
Church Council News

On Sunday, November 15, the Church Council approved Staff-Parish Relations Committee's recommendation to offer the Organist position to Kay Ensfield. Everyone was impressed with Kay and the decision was unanimous. However, it was not a quick decision.

In these financially turbulent times, any decision that involves significant expense deserves to be weighed carefully. The Church Council first considered whether to fill the position at all. The thoughtful discussion was a strong affirmation of the importance of traditional worship and the critical role of the Organist in our services. After approving the need for an Organist, the Council then approved the recommendation to hire Kay.

Your church leadership takes great care in executing their responsibilities on behalf of the entire church. Our Church Council meetings are open meetings, and your voice is welcome. The next meeting is Monday, November 30 at 7pm in the Wesley Room. Please consider joining the conversation.

Thom Andrews
Church Council Chairperson

From the Heart of the Pastor

In the Bible we catch glimpses of what heaven may look like in Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25 and Revelation, yet we will only know with certainty when we get to God's throne in heaven. I believe we will be overwhelmed by God's glory and love, which will seem somewhat familiar. The familiarity will be rooted in times we came before God in focused prayer, saw God's grandeur in nature, and deeply connected with God's Word. I also think another time will especially stand out in our memory: The times we have placed our gifts on the altar. The altar represents Jesus' sacrifice for us, so our relationship with God may be whole. In placing our gifts on the altar and dedicating ourselves to the Lord we join in Jesus' sacrifice (Romans 12), and also in the joy of His life. You are a blessing to our Lord every time you join with Him in helping someone grow in faith by offering them Christ. Consequently, you change lives and make a difference. God rejoices when we join with Him and celebrate the goodness of His life. Thank you to all who placed your gifts on the altar on Sunday. You make a difference, because every gift matters to our Lord. You are precious in God's eyes.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

P.S. Yes, I do have embarrassing moments—and I had two of them Sunday morning where I gave the wrong gospel as a reference for the “riches of God”. I said “Matthew” instead of “**Luke**”. As one person joked with me, “It would not have been so noticeable if you did not insist that we bring our Bibles to worship, and follow along.” Well, my friends in Christ, here is the *correct* Scripture:

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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 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 still 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 Lacota UMC

For those who know Mike Pinto, you will remember 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.

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!!

Advent Begins November 29

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- In Luke 12:5 Jesus tells us not to be afraid of the one who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **Assurance of eternal protection**-no matter what people do to us in this life, they cannot determine our eternal condition.
- In Luke 12:7 Jesus tells us God looks after us and we are worth more than the sparrows. We have the **assurance of God's value and concern for us.**
- In Luke 12:8 Jesus tells us He will acknowledge us if we acknowledge Him. We have the **assurance of eternal acceptance.**
- Luke 12:11 Jesus tells us that when we are accused by others we do not need to worry about defending ourselves, because the Holy Spirit will give us words. We have **assurance of integrity and courage.**
- In Luke 12:30 Jesus tells us not to worry because God knows our needs. We have the **assurance of God's concern for our needs.**

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!

Kingdom Kids Advent Activities

We're getting ready for Christ's coming and you won't want to miss out! Come every Sunday to the Marketplace (Room 10) at 9:30 a.m. as we learn about the birth of God's promised Savior. Kingdom Kids Sunday School is for children 4 years old through fifth Grade.

Nov. 29: Advent Craft Workshop—Advent is about waiting but waiting is soooo hard! We'll learn about getting ready for Christmas and make some crafts that will help us count down the days.

Dec. 6 and Dec. 13: Our Kingdom Kids workshops will focus on the Promised coming of the Messiah!

Dec. 20: Las Posadas—Come along as we recreate a popular Mexican tradition. Mary and Joseph are traveling from inn to inn looking for somewhere to stay. Who will make a place for them? Our journey will take us all over the church.

Dec. 27: A King is Born! We'll see a movie that tells us the story of that special night Jesus came into our world.

Jan. 3: All Church Game Day – Adults and kids will join in games from Candyland to Yahtzee. All ages are invited to Simpson Hall for the fun!

Early Eves

Early eves will meet on Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm in Schneider Lounge with hostesses Margo Heystack, Royann Anspach, and Bev Henson. After the meal, the presentation will be by Jack Ullrey on "Personal Finance". The donation item is a children's book for Family and Children's services. All women are invited.

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.

Thank You

How very precious are the prayers of the people of God.

Thank you each one for helping us forward with your prayers, visits, and gifts.

Don and Phyllis Bertch
345-5334

Help!

Do your evergreens need pruning? Great! The Altar Committee members can use your trimmings to make fresh green arrangements to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. We need them by Monday, November 23rd. Please call either Brandy Penniman at 345-0275 or Beth Shirley at 349-9575 if you can donate your cuttings. Thanks!

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Dinner with Your Friends at
Westwood

Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 2009
Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon in Simpson
Hall.

Bring a dish to pass.
Invite your friends and neighbors.
Hope to see you then.

Beth Mitchell

Sheriff Fuller Visits Kingdom Kids

Kalamazoo County Sheriff Rick Fuller and his wife Lisa visited Kingdom Kids Sunday School on November 8. Our kids are studying the Ten Commandments and Sheriff Fuller talked about how God's laws and our community's laws are to keep us safe and happy. Rick also talked about general ways kids can stay safe and let the kids look into his squad car. While showing them the radio and handcuffs on his toolbelt, Rick reminded them the best tool anyone can have is their mind. Rick and Lisa are former members of Westwood UMC and it was wonderful to welcome them both back for this visit with our kids.

Update from Zambia

Our missionary in Zambia, Paul Webster, notes: "Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre was honored with a visit from Al Roesler of Blue Earth, Minnesota. Al came as a Volunteer in Mission through our United Methodist Church to help out with many agricultural and health related projects. Al helped to worm all of our stock and to build some animal carts and a "high-wheel" cultivator. He not only brought out wormers to treat all of our animals, he brought out bridles for our donkeys. Transportation in the bush is often on foot over narrow trails. Being able to use donkeys may be one way that people and goods can be transported more efficiently over trails and foot paths. We have also made pack saddles for our donkeys and use them to carry manure and lime into our banana plantations.

Al also assisted in putting up shelving and painting at our Mama Roxanne Day Care. Many of these projects had been planned for some time, but with Al's "can do" spirit, much was put into action. We also want to thank Jim and Ann Boyke who had come out previously and who sent many items for the Women's Club and for the Day Care."

Getting to Know You

Robert Mitchell

Born April July 7, 1951 Terre Haute Ind.

Graduated Gerstmyer Technical HS 1969

BS Indiana State U, 1973

Married June 3, 1978 at Monon Methodist Church

Children: Danielle (1981) (Karl) Morrison; Elizabeth (1984); Ryan (1985); and Karen (1992). They have three grandchildren, Allyssa, Logan and Rory Morrison.

It isn't uncommon for love to bloom in a nursing home, but in the case of Bob and Beth Mitchell, it was volunteer and supervisor that fell in love rather than residents. Beth came to play bingo with the residents as a 19-year-old college student, and Bob was the recreation therapist in charge of the program. Bob chuckles, "I was her boss for two years and she has been mine since."

By 1978 Beth was teaching music in the Paoli Ind. Schools and Bob was working at Newberry State Hospital. After marriage, Beth joined him in Michigan's UP where they stayed until he transferred to the Kalamazoo Hospital in 1980 and they began attending Westwood. Beth reports her mother taught her "never go past a Methodist church to get to another one," so their apartment on Drake Road made this feel like home. The first Sunday they came was the day Simpson and Westwood merged. It was a little confusing, but Bill Ullrey helped them feel welcome.

Beth quickly joined the chancel choir and has sung with the Glory Connection 25 years. At one time she directed the Cherub Choir and currently rings handbells. She is also on the altar committee, serves as conference officer for United Methodist Women and initiated the prayer shawl ministry at Westwood. Outside of church she participates annually in the Komen Foundation events. Bob has ushered, helped with Kingdom Kids and facilitated team building through recreation activities for the youth groups. His interest in recreation stems from his youth where he spent 13 summers at Camp Riley for the physically challenged, first as camper, then counselor and finally director by the time he completed college.

Beth has had a varied work career, including one year in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, 10 years in publishing, and 19 years as a legal assistant. In that time they have also raised four children (including one adopted) and fostered 18 in 12 years.

They share an enjoyment of travel, especially taking a cruise. In addition Bob likes to fish, bike and has enjoyed basketball. A choice quiet activity for Bob is reading the works of Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley, including "Little Orphant Annie" (sic) or "The Raggedy Man." On TV he watches "The Big Bang Theory" and enjoys suspense and adventure movies. Beth relaxes reading books such as the "Blossom Street Series" by Debbie Macomber. Nothing scary for her on TV or the movies, just "Biggest Loser."

Bob enjoys the music of performers like Neil Diamond, Peter Paul and Mary or Kenny Rogers.

Beth likes it all with the exception of rap. Both have a special fondness for "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," and Bob also holds special feelings for "How Great Thou Art" and "He touched Me." With roots in southern Indiana, it is not surprising a discussion of favorite foods took them home. For Bob it was a restaurant called the Nashville House in Brown County where they serve such local favorites as Country Ham, ballard biscuits and sassafras tea. Beth enjoys preparing the home cooked Hoosier favorites and reports her children expect holiday meals to be accompanied by chicken and noodles, deviled eggs, and green bean casserole. When dining out locally you might find them at Finley's or Great Lakes Shipping Co.



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.**

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:

Kind _____ No. of loaves _____
Kind _____ No. of loaves _____
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Kind _____ No. of loaves _____

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: \$ _____



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Golden Gazette

Newsletter of the OLDER ADULT COUNCIL

Sallie Platt, Editor

55Plus

Get in the Christmas spirit by joining us on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at noon in Simpson Hall for the catered meal prepared by Jim Jameson. Your reservation is requested by filling out the form below and placing it in the church office by Nov. 29. Following the meal we will sing some carols accompanied by John Chamberlin. In lieu of a gift exchange you are asked to bring non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes. There will be an opportunity for you to contribute to the Love Fund.

Following 55 Plus, poinsettias for shut-ins will be available for delivery. If you can help with this please indicate on your reservation form or call Sallie Platt at 343-3917.

December Golden Birthdays Send a Card – Make a Call – Say a Prayer

- 12/1 Margaret Predum, 5433 Meredith #1A, 49002
- 12/2 Don Shattuck, 2215 Hayloft, 49004
- 12/3 Keith Bailey, 1855 Quail Cove, 49009, Ph. 353-9418
- 12/3 Ralph Gordon, Belmont Village, 2200 Golf. Rd., Unit 213, Glenview IL, 60025
- 12/7 Harold Stanley, 182 TimberWood Square, 49006, Ph. 345-1967
- 12/9 Jim MacGregor, Bickford Cottage, 4707 W. Milham, Portage, 49024, Ph. 372-2100
- 12/10 Clarence Bekken, 1834 West G Avenue, 49009, Ph. 349-5495
- 12/14 Clarice Ellis, 3221 Baldwin #118, Grand Blanc MI, 48439
- 12/15 Joan Kowal, 815 Turwill Lane, 49006, Ph. 345-1616
- 12/15 Dale Griffith, 6118 Omada, 49048, Ph. 344-4765
- 12/15 Gary Waite, 5733 Canton Dr., 49004, Ph. 344-8212
- 12/15 Valerie Brown, 3324 Marlana, 49006, Ph. 385-3049
- 12/16 Bill Johnson, Alterra of Wynwood, 3100 Old Centre, Portage, 49024
- 12/16 Alberta Cumming, 6433 Old Log Trail, 49009, Ph. 353-8376
- 12/17 Judi Clapp, 1974 Dunlin Ct NE, Grand Rapids, 49505
- 12/21 Rose Marie Kohl, 810 Turwill Lane, 49006, Ph. 343-8101
- 12/21 Judy White, 3823 Greenleaf Circle, 49008, Ph. 375-8343
- 12/22 Ann Erickson, 5226 Pine Arbor Ridge, 49004, Ph. 345-1029
- 12/23 Norma Sylvester, 5087 Simmons, 49004, Ph. 349-9832
- 12/25 Betty Lewis, 4330 Leisure Lane #B-215, 49006, Ph. 384-6168
- 12/25 Marjorie Kent, 1126 Nichols, 49006, Ph. 345-4989
- 12/27 Joyce Branch, 8935 South 12th St., Portage, 49024, Ph. 372-7688

Reservation Form 55 Plus - Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2009

Name (s) _____ Phone _____
_____ Yes I can help deliver poinsettias to shut-ins.

Please return your reservation to the church office by Nov. 29.

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Julian Blair, 22979 Canary Avenue, Mattawan, 49071

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Gary Babbitt, Bronson Methodist Hospital, #428-E, 601 John St., Kalamazoo, 49007

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

Betty Georgeau, Tendercare Kalamazoo, 1701 S. 11th, Kalamazoo, 49009

Vicki Hale

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 4th.)

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 22, 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 - KPS night
6:30 PM	Choirs at Friendship Village
	Bread for the World Sale Pick-Up
Monday, November 23, 2009	
6:00 PM	Rehearsal Jan Berghorst
7:00 PM	Church Council
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts of America
Tuesday, November 24, 2009	
9:00 AM	Worship Planning
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, November 25, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
1:00 PM	Prayer Fellowship
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, November 26, 2009	
	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
	<i>Community Thanksgiving Dinner at WUMC</i>
Friday, November 27, 2009	
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
2:00 PM	Set-Up
7:00 PM	Bunco Party
Saturday, November 28, 2009	
9:00 AM	<i>New Adventurer's Hanging of the Greens</i>
Sunday, November 29, 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 (TBD)
	No 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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