

From the Heart of the Pastor

In the midst of a seemingly ordinary night comes the extraordinary holiness of God. Unnoticed by most, a star continued its gradual path across the sky. The star was noticed independently by three Magi who dedicated themselves to searching for signs and wisdom. The Magi were honorable, wise, and some of the most respected men in the region. They served the courts of kings who depended on their advice. Such men were the ones who noticed what God was doing in the heavens for the seekers on earth.

What has become your star this Christmas season? Is your star a Christmas concert, a friend, a verse in the Bible, a worship service, or the Cantata? Matthew tells us, "(The Magi) went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him" (Matthew 2:9-11). Their reaction was to worship because they were aware of God's holiness in Jesus.

The star leads us to God's holiness. Follow the star to where Jesus is living in your life, and then take some time this week of Christmas to rest in the holiness of our Savior. Abide with His presence for you.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne



*Christmas Eve Services:
7:00 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Communion/Candlelight Service*

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.

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!

Hole Lotta Love

The tradition continues of the Westwood United Methodist Church family delivering donut holes to those in the Westwood area who must work on Christmas Eve - our police officers, firefighters, hospital staff, nursing home staff, gas station workers, fast-food workers, etc.

Sign-up sheets for the number of boxes and place(s) you would like to visit will be in the narthex on December 13 and December 20 for anyone willing to make the deliveries on Christmas Eve.

The donut holes will be packed on Christmas Eve morning and will be ready for pick-up in the narthex any time after 11:00 am and can be delivered during the day or evening of Christmas Eve.

If you cannot help deliver, but would be willing to contribute to the cost of this ministry, there is a Sweetwater Box next to the sign-up sheet board.

We are grateful this meaningful tradition of caring for our Westwood neighbors continues through the faithful service of those who have helped in the past and those who are willing to try it for the first time.

All Church Game Day On Jan. 3

Spend the Sunday School hour playing around! Kingdom Kids is inviting adults, youth, and kids to join in board games of all kinds. We'll have a selection on hand or you can bring your favorite game or puzzle. We'll gather in Simpson Hall from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. See you there!

Thank You

Thank you to Nancy Vandenbrink and all involved in publishing the Advent devotional booklet. The devotions unite us, the congregation, in our daily prayers. They also provide us with an intimate glimpse into the lives of our church friends and draw us closer together. Thank you, Nancy, for spearheading this mission.

Congregation of Westwood

Get Mugged!

The Westwood United Methodist Church Communication Team is selling the "Love Mug" for \$5. This would what a wonderful Christmas gift. We love because He first loved us! Please contact Roxanne Frey to make a purchase.

Disciple II

Jim Jameson will be teaching Disciple II beginning Wednesday, January 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please call Jim at 271-0839 if you are planning to take Disciple II so books can be ordered.



Getting to Know You

Beverly (nee Bingham) Henson
Born August 22, 1945 in Kalamazoo
Graduated Parchment HS 1963
BA, Secondary Education, WMU 1967
Major History, Minor English
Married 1967
Children: (1977) Greg (Amber) of Kalamazoo; (1983) John of Kalamazoo

Donald Henson
Born July 18, 1943 in Kennet, MO
Graduated St. Joseph (MI) HS 1961
BA Secondary Education WMU 1965
Majors History and Political Science
MA Middle School Education, WMU, 1970

Bev grew up in Parchment, active in the Parchment United Methodist Church. She recalls having Jean Brown (Ullrey) as a Sunday School Teacher, and Keith Bailey as an art teacher at school. In fact, Bev babysat for the Bailey's children and years later Pat and Keith Bailey's daughter babysat for the Henson boys.

Don grew up a few miles from the Mississippi River in the boot heel of Missouri, in the town of Hayti. His family moved to St. Joseph, Michigan when he was 12. Donald and Bev met at WMU but not in a class. After graduation, Don taught social studies 32 years for Kalamazoo Public Schools at Hillside, while Bev took her first teaching position in Gobles, teaching high school history and middle school English.

Bev stopped teaching on the arrival of son Greg in 1977 and remained a stay-at-home-Mom for several years. She did some subbing for Kalamazoo Public Schools but soon found herself comfortable in the office at Lincoln School where she worked for 18 years. She is now school secretary at Indian Prairie.

The Henson's were not actively involved in any congregation when Bev was facing major surgery in 1981. Her mother became concerned and put in a call to Westwood UMC which reached the desk of Bonnie Yost, who made a life-changing visit to the hospital that day. "Bonnie was so caring and sweet and very dynamic in her faith" Bev reports. She has been active at WUMC since.

Over the past 28 years she has been continuously active with the Missions Committee, and at times also was a part of MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) and the Children's Council. She has also been involved with United Methodist Women and Early Eves.

In her spare time, Bev really enjoys working in her flower garden; Perhaps that is why her favorite hymn is "In the Garden" which was also the favorite hymn of a grandmother she never really knew—it helps her feel connected with that part of her family. Indoors she likes to work crossword puzzles or read mysteries, especially those of Patricia Cornwell, Sue Grafton and Elizabeth Peters. On TV she likes mystery and action laced with a touch of humor. Both Bev and Don enjoy shows such as "NCIS," and "House." Don also likes to watch hockey and baseball (go Montreal Canadiens and Chicago Cubs!) The couple enjoys playing with black lab mixes Louie and Howie, "Big dogs but gentle and sweet." The chicken Quesadilla from Qdoba is a favorite for Bev, but that is not the best part of the meal. "Skip the dinner, I love brownies and cheesecake," Bev says. Don on the other hand mentions meals at Applebee's or LaRue's.

One of the summer highlights was on Bev's birthday which she celebrated at the wedding of her son, Greg and his bride Amber.



Getting to Know You Corrections

Nancy Robert Paragraph 3 should have read:
Taking time off to raise a family after her first year at college, Nancy returned full-time to WMU at age 35 and completed her bachelor's degree. She taught elementary grades for in Kalamazoo off and on, retiring in 1990.

Cheryl Eriksen Header should have read:
Black Hawk College, Kewanee Illinois, 1998

My apologies for not catching these errors in proofreading. Louise Sepanik

Adult Mission Study

beginning Sunday, January 10, 2010
9:30 - 10:30 am

"Giving Our Hearts Away - Native American Survival"

Told from the Native American perspective, this mission study provides historical narrative of America's native people; past issues, survival and on-going challenges. This was one of the mission studies used at the United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission for the past 2 years. Come and learn about the plight and joys of our Native American brothers and sisters.

Beth Mitchell, Facilitator

What's Going on in Missions

\$450 was sent to Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes from the bread sale and from November loose coins.

\$200 was mailed to Bread for the World from the bread sale.

\$219 was remitted for United Methodist Student Sunday.

\$880 was forwarded for Paul Webster's salary support. This completes our 2009 covenant.

\$3,000 was transmitted to the Russia Initiative for support of Resurrection UMC and pastor Irina Mitina in Voronezh, Russia. This completes our 2009 covenant.

\$90 was given for LifeSpring UMC in Kalamazoo from the November church charge conference offering.

\$1,000 was sent to the Wesley Foundation. This completes our 2009 covenant.

\$100 was remitted for the Bible Translation and Literacy program in Liberia (from United Methodist Women).

Loose coins in December go to the Methodist Children's home. January's loose coins will go toward the Wesley Foundation's spring break mission trip.

Golden Gazette

Newsletter of the OLDER ADULT COUNCIL

Sallie Platt, Editor

55 Plus

Let's ring in the New Year on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 by joining friends for our catered meal at 12 noon in Simpson Hall. Please help our favorite chef, Jim Jameson, know how much food to prepare by filling out the reservation form below and placing it in the church office by January 4. Pat Bailey will once again lead the Bunco games after we eat. Prizes and fun for all.

Thank You

Older Adult Council and 55 Plus would like to thank Jim Jameson for preparing, serving and cleaning up after the many great meals we enjoyed at our monthly meetings in 2009. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who helped Jim in the kitchen each month. You are all appreciated.

Reminder: Snow days ahead! If the Kalamazoo Public Schools are closed for the day, activities at Westwood UMC (including 55 Plus) are cancelled.

January Golden Birthdays

Send a card - Make a call - Say a prayer.

- 1/2 Genevieve Budzynski, 515 Turwill Lane, 49006, Ph. 344-1034
- 1/6 Jo Anne Clapp, 3041 Charlevoix SE Apt.105, Grand Rapids MI, 49546
- 1/8 Cena Herder, 6600 Constitution Blvd. #213, Portage 49024, Ph. 329-2662
- 1/9 Dick Kowal, 815 Turwill Lane, 49006, Ph. 345-1616
- 1/10 Yoshi Yagi, 6112 Old Log Trail 49009, Ph. 375-8366
- 1/16 Esther Lane, 900 Tamiami Trail #117, Venice FL 34285
- 1/18 Bill Urfer, 3130 Santos, 49006, Ph. 381-2256
- 1/24 Pauline Hannon, 1700 Bronson Way #226, 49009, Ph. 381-6362
- 1/26 Irv Cumming, 6433 Old Log Trail, 49009, Ph. 353-8376
- 1/28 Ed Mahieu, Jr. 1433 Barney Rd., 49004, Ph. 349-4562
- 1/29 Jim Jameson, 3702 Glengarry, 49004, Ph. 382-3463

Reservation Form 55 Plus Wed. Jan. 6, 2010

Name _____

Return to the Church office by Jan. 4

The Alpha Course



What is the point of **life**?

What happens when you **die**?

Is **forgiveness** possible?

What relevance does **Jesus** have for 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.

What's involved? The Alpha course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and how do I pray?" After each talk we divide into small groups for a time of discussion.

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.

What will it cost? There is no charge for the Alpha course, although you will be asked to contribute towards food.

Fall 2009 Alpha Graduates

Lynn Blake, Laretta Eisenbach, Don Hilbert, Elise Hillman, Tony Montadon, Derrick & Tracy Quintanilla, Angie & John Scholten, Beth Shirley, Jesse James Simon, Ann Spaeth, Clint & Jean Whitcomb.

Fall Alpha Team Members

John & Pam Chamberlin, Christy Clock, Matt & Stephanie Knewtson, Gary & Phylis Lubbert, Doug Phillips, Tara Pomeroy, Jill & Mark Reid, Mike Roush, Dani Sturdy, Mike Turner, Nancy VandenBrink.

Special Table Decorations- Beth Shirley

Thank you to all!

**The Next Alpha course @ WUMC begins Tuesday January 12, 2010.
Come to Alpha for Good Food, Good Fun, Real Answers.**

News from Worship & Fine Arts



For the heights and depths. 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
Dec 27	Glory Connection	Glory Connection/ Praise Team
Jan 3	JaneWright/Doug Heystek	Duet / Praise Team
Jan 10	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir / Praise Team
Jan 17		High School Singers / Praise Team

Christmas Eve Services 7pm and 11pm

The Family Christmas Eve Service will feature favorite Christmas Carols, handbells, actors, and the Chancel Choir. Come and enjoy the retelling of the Christmas Story, which brings to us, Love, Hope, Peace and Joy in the form of a tiny baby in a manger.

The 11pm service is a communion service, ending in candlelight and the singing of Silent Night. A perfect beginning to Christmas.

Christmas Vacation For Rehearsal Groups

A well deserved break for music group rehearsals will transpire the week of December 27. Rehearsals will resume after the New Year beginning Monday, January 4.

Westwood Singers, WHBE, Q, Praise Team = Jan. 6

Chancel Choir, Glory Connection = Jan. 7

Junior Chimes and Westwood Ringers resumes, Jan. 10

What's The Difference Between A Carol And A Hymn?

The invention of carols came about shortly after the reformation, in Europe, when the Calvinist church and others were beginning to dismiss congregational singing in church services. People actually took to the streets and began singing and acting on street corners. Carols began to be developed because they tell a story, which can be enacted while singing. So, while people traveled along city streets, they would pause to hear a short sung story being enacted by people in costume and in good voice! People would be invited to join in on the chorus, which gave all the bystanders a chance to participate. These pieces of music contrasted the traditional hymn, which is usually sung in Praise of God, or is about God, but does not tell a story. Hence, the Carol was born out of duress. Come to think of it – perhaps this is yet another example of God making good come out of every circumstance! I am quite sure that this was not only entertaining, but evangelistic – bringing many unchurched people to Christ. I certainly enabled the building of God's Kingdom, and helped to fulfill the mandate of Jesus to "Go ye, therefore . . ." Hmmm – maybe it is time to resume yet another old practice, that just seems to make sense!!! What goes around, comes around after all! Merry Christmas!!

Bread for the World Thank You

On behalf of the Mission Commission and myself, we want to thank the church participants and especially our wonderful, talented bakers who helped make the Bread for the World Campaign very successful. There is so much hunger in the world today, over a billion worldwide. We can't solve or feed all of the world, but as church members of the world, we can do our small bit to help. The Commission has decided to meet our BFW commitment of \$200 and send the remaining \$312 to Kalamazoo's Loaves and Fishes Pantry.

More than ever, I want to give special thanks and gratitude to the following list of bakers who helped make the campaign successful: Larry Oppliger, Bev Henson, Roxanne Frey, Royanne Anpach, Norm Grant, Margo Heystek, Nire Watkins, Helen Lancaster, Norma Sylvester, Nancy Stern, Joy Price, Jeanette Jupp, Marian Burkey, Beth Shirley, Nancy VandenBrink and Kay Oppliger. These bakers baked a total of 53 loaves of quick bread, 22 loaves of yeast bread, and 3 ½ dozen scones in order to pass on our belief as Methodists to "Make A Difference."

Thank you again church participants.

Kay Oppliger
Missions Commission

Remember The Jobs Board

Please stop by the jobs board and take notice of the needs there. It will become far more effective if we all take a look once in awhile, lift those needs in prayer, and keep our eyes and ears open for the sake of others.

Do you have a job that someone could help do, or know of a job that is open and ready to fill? Do you need a job? Please post your needs or insights on the JOBS bulletin board located within a section of the large red bulletin board near the elevator on the top level.

*Welcome Christmas,
Let it touch us,
let it fill our hearts
with song...
Let it's joy inspire
and bless us
all this season,
all year long.*

**Have a Blessed Christmas
filled with Joy and Love!**

*From the
Staff of
Westwood United Methodist
Church*



Xmas by Dean McIntyre

Xmas — is it an abbreviation for Christmas or part of a conspiracy to take Christ out of Christmas? Some people see the X in Xmas as a way of crossing out Christ. Some see it as one more tool of those who wish to secularize Christmas. The use of Xmas as an abbreviation by retailers is cited as evidence of the commercialization of Christmas. And still others point out that X is often used as a symbol for something unknown, as in “the X-factor” or the unknown quantity in a mathematical equation.

According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, the word Christmas comes from the eleventh-century Old English *Christes mæsse* and the Middle English *Christemasse*. *Cristes* comes from the Greek *Christos* and *mæsse* comes from the Latin *missa*, the word for the Roman Catholic service of the Mass. The X in *Xmas* is the Greek letter X, or *chi*, and it is the first letter of χ , the Greek spelling of Christ. X has been used as an abbreviation for Christ since the fifteenth century, and Xmas has been used as an abbreviation for Christ Mass or Christmas ever since.

More recently, in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Xmas has been used for Christmas in the writings of Lord Byron, Samuel Coleridge, Lewis Carroll, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. And even more recently, of course, it has been used in advertising, by greeting card designers, in merchants’ store fronts, on Christmas tree lots, and most recently, on Facebook, Twitter, and in text messaging that limits the number of characters available to users. A personal note: I frequently use X and Xmas, mostly in e-mail, notes for myself, marginal notes in a book, and outlines. I use X for Christ, Xian, Xianity, and certainly Xmas.

The *New York Times*, BBC, and other style guides prohibit the use of Xmas, despite its honorable origins and past use. It is still perceived by some Christians, opportunistic politicians, and media personalities as part of a “war on Christmas.” It is not used in the church press, religious educational material, or worship resources, and never in hymns and songs.

“I heard the bells on Xmas Day . . .”

“Love came down at Xmas. . .”

“Sing we now of Xmas. . .”

“We hear the Xmas angels, the great glad tidings tell. . .”

“I saw three ships come sailing in on Xmas Day. . .”

“. . .and God sent us salvation that blessed Xmas morn.”

and

“I’m dreaming of a white Xmas. . .”

“Then one foggy Xmas Day. . .”

“On the first day of Xmas my true love gave to me. . .”

“We wish you a Merry Xmas. . .”

“Have yourself a merry little Xmas. . .”

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Xmas. . .”

Xmas will not replace Christmas in the near future, nor is anyone calling for it to do so. Even for those who understand its past origin and use and who may use it in texting and on Twitter, use of Christmas will continue. But perhaps it is time for those shouting about the use of Xmas in our culture to lower their voices.

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Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Dorothy Morse, Life Care Center of Plainwell, 320 Brigham, Plainwell, 49080

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Gary Babbitt, 47040 24th St., Mattawan, MI 49071

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

Susan Clapp, 1974 Dunlin Court NE, Grand Rapids, 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

Dale Griffith, 6118 Ormada, Kalamazoo, 49048

Dale had open heart surgery at Borgess on Tue., Nov. 24, and is in the Cardiac Surgery Unit.

Vicki Hale

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

Erica Jenkins, 28047 Wellington Rd., Kalamazoo, 49008

Jack Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

Bud Mahieu, 1433 Barney Rd., Kalamazoo, 49004

Jim Parker, 5939 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo, 49004

Mary Penn, 550 Chadd's Ford Way, Oshtemo, 49009

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King Westwood Elementary School Staff

Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Carl Williams

Year of the Neighbor

Pray for our Westwood Neighborhood



Calendar of Events




Sunday, December 27, 2009	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
	No Youth Groups
Monday, December 28, 2009	
7:00 PM	Church Council
7:00 PM	Courters
Tuesday, December 29, 2009	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 AM	Lay Ministers/Staff
Wednesday, December 30, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
Thursday, December 31, 2009	
	New Year's Eve Day
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, January 01, 2010	
	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Saturday, January 02, 2010	
	<i>No events scheduled.</i>
Sunday, January 03, 2010	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
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.**

Visit us on the web at:

<http://www.westwood-umc.org/>

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Upcoming Publications:

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Jan. 11

Jan. 18

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