hanging the Greens at Church! And, thanks to Joe and Shirley Mitchell, we have a huge new wreath for the Cross and NEW greens to hang this year! We will begin at 9:00 in the morning and decorate Westwood United Methodist Church for Christ's Birthday! ! Many hands make the work go fast, and what a great activity to get us all "in the Spirit!!"

We will have coffee cake and bagels and juice to get us going, and then soup and salad when we have completed our task. Come and join us for the fellowship and fun and work!!

Let Margo and Doug Heystek know if you can help, so we can plan for the "nourishment"!! 372-1099

**Decoration Take-down is on Saturday, January 9th, 2010!

Support the Troops "Operation Holiday Cheer"

Hosted by Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Southwest, MI
Help make the Holidays special for our Military

Westwood will be collecting donations of individually packaged items as they are best to ship and easy for troops to carry in a pocket. Some of the items being collected (collection box located near Missions bulletin board) are listed below. Then on Saturday, November 21, at Calvary Bible Church, 855 S. Drake Rd., there will be a program at 1 p.m. followed by packing on the donations to send to the troops. View military photos/items and enjoy refreshments too.



Powdered drink sticks/on-the-go packets (Propel, Crystal Light, etc.)	Tuna and chicken in a pouch	Fruit
Tea (bags and instant) snacks		
Trail mix	Beef jerky	Breakfast/granola bars
Playing cards	Black socks	Disposable cameras
Eye drops	Hand sanitizers	Footballs
Soccer balls	Baseballs	Hot chocolate
Coffee	Gum	Hard candy
Cheese/peanut butter crackers	Peanuts	Pop Tarts
Flavored oatmeal packets	Uno cards	Hand held games
White socks	CDs/ DVDs	Phone cards
Powder or cream for athlete's foot	Store packaged cookies (Oreos, Chips Ahoy, etc.)	
Plastic Mattress covers (protection from bed bugs)		Letters and cards of support

What's Going on in Missions

\$168 was collected for UMCOR from September's loose coins that went along with UMCOR funds with our Chancel Choir to the Great Gospel Sing Out at Vicksburg UMC on October 11. We brought a total of \$737 and \$60.32 was received following our song. The total event raised \$18,209.12!

\$103 was remitted for Native American Sunday to nurture missions with Native Americans and provide scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Loose coins in October will go to support missionary Paul Webster and the Agricultural project at Mujila Falls in Zambia.

\$1,000 was sent for our covenant with Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia through the Russia Initiative. This was accomplished through individual gifts, mission breakfasts, Meijer and Hardings rewards, and sale of autumn baskets. We have now sent \$3,000 of our \$6,000 commitment. The October 18 dinner raised another \$650.

We will be gathering coats, winter clothing, and blankets (clean, used items are acceptable) during Advent to be given to those in need at the Christmas dinner at Stockbridge Ave. UMC on December 20 so please be checking your closets. Queen size blankets are especially needed.

Help support the troops and make the holidays special for our military by participating in Operation Holiday Cheer hosted by the Blue Star Mothers of America in southwest Michigan. A list of items being collected is on the Missions bulletin board and appeared in the October 19 Messenger. These items will be packed for shipment on November 21 at Calvary Bible Church.

The Wesley Foundation praise team will be at Westwood worship services on November 8. Pastor Wayne will preach. A special offering will be taken to support the ministries at Wesley

Golden Gazette

Newsletter of the OLDER ADULT COUNCIL

Sallie Platt, Editor

55 Plus

Please join us on Wednesday, November 4 for the catered meal at noon in Simpson Hall. Jim Jameson and Crew will prepare a meal for us, so let us know if you can attend by filling out a reservation form. Following the meal, Larry Opplinger will address, "What Does Widening the Welcome at Wesley Foundation mean?" Come and find out! Please return your reservation form to the church office by Nov. 1.

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

- 11/1 Marilyn Bekken, 1834 West G Ave., 49004, Ph. 349-5495
- 11/3 Betty Yagi, 6112 Old Log Trail, 49009, Ph. 375—8366
- 11/9 Dick Burnham, 3108 Bramble, 49009, Ph. 372-2780
- 11/14 Larn Meadows, 4714 Weston, 49006, Ph. 344-1402
- 11/17 Helen Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Ln., 49006, Ph. 344-9874
- 11/19 Jean Weinburg, 1517 Skylark Way, 49009, Ph. 372-3234
- 11/22 Jackie Nuyen, 1622 Kaywood Dr., 49006, Ph. 343-6412
- 11/24 Joyce Babbitt, 47040 24th St. Mattawan, 49071, Ph. 343-6412
- 11/28 Ann Wheeler, 1117 Turwill Lane, 49006, Ph. 553-0751

Reservation Form

55 Plus – Wednesday, Nov. 4

Name (s) _____

Return to the church office by Nov. 1

Getting to Know You

Jack Lancaster
Born April 10, 1929 in Kalamazoo
Kalamazoo Central HS, 1947
Married June 2, 1956 at Disciple of Christ Church in Battle Creek
Children: Brenda (1957-1982); Marianne (1959), and Julie (1961)

Helen (Amann) Lancaster
Born November 17, 1933, Battle Creek
Battle Creek Central HS, 1952

Jack and Helen met on a blind date arranged by Dale and Darlene Griffith while Helen was completing her training as a registered nurse at Bronson School of Nursing. She recalls their second date with a chuckle; they attended a Kalamazoo Central, Battle Creek Central Football game, serious rivals. As a BC grad, she sat on the Kalamazoo side with Jack and watched her team go down in defeat.

Jack grew up at Simpson UMC, but when Jack and Helen moved to the west side of Kalamazoo in 1960, they joined Westwood. Through the years they have been involved in many ways, together they lead the junior MYF before their own children were involved, and currently serve as ushers and greeters.

In the interim Jack has coached boys and girls church league basketball and was instrumental in starting the girl's league. Several trophies won by his teams make their home in their basement. He also taught seventh grade Sunday School several years.

Helen has also taught the occasional adult Sunday School class, but has most notably served, often as officer, on many committees over the years including the Women's Society (now United Methodist Women), Church and Society (now Missions Committee) and currently is organizing a "Senior Shepherd" Program, caring for older members and attendees of WUMC. One of Helen's favorite memories is that Westwood began participating in the Appalachia Service Project while she was chair of the Missions Committee. About a dozen young people signed up that first year.

Jack retired in 1992 as a "shipping analyst" for the railroad and then for the paper industry. Helen dedicated 25 years to the Kalamazoo Public Schools Continuing Education for Young Families Program. Outside of church, Helen drives for the Shepherd Center and both of them work on the Red Cross blood drives. At home Jack likes to watch sports on TV, Helen says he is a "Die Hard Tigers Fan," but also follows local athlete Derek Jeter and the Yankees, as well as U of M and Kalamazoo Central Basketball and Football. Helen uses the same time to keep up with her reading (mysteries and historical novels) and enjoys crocheting prayer shawls. When they get together with friends, they also enjoy cards, especially "Euchre" and "Jokers."

"Old Blue Eyes" and music of the 40s and 50s are popular with both of them. Helen's favorite hymn is "Here I am, Lord," while Jack enjoys the more traditional such as "When the Saints go Marching In." Shrimp at Red Lobster ranks number one on their dining out preferences.



Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Harriet Lou Warburton, Director's Hall, 600 Golden Drive, Kalamazoo, 49001

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Gary Babbitt, U of M Medical Center #7137, 1500 East Medical Center Drive,
Ann Arbor, MI, 48109

Pat Bailey, 1855 Quail Cove, Kalamazoo, 49009

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

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

Irene Dutton, 918 Nichols Road, Kalamazoo, 49006

Shirley Greene

Vicki Hale

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

Erica Jenkins, 28047 Wellington Rd., Kalamazoo, 49008

Kevin Klute, 370 Creston, Kalamazoo, 49001

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

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

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Carl Williams



Calendar of Events




Sunday, November 01, 2009	
	All Saint's Day
	Communion Sunday
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:15 AM	Flu Shots at WUMC
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Worship Service
Monday, November 02, 2009	
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts of America
Tuesday, November 03, 2009	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Lay Ministers/Staff
6:00 PM	Alpha
7:00 PM	KAL I)PMS
7:00 PM	Kingdom Kids Meeting
7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
7:00 PM	BSA District Meeting
Wednesday, November 04, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
12:00 PM	55 Plus
6:00 PM	Companions in Christ Bible Study
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	High School Choir
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
Thursday, November 05, 2009	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
6:00 PM	The Lioness
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
7:00 PM	BSA Commissioners
Friday, November 06, 2009	
	No events scheduled
Saturday, November 07, 2009	
	No events scheduled
Sunday, November 08, 2009	
	Wesley Sunday
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
12:15 PM	Camp 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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<http://www.westwood-umc.org/>

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