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## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

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### **Committment Sunday**

during worship on

November 15

Please prayerfully consider how you can support God's work at Westwood UMC. We will offer our estimates of giving for 2010 during the worship service.

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On Sunday, we talked about the passion the Lord puts on our hearts: our passion for things we enjoy doing as well as the things we feel deeply about. The word for "passion" has its origins in the Greek word, "Pathos" which means to experience emotional chaos caused by suffering. Jesus experienced our "pathos" in His arrest and crucifixion, and that is why the Christian church refers to it as "The Passion". Jesus' resurrection transformed the disciples' pathos into passion. No longer did they need to fear injustice and death. By the power of God (All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Matthew 28:18), Jesus overcame all things to give the disciples victory, and commanded them to "go" (Matt. 28:19). The disciples were so impassioned by the resurrection, they spent the rest of their lives dedicated to sharing it with the world.

What is your passion? What do you really enjoy doing? How has Jesus transformed your pathos into passion and compassion for others? We heard testimonies on Sunday telling how God has transformed despair into hope at Westwood UMC, and how He is inviting you to experience the resurrection, and offer Christ to others. God has placed a passion on your heart, and this week we invite you to prayerfully consider where you are willing to commit your gift and passion to Jesus. Sunday is our Commitment Sunday and it is our time to be the light of Jesus our community and world. Please pray about what you can offer in your gifts and your time at Westwood UMC. God has done great things, and greater things are still to be done in this city!

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

**THEREFORE**  
*go*  
**AND MAKE**  
**DISCIPLES OF ALL**  
*nations.*

MATTHEW 28:19





For the heights and depts. That have no reach, God gave us music, the soul's own speech

## Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
Nov 15	Jane Wright	WW Singers/H.S. Singers, Praise Team, Jane
Nov 22	Chancel Choir	C. Choir, Jr Chimes, Praise Team
Nov 29	Glory Connection II	Glory Connection II, Praise Team
		WWRingers
Dec 6	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir, Instrumentalists, H.S. Choir



## 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 Singers to Dakota UMC

For those who remember Mike Pinto, you will know that he is the Pastor at Dakota UMC. The Westwood Singers have sung there in the past, and are invited back! They will sing no less than 4 pieces at Michael's Church, Dakota UMC on November 22 in the morning worship service. Pray for our young singers that their lights will indeed shine as they minister to this congregation on November 22.

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010!

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## Pictures Available

The following pictures from the portrait settings are available in the church office.

Michael Babin  
David Bucklin  
Irv Cumming  
Beverly Harvey  
John Hazel  
Thomas Hillman  
Erica Jenkins  
Jerry Kalhorn  
Bruce Kroeze  
Karl Morrison  
Ash Norton  
John Penniman  
Robert Reed  
Charles Schultz  
Emmanuel Sikaundi  
Harold Stanley  
Matt Sturdy  
Gary Waite  
Ellen Whitcomb  
Lou White

Thank you.

## Basement Sale

The semi-annual basement sale will be held on Friday, November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **You may drop off items to be included in this sale in room 16 next to the theatre starting after 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8.**

Ladies...Gentlemen...Youth...Can you volunteer a couple of hours in order to make this sale successful? All proceeds benefit mission projects supported by United Methodist Women through the General Board of Global Ministries. Help is needed on:

\*Thursday, November 12 from 2 to 9 p.m. to sort donations

\*Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14: check-out customers, tidy tables, etc. (especially need help Friday morning when it is the busiest)

\*Saturday, November 14 at Noon to pack up unsold items which will go to the Rescued Treasures Store operated by the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

If you have questions, please call Marlene Pyle, 375-3225.



## **Heart of the Staff**

Jane Wright

Retirement, Jobs, Economics, God In All Of It!!

Pastor Wayne asked me if I would like to write a Heart of the Staff message once a month to assist in better staying in touch with my church family. I told him that would be a great idea, as I have missed writing to you on a regular basis.

As many of you have learned, our home situation has changed, as last Friday, my husband David retired from his job of 36 years, hauling cars for Chrysler. This has not been an easy situation for us given the current economic situation of our Nation. There are no "givens" to lean on when trying to make a decision like this right now. Pension plans contain fine print saying things about being subject to change at any time, depending of the financial standing of the pension funds. We are hearing that social security is NOT so secure and might eventually run out. We have no way of knowing what inflation will do to our limited incomes and weather health care will ever be the same again. Dave's job with Chrysler has been changing daily, and that wasn't a "for sure" thing either. I'll bet that many of you have gone through or are going through similar circumstances, and it isn't easy. In fact, it is almost impossible to make intelligent decisions based on no stable information, and this stuff all becomes very hard.

Once in awhile, we just have to learn to walk on water, don't we? We have to learn to trust when we feel an inner peace that defies all the circumstances. Like Peter, who trusted enough to step into the waters, we have to remember to keep staring into the eyes of Jesus, and keep walking. You've heard the expression, "Don't look down!" That applies in more ways than one. Whether walking a tight rope, walking on water, or getting through life, "don't look down!" When looking, "down" we are pretty good at seeing the floor, our shoes, the rest of our body, or whatever lurks below where we are now. Usually, we don't see God very well. Somehow, God resides in the higher places.

I like the part in the 23rd Psalm that says, "He makes me lie down in green pastures." I learned from Evelyn Christianson (a Christian writer who is one of my favorites), that we are made to lie down, so we will look up. Sometimes we lie down because we are ill, or broken. Sometimes we lie down because it is time to rest, or retire. Sometimes we lie down because we simply have no where to go. Whatever the case, it gives opportunity to "look UP." Looking up is a great way to notice how God seems to be in all of it! Sometimes when I lie down and look up, God will seemingly smile and say, "It's about time. I've been here all along, waiting for you."

I don't believe that God spends time creating circumstances that make us uncomfortable. I think we can do that pretty well all by ourselves. I believe that God is here all the while; and when we encounter difficult time, that's when we can finally give up our struggling and let God be God. We can learn to follow His lead, which might have been our problem all along! It is then that we can learn to trust that God has plans that are bigger than you or me. In fact, God has plans to prosper us and give us a future. And, God calls us to new ministries no matter what the age. I rather like that he called Moses once he turned 80! Have you noticed that with God, there doesn't seem to be a retirement age? There isn't always a straight path to follow, either. Look again at the map in your bible that shows you the travels of Paul. It appears that God sort of points in a direction, and just when it seems you might know where you are going, He will change that slightly. Paul admitted that he had to wait for God's approval before going anywhere! Rest in knowing, God is in all of it. We are not alone. We are loved and called to be on a very exciting journey with Him, and its called life!!

## Bread for the World Bread Sale

Westwood's Mission team, in conjunction with United Methodist Women, will be selling homemade breads (yeast and quick) on November 22 to support Bread for the World, which lobbies our nation's decision-makers on legislation that addresses hunger in our communities and around the world. Place your order by filling out the order form below and dropping it off at the bread sale table in the Narthex being hosted by a member of the Missions team following worship on November 1, 8 or 15 or drop it off in the church office. **Deadline for ordering is November 15. Orders can be picked up on Sunday, November 22 between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Simpson Hall.**

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### Order Form For Bread (For The World) Return Order Form by November 15, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Quick Breads: Regular size loaf \$5.

Varieties available: banana chocolate chip, blueberry zucchini, cranberry or cranberry nut, pumpkin, ginger carrot. Scones are also available for \$10 a dozen or \$5 for a half dozen.

**Quick Bread:** Indicate kind and number of loaves of each:

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Yeast Loaves: Challeh \$10; Oatmeal \$7.

**Yeast Bread:** Indicate kind and number of loaves:

Kind \_\_\_\_\_ No. of loaves \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind \_\_\_\_\_ No. of loaves \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(checks payable to Westwood UMC)

**Payment due upon pickup:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**breadfortheworld**  
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

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## Thank You

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the beautiful flowers and the love and support shown by Pastor Wayne, Irv Cumming, Jean Whitcomb, Bob Strobel, Jane Wright and my Church Family on Sunday, November 1st. I have been greatly Blessed to have been given the opportunity to be the Organist at Westwood UMC. I will miss playing this great organ which I consider to be my friend.

Blessings,  
Lois Moeller

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## Faith-Hope Circle

Faith-Hope Circle will meet on November 18, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. We are studying "The Purpose Driven Life". Anyone is welcome.

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## Singing Advent Sunday School class

Tina Egan and Roxanne Frey are planning on singing Christmas Carols during the Advent season at the local nursing homes and retirement centers during the Sunday school hour (9:30 to 10:30). Please see Tina or Roxanne if you are interested in participating so that transportation arrangements can be made. All are welcome to participate. Minors will need a permission slip from their parent or guardian. We will return to the church at approximately 10:45 each Sunday.



## Purchase of New Landcruiser an Answer to Prayer

Paul Webster, our missionary in Zambia, excitedly announces: "On October 1<sup>st</sup> we took ownership of our new Toyota Landcruiser. I am so thankful to the Minnesota Annual Conference for the significant donation made from the Bishop's Appeal toward our new pick-up. Along with \$30,000 from an anonymous donor from the Wisconsin Conference and significant funds from First UMC of Midland, Michigan, we were able to put together enough to make the purchase. You have shown your faith through your acts. It is interesting that between last year and this year the price of the vehicle was reduced by about \$10,000 due to changes in the value of the U.S. Dollar against the Japanese Yen. God seems to make everything work in His time. The total price was just under \$40,000 and this left a little money for painting the vehicle, comprehensive insurance for a year, shifting the rack and the bumper, and other expenses related to the vehicle. It is now painted up and working at our site. What a pleasure to have power-steering, power-brakes, and even a radio and air-conditioning for the first time after 15 years with the old Landcruiser. It has coil springs in the front which makes it ride much better than the old one. We are praying that it will be as durable and long-lasting as the previous Landcruiser.

We have already used it to take our donations of food produced at our project to Chief Kanyama's Christian Rain Festival. All of the donations were divided up and distributed to the poor, widows, orphans and sick of the Chieftom. The rains are threatening daily now and it will only be a matter of a couple of weeks before we can begin planting. On October 24 we used the pick-up to take eggs and tomatoes to market in Mwinilunga, our district capital."

## *Getting to Know You*

Betty Marie Anspach

Born August 8, 1922 in Carson City, MI

Married Verl Anspach March 27, 1942 at Central UMC in Lansing.

(Verl passed away in 1999)

Children: Judy (Warren) McArthur of Chelsea; Ron (Royann) Anspach of Kalamazoo;

Jenny Bruyette of Traverse City; Brad (Bernice) Anspach of Watertown, TN

Betty Marie has 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren

Betty Marie grew up in Carson City, Michigan, the oldest of two daughters. After graduating in 1940 from Carson City HS she studied at what is now Lansing Business University, completing a secretarial program in 1942. After the birth of her first child, while Verl was serving in the army, she worked for the Carson City Schools. Between 1958 and '68, the Anspachs owned and operated two motels in the Lansing area while Verl continued to work for the automobile industry.

She has been a community volunteer, doing such activities as blood drives and serving on the election board. She was also active with United Methodist Women, holding several offices. She currently is a member of Faith-Hope Circle and enjoys the people and activities of the 55+ group.

In her spare time Betty likes to read a wide variety of books and magazines. One of her current favorites is "Reminisce" magazine. She also does word search puzzles called "bent and wiggly" and has a history of sewing garments and home furnishings for her family.

"I like to go wherever the car goes," she states. "I like to try new places and meet new people." Camping has been a life-long love and she looks forward to seeing her extended family at a camp-style reunion each summer for the past 13 years.

Betty Marie has always enjoyed music, a love shared by her family. She belonged to a ladies sextet that performed in the Lansing area for many years. She sang in our Chancel Choir with son Ron when she first moved to Kalamazoo and began attending Westwood in 2001. She has also played the piano, organ, accordion and bass drum. Classical music is her choice for listening and reports no favorite hymn, considering each one special. She enjoys attending Westwood and says it reminds her of the church of her childhood.



## **Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members**

*Prayers for comfort, healing and strength*

### Homebound

Lynn Dopp, Alamo Nursing Home, 8290 West C Avenue, Kalamazoo, 49009

### 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

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

Margo & Doug Heystack and Family, 530 Woods Drive, Mattawan, 49071

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

Erica Jenkins, 28047 Wellington Rd., Kalamazoo, 49008

Kevin Klute, 924 Sunset Lane, Kalamazoo, 49008

Jack Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

Bud Mahieu, 1433 Barney Rd., Kalamazoo, 49004

Jane Nuyen

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

Jesse & Tara Pomeroy & Family, 517 Campbell Avenue, Kalamazoo, 49006

(Jesse's Grandfather died on November 4<sup>th</sup>.)

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

### Congratulations & God's Blessings

Dick & Phyllis Harrison are celebrating their  
57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on November 9,  
2009.



## Calendar of Events




<b>Sunday, November 15, 2009</b>	
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 (Church-Dinner-Youth sit together)
<b>Monday, November 16, 2009</b>	
12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00 PM	Spiritual Formation
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Staff Parish
7:00 PM	Missions
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts of America
7:15 PM	Board of Trustees
<b>Tuesday, November 17, 2009</b>	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Lay Ministers/Staff
6:30 PM	Early Eves
7:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
<b>Wednesday, November 18, 2009</b>	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM	UMW
5:30 PM	HeadStart
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
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
<b>Thursday, November 19, 2009</b>	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
7:00 PM	Foundation
<b>Friday, November 20, 2009</b>	
7:00 PM	Civil War Roundtable
<b>Saturday, November 21, 2009</b>	
	No events scheduled.
<b>Sunday, November 22, 2009</b>	
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 - KPS night
6:30 PM	Choirs at Friendship Village
	Bread for the World Sale Pick-Up



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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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