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## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

During Lent I invite you to journey with Jesus. We will explore the names given to Jesus, and the names He claimed for Himself in the Gospel of John. In the Gospel of John Jesus uses the term "I am" seven times. In Exodus, Moses asks God's identity. God replied "I am" (Exodus 3:14). Jesus intentionally used the "I am" sayings to communicate His divinity. During Jesus' arrest, the people arresting Jesus tell Him they are looking for Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus replies, "I am he" (John 18:6). The people draw back and fall to the ground, because of Jesus' divine power. As it has been said, "There is power in the name of Jesus".

Lent is a time in which we renew our focus on God, whether it be giving something up or being more intentional about our devotional time with God. One of our youth decided to read three Psalms a day, and pray three times a day. What will you do?

I invite you to incorporate the names of Jesus into your devotional life. **Pray about who Jesus is, and what difference that makes in your life.** Each week I will provide five different names of Jesus, in addition the name we talk about Sunday morning.

We will focus on the following themes and Scriptures, as we journey together towards the cross and resurrection of Jesus:

February 28: Knowing Your Purpose

John 8:12-20      I am the light of the world

March 7: Knowing Your Strength

John 8:43-59      I am the bread of life

March 14: Knowing Your Path

John 14:5-14      I am the way, truth, and life

March 21: Knowing Your Heritage

John 15:1-8      I am the vine

March 28: Knowing Your Leader

John 10:11-21      I am the Good Shepherd

April 4: Knowing Your Hope

John 11:17-27      I am the resurrection

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

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*Offer Christ, Grow in Faith, Touch Lives, and Make a Difference*

# News from Worship & Fine Arts



For the heights and depts. 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>
Feb 28	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir, WW Ringers, Praise Team
Mar 7	Westwood Handbell Ens, QWHBE, Q, Instrumentalists, Praise Team	
March 14	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir, High School Singers, Praise Team

## Sweet Things And Sweet Songs For Sweethearts

The All church dessert night and talent show was a roaring success this year with over eighty people in attendance and a whopping 22 offerings of music, poetry and fun. This church family event is for all ages and anyone who likes desserts. That should pretty much include everyone! In case you haven't made it out to one of these yet, please mark your calendar for next year. It is always the Saturday of Valentine's week. Feb 12 will be the date. This year, the Fine Arts department asked for offerings for our Westwood Singers and their leaders to attend the Lake Junaluska Liturgical Arts week June 20-25, 2010. Karen and Jane will attend classes while the kids attend rehearsals and classes of their own. Each year, the offerings are amazing and help grow the kids spiritually as well as musically. Karen learned a lot about conducting and managing youth choirs, and I soaked up director techniques, altarscape ideas, liturgical dance, and music in worship classes. There seems to be nothing like it anywhere else in the nation and people come from all over. Our children are exposed to national name conductors and teachers, along with kids from all over. Lake Junaluska is the International Methodist Center and is in North Carolina. Thanks for your contributions last Sunday night. We were able to offer much assistance to the trip expenses, and for that we are grateful. In case you haven't had the opportunity to donate and would like to do that – you can make that through your regular giving envelope on Sundays and designate the donation to the Westwood Singer account - # 350.

## Westwood Handbell Ensemble To Attend Festival In Lansing

This year, we have 13 ringers attending the Lansing Area Ministry of Bells (LAMB) handbell festival. The ringers will spend the day in rehearsals and classes. Each time they attend an event such as this, they increase their awareness of the techniques that help improve their skills, along with the information about musicality that is learned through their conductor. They attend classes, and usually come back richer in knowing their identity and the importance of what they do in worship and community. About 250 people attend this event and the ensembles ring together for the day and at their closing concert. In case you are interested in attending their closing concert the information is below:  
The Lansing Area Ministry of Bells (LAMB), under the direction of, Lee Afdahl, will present its 26th Annual Spring Ring on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. at Waverly High School's gymnasium (on Snow Road between Michigan Ave. and W. St. Joseph in west Lansing). This facility is handicapper-accessible.

**Church Women United**

Submitted by Jeanette Jupp

Church Women United will be meeting on March 5 at Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd. at 10:45 with a sack lunch. In the morning we have study and in the afternoon we will be visiting retirement homes. Everyone is welcome.

**ASP Spaghetti Dinner**

Submitted by Roxanne Frey

Mark your calendars! ASP will be having a Spaghetti Fundraiser on March 14, which includes lots of spaghetti with marinara sauce and an alfredo sauce. More details to follow!

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Studies**

*Drop in for a visit and stay for one class, a month or a quarter!*

Submitted by Louise Jameson

Beginning March 7th through March 28, Adult Bible Studies begins a new quarter curriculum, "Teaching On Community." In March, we'll recall the stories of Jonah and Ruth, with a focus on community: challenging us to make our faith communities welcoming, inclusive places where others find acceptance and love just as Ruth and Naomi found. This is a drop-in class where over coffee and homemade cookies we share and discuss God's Word and how His Word applies to us today. The class is facilitated by Louise Jameson in the basement Fellowship Hall.

**Messenger Changes**

By Beth Arbogast

Beginning March 1, the Messenger will be printed on a bi-weekly basis. Messenger articles will continue to be due on the Thursday prior to publication.

Also, those individuals that are interested in receiving the Messenger via email, thus saving paper, postage, and copier usage, please email [betharbogast@charter.net](mailto:betharbogast@charter.net) to Make a Difference!

**It's Time to Register for Church Camp!**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Church camp brochures are now available, located on the bulletin board outside the Wesley Room (room 6) and on the table outside the Library. Children who are completing grades 1 – 3 may attend a 3 day camp; children and youth completing grades 4 through 12 attend a week-long camp. Rebates of \$50 are available for first-time campers as well as the returning camper who invited them. Scholarships in the \$100 to \$150 range will be available from your church family here at Westwood in late April. Please let Nancy VandenBrink if you are registered for camp so that you can be put on the camp scholarship list. Never been to church camp? Talk to one of our many children and youth who have and continue to go year after year!



### Lenten Mission Focus

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

During Lent our special mission focus will be on supplies for Haiti. The items listed below are being collected through March 31.

Food: dried beans; rice; powdered milk; canned milk; and peanut butter.

Medicine: antibiotic cream; aspirin (adult and child strengths); Tylenol; Ibuprofen; band-aids; gauze; bandages; medical tape; and Ace bandages. All medicines and supplies must be in their original wrappers. Expiration dates must be at least six months from the present. Over the counter only. Please, no outdated or prescription drugs.

Health Kits: Place the following new items in a one gallon zip lock bag (available on Missions bulletin board):

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.)
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 1 tube toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger with expiration date beyond six months or more)

Missions team has a supply of wash cloths and adhesive bandages which will be added to each kit. Collection boxes are located at the top of the stairs in the elevator annex. Thank you for showing your compassion to "the least of these." It will make a world of difference to so many.

### News From Westwood Singers

Submitted by Karen Bowman

Westwood Singers is a group of young people in our church family who love to sing and who feel privileged to share their music in worship and other venues as they grow in their faith and discipleship. With our church budget under stress this year, the members of Westwood Singers music ministry are striving to be self supporting in 2010 to the maximum extent possible, and to do it in ways that least impact the budget and our church family. We hope those who took a Peel-It card last fall have already recouped their donation through the savings it offers. Many of you have said you've been more than paid back. Music to our ears! Here's another totally "painless" way you can support this children's ministry.

#### See You at Applebee's on Sunday, March 7, 2010

Do you enjoy eating at Applebee's? If you DO..... On Sunday, March 7, you can dine out after church with friends or just as family and help out Westwood Singers. How? Because *any time* on that day, and *only* that day, Applebee's will donate 10% of the tab for your table (excluding tax, tip, and alcohol) to our Westwood Singers when you give your server our Dining to Donate coupon. Many of you have already received coupons. If you don't have yours yet, just cut one out of this newsletter. Also, Singers will be available on Sunday mornings through March 7 with coupons. Perhaps you favor other restaurants but you have friends or neighbors who do eat there. Just offer them one. Thank you!





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## Upcoming Church Events

### MONDAY, March 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, March 2

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Alpha (Simpson, Theatre)
- 7:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids Mtg. (Lounge)
- 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends (#12)
- 7:00 p.m. BSA District Mtg. (Epworth)
- 7:00 p.m. KAL IPMS (Wesley)
- 7:00 p.m. Liturgical Dance

### WEDNESDAY, March 3

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

### THURSDAY, March 4

- 8:30 a.m. Turn Around Church Conf.-Dewitt, MI
- 11:45 a.m. 4th Day Men (Prayer Room)
- 6:00 p.m. The Lioness (Simpson)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (#12)
- 7:00 p.m. BSA Commissioners (Theatre)

### FRIDAY, March 5

- 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Church Women United (Simpson Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Laugh Your Way To a Better Marriage (Simpson/Theatre)

### SATURDAY, March 6

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Laugh Your Way To a Better Marriage (Continues)

### SUNDAY, March 7

- Communion Sunday
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. New Hospitality Sunday School Class (Wesley)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith Exploration Class (Prayer Room)
- 10:55 a.m. Worship
- 4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Groups

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## Looking Ahead

- March 14: ASP Spaghetti Dinner
  - March 28: Palm Sunday
  - April 4: Easter Sunday
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# Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

## Homebound

Pauline Hannon

## Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast  
 Gary Babbitt  
 Don Bertch  
 Laurie Burke  
 Susan Clapp  
 Gary Cumming  
 Judy DeHaan  
 Irene Dutton  
 Elizabeth Dye  
 Kevin Fretz  
 Shirley Greene  
 Vicki Hale  
 Jack Lancaster  
 Maxine McGehee  
 Beth Mitchell  
 Mary Penn  
 Jean Marie Peters (*Pastor Wayne's sister*)  
 Betty Pick  
 Linda Ridderbos  
 Mike Roush  
 Patricia Smith  
 Emily Strong  
 The Thompson Family  
 Nancy Wallus

## Our Community Partner

King Westwood Elementary School Staff

## Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown  
 Neil Farver  
 Carl Williams

## Year of the Neighbor




Pray for our Westwood Neighborhood

## Prayers for Continued Blessings

Congratulations to Elise & Tom Hillman on their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.



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***

Worship Celebrations are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Nursery care is provided during both celebrations.

### ***Prayer Chain***

We have an active prayer chain to lift up individuals in prayer whenever there is special need. To make your request known, please call Rose Marie Kohl at 343-8101, or the Church Office at 344-7165. To sign up for the email prayer chain list, please email [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org).

### ***Stephen Ministers Are There to Care***

Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, talk with Phil Bowman.

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