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## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

What do you do with your time, talent, and finances? The question was one of the most prominent questions in Jesus' teachings. He taught us not to bury our talent in an effort to protect it, but to wisely invest it so the Master (God) would receive a return (Matthew 25:14-30). Another teaching was about people tending the vineyard while the Master was away (21:33-44). Jesus reminded us 'the vineyard' belongs to God, we are under the Son's direction, and we are asked to produce fruit. Jesus also taught about tending to our resources, so we are prepared when 'the bridegroom' (which is thought to be Jesus) arrives (Matthew 25:1-13).

God is blessing us as we invest in His kingdom and tend His vineyard. Many people are being encouraged in God's Spirit, lives are being restored and transformed by Jesus, and God's grace continues grow in our lives as we steadfastly seek Him. At the same time, we are projecting a shortfall for our church budget in 2010. We seek to continue to be good stewards of the blessings God has given us.

The Bible tells us wisdom comes from God (Proverbs 2:6), and to "seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 5:33). Therefore, the Church Council and I are calling Westwood UMC to a Season of Prayer in the coming weeks, as we seek God's wisdom on using the resources He has given us, and what He is leading us to do with them in the next year. We ask that you pray 10 minutes a day for Westwood UMC, and also to join us in a Prayer Vigil on **Wednesday, January 27, from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm**. At the Prayer Vigil you will have opportunity to write what God is revealing to you through prayer.

We also invite you to a congregational meeting on **February 8 at 7:00**, in which the Stewardship and Finance Team and Church Council will share about our situation, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. As Matt Sturdy shared on Sunday, "For 2010 the amount of pledged income to the operating budget grew by more than \$11,000. The number of giving units increased as well. Clearly these are very positive events. What has occurred simultaneously though has been a decrease in our non pledged income." We face a challenge, which is an opportunity for us to grow in faith, seeking and trusting in our Lord. Our Lord is faithful and will guide us and bless us as we are faithful in our prayers and lives.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne



## 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Service 8:30</b>	<b>Second Service 10:55</b>
Jan 31	Glory Con II	Glory Con II / Praise Team
Feb 7	WHBE	WHBE, WW Ringers, Praise Team
Feb 13 Saturday	Sweet Things and Sweet Songs for Sweethearts 6:00 – 8PM	
Feb 14	Chancel Choir, Q	Choir, Q, Praise Team

### Liturgical Dance Class For All Ages

Beginning Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm, there will be an offering for those who are interested in a liturgical Dance class. This class will all ages to explore the meaning behind movement as expressed through Christian music. The class will last for 8 weeks and will involve stretching exercises, creative work to design what we do, and the actual memorization and sharing of our outcomes with one another and perhaps in worship if we become inspired and willing to do so. There is no cost except for the possibility of becoming hooked on dancing for God.

### Think About Joining The Chancel Choir

The Chancel choir sings in worship twice a month and while they sing in both services, it is not required for you to be a participant. The requirements? Love to sing, follow well or reads music, able to attend rehearsals most times on Thursdays at 7pm. Willing to be loved by those around you. The Chancel Choir and Westwood Singers will be attending a choir festival on April 17 in Grand Rapids. It will be a great time of singing and learning, while participating with a larger mass choir.

### Sweet Things And Sweet Songs For Sweethearts

The Third Annual talent show and dessert night and Fine Arts Fundraiser will happen Saturday, February 13 at 6:00 pm down in Simpson hall. It is wonderful to see all the talent offerings that happen on that night. If you would like to sing, play an instrument, do a magic trick, recite or read a poem, sing in your music group, ring in your bell group, or tell a joke or short story – let Jane know about your intentions. She holds the privilege of previewing entries beforehand, and is also willing to help you to further develop your talent by working with you on your “act.” This happens as close to Valentine’s Day as possible, so remember, our theme is about loving each other, or God, or being friends, etc. That being said, every entry is not required to stick to that theme exclusively. All talent entries must be submitted by Thursday, February 11. You can fill out the form below and submit to the office.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry title \_\_\_\_\_

Others participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the type of entry you will be doing: (singing, ringing, poem, story, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to Know You

Kathleen Hillman

Born September 10,1956

West Branch Ogemaw Heights H.S. 1974

Southwestern Michigan College,Dowagiac 1976 Associate Degree Nursing

Children:

Twin sons-Kevin and Sean Marshall,July 1,1986

Daughter-Tonisha Hughes,August 31,1993

Foster daughter-Armani Martin,February 14,2008

Parents:Tom and Elise Hillman

Kathy has fond memories of growing up in Kalamazoo in the Simpson UMC Congregation, where she was baptized. The family moved to the Bay City area in 1968 after she completed the sixth grade. Kathy was actively involved with the Girl Scouts into her high school years, achieving her First Class Status. Several years would pass before she first stepped into Westwood and discovered her Simpson family was here. Seeing the stained glass windows that were once part of Simpson brought back memories, then her mother took her down to discover Simpson Fellowship Hall."It was like coming home. Some people remembered me, the overall reception was warm and personable" It would be another seven years, however, before Westwood became her church home.



(Side Note: Tom and Elise Hillman moved back to Kalamazoo just before Christmas 2000. They set out on Christmas Sunday morning toward First UMC, however, a blizzard was raging outside so upon seeing Westwood UMC they stopped for services there, not knowing of it's connection with their former Simpson UMC and they have been here since. Tom and Elise had been here but a few weeks when Kathy came for her first visit)

Kathy has been working within an intensive care environment for nearly 30 years. Kathy's first job was at the V.A. Hospital in Battle Creek, then Borgess until 1992.She and the boys moved to Pontiac, she worked a few years in Detroit and the remaining in a Pontiac hospital. Upon her return to Kalamazoo, she again works at Borgess. She is actively involved again in the Nursing Shared Governance Process and is an advocate for the Palliative Care program within the Surgical-Trauma Intensive Care Unit. She feels her mission is to help others improve their quality of life through education and physical/spiritual support.

During the time that she lived in Pontiac, Kathy was active in her church, becoming a Lay Speaker, and a conference officer for the United Methodist Women. In 2004 she was certified as a Faith Community/Parish Nurse, an interest she has brought here to Westwood. In addition at WUMC she is on the hospitality committee and has served as worship assistant. Kathy describes her goal in being our Parish Nurse as being a facilitator/advocate for health education."I believe I am a people person."

Caring for her daughter, Armani, who happens to also be her great-great niece, leaves little extra time. They are anticipating a formal adoption this year. When she finds some quiet time, Kathy enjoys reading faith based books for personal growth and better understanding of life's trials and tribulations. Favorite TV shows growing up included "Captain Kangaroo" and the "Ed Sullivan" and "Ted Mack" shows. Now she enjoys watching M.A.S.H. reruns, sports and few other types of shows. Favorite movies include, "The Wizard of Oz", "On Golden Pond" and the "Star Wars".

Musically, she enjoys R+B, Jazz or classic Rock and Roll from the 1970's-1980's. Favorite hymns are "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace". Having a palate for diverse ethnic foods, Kathy enjoys the potlucks that happen at work on occasions and has fond memories of taking a cruise last January to Mexico with 3 of 4 sisters.

## UMCOR's Haiti Earthquake Response Update as of January 19

### Providing Clean Water

UMCOR is providing emergency grants to the Methodist Church in Haiti and GlobalMedic to address the needs of those affected by the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12. UMCOR is partnering with GlobalMedic to provide clean drinking water, treatment for severe diarrhea, and medical attention to those in need. UMCOR is also supporting GlobalMedic's response through the deployment of paramedics, water technicians, and a doctor to assist those sick or injured.

A hub for water distribution is also being set up to provide 65,000 people daily with clean drinking water. In addition, about 110,000 sachets of PUR water purifiers, five million Aquatab water purification tablets, and 110,000 oral rehydration sachets are being distributed to those who have been forced from their homes as a result of the earthquake.

UMCOR and GlobalMedic are working in partnership with local non-government organizations (NGOs) and the United Nations' network of relief organizations to coordinate response efforts and give aid to areas not receiving direct assistance.

### Bahamas Methodist Habitat Transports UMCOR Staff

Thanks to mission aircraft transportation services provided by Bahamas Methodist Habitat (BMH), a US-based nonprofit organization, UMCOR staff persons Melissa Crutchfield, international disaster response executive, and Edgar Avitia, a Global Ministries executive, arrived in the Dominican Republic over the weekend when all commercial airlines were sold out. Crutchfield and Avitia are assessing relief needs and coordinating relief distribution efforts with on-the-ground partners. Bahamas Methodist Habitat is conducting 12 flights per day through its Fly-In & Help Out mission program, transporting much-needed medical supplies into and evacuating people out of Haiti for medical assistance. Through this program, more than 10,000 pounds of emergency medical relief supplies have already been delivered to Haiti.

### UMCOR Supply Depots

Over three million people are in dire need of assistance in Haiti. UMCOR is also shipping material resources, especially health kits, from its relief supply depots in the U.S. Westwood will be looking into how best to respond to the need for these items so watch for future information. Please support UMCOR in its response with your gifts to **Haiti Emergency, UMCOR # 418325. Checks should be made out to Westwood UMC with Haiti in the memo line. All such gifts will be forwarded as Westwood's contribution to the relief effort in Haiti.**

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## 2009 Year-in-Review at Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre, Zambia, Part 2 Rev. Paul Webster, Director

Tshala Mwengo, the Centre's co-director, did soil testing this year and we have purchased the proper fertilizer mix for our soils. We have added large quantities of lime to try to ameliorate our acid soils. We are using crop rotation with legumes to enrich the soil and have been able, through the expansion of our cattle, sheep, and goat herds, to have more manure to put on our fields. Soil testing shows that organic matter is increasing in our soils. This indicates that we are not "mining" our fields but practicing sustainable agriculture.

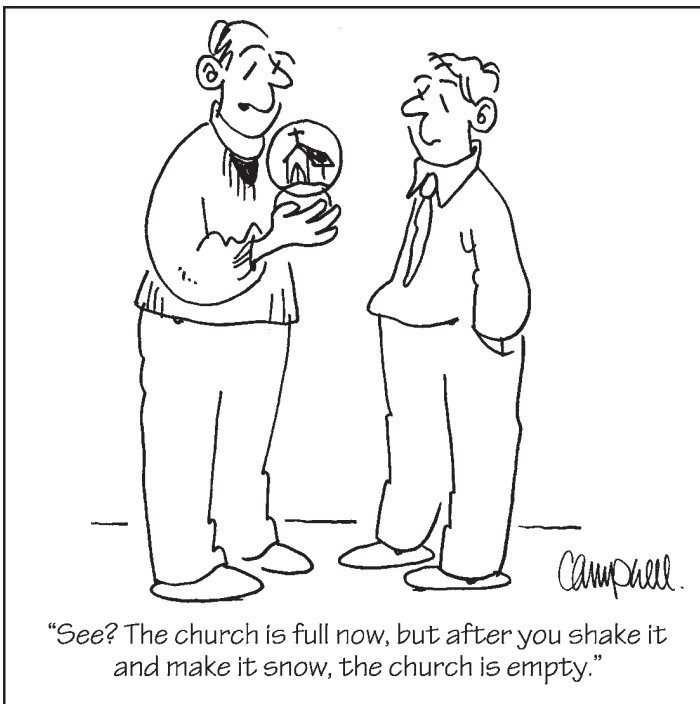
We now have piped water to our houses and barns though we still have to install the RAM pump by the river. My missionary house is nearing completion and is already being used as classroom space and sleeping area for training groups.

We had two VIM teams come out this year: one a combination team from Wisconsin and Minnesota, the other a single individual from Minnesota. They worked on horticulture, built picnic tables, treated our animals, did grafting and trimmed trees, built high-wheel cultivators, cleaned and painted our Mama Roxanne Day Care Centre, built playground equipment, formed a women's club, installed doors on the Kanyama UMC, and brought in a food mill for making peanut butter and grinding high protein moringa powder.

# Holy Humor

## Top Ten Predictions For 2010

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.



# Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

*Prayers for comfort, healing and strength*

## Homebound

Julian Blair, 22979 Canary Ave., Mattawan, 49071

## 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

Kevin Fretch, 6080 Rudgate, Kalamazoo, 49009 (*Seriously injured in car accident.*)

Shirley Greene

Those who have lost loved ones in Haiti

Vicki Hale

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

The family of Leora Kuiper (*Leora died on Sunday, January 10, 2010.*)

Jack Lancaster, 1629 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

Maxine McGehee, 6934 N. 14th St., Kalamazoo, 49004 (*Maxine had surgery this week.*)

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

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Mike Roush, 522 Cherokee #212, Kalamazoo, 49006

Patricia Smith

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Jean Weinberg, 1517 Skylark, Kalamazoo, 49009

## Our Community Partner

King Westwood Elementary School Staff

## Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Carl Williams

## Year of the Neighbor

Pray for our Westwood Neighborhood



## Upcoming Church Events

### SUNDAY, January 31

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups

### MONDAY, February 1

7:00 p.m. Courters (Epworth)  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts of America (Simpson)  
7:00 p.m. Spiritual Partners (Prayer Room)

### TUESDAY, February 2

No Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Alpha (Simpson, Theatre)  
7:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids Meeting (Wesley)  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (#12)  
7:00 p.m. BSA District Meeting (Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. KAL IPMS (Simpson)  
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance Class

### WEDNESDAY, February 3

10:00 Adult Bible Study (Wesley)  
12:00 p.m. 55 Plus (Simpson)  
6:00 p.m. Disciple II (Lounge)  
6:00 p.m. Westwood Singers (#12)  
6:00 p.m. High School Choir (#10)  
6:15 p.m. 4th Day Women (Epworth)  
6:15 p.m. The "Q"  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Simpson)  
6:45 p.m. WHBE (#13)  
8:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 4

12:00 p.m. 4th Day Men  
6:00 p.m. Glory Connection II  
6:00 p.m. The Lioness (Simpson)  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (#12)  
7:00 p.m. BSA Commissioners (Theatre)

### FRIDAY, February 5

5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner—5th Grade King Westwood-Fundraiser (Simpson)

### SATURDAY, February 6

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Kalamazoo District Conference (First UMC)  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering (Wesley, Simpson, Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, February 7

Communion Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups Super Bowl Party



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!**

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