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## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

One of the first things boaters learn is “red return right”. In returning to the safety of a harbor, the buoy with a red light is always on the right of the channel, while the green light is on the left. Even in inclement weather, boaters can rely on the consistency of “red return right” to guide them into the deep channel leading to the harbor. I’ve hit the bottom of lakes and rocks enough times to be vigilant in searching for the red and green lights to bring me back to the safety of the harbor.

The words of Jesus and Scripture are like the lights leading to a harbor. If we keep our eyes on the “light” of Scripture it will guide us to the channel that leads us into God’s goodness and life. When we’ve hit bottom in our lives, we are ever more vigilant in looking for the “light” of God to lead us to where He wants us to be. As Mike Turner mentioned on Sunday, we gain a “desperation” and longing for Jesus.

In the next few months the leadership will continue to discern where God is leading us. We will experience some changes as we seek God’s direction for our future. One of the changes is that we will be publishing the newsletter every other week. We will also be examining our structure of ministry, as well as developing some new areas of ministry. During this time, we need to have a desperation, longing, and dedication to keep our eyes on the “light” of Jesus and Scripture. God’s Word is our constant presence and guide, keeping us in His wisdom.

This week I encourage you to focus on the light of Jesus, including Jesus’ proclamation, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). Prayerfully consider how Jesus is providing light in your life, like the pillar of fire in the wilderness (Numbers 9:15-23). Also pray about how our congregation is called to be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14) to our community, as the four flames provided light to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus’ light is the “light of life” providing power to rekindle and revive. I invite you to prayerfully pray the following Scriptures, and keep your eyes on the light leading to the harbor.

- Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world.
- Luke 8:16-18 Those who come in can see the light.
- Acts 13:46-48 I have made you a light.
- 1 John 1:5-7 God is light; in Him is no darkness.
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 God...made His light shine in our hearts.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

P.S. In the coming month we will be unveiling a new section of our website dedicated to helping us connect with God in our spiritual lives. It is an exciting web page with lots of helpful ways for you to deepen your faith!

**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 to Make a Difference!

**ASP Spaghetti Dinner**

**Sunday, March 14**

**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.

**Kalamazoo Lioness Club Fashion Show**

**Saturday, March 20**

Submitted by Jan Urfer

Spring into Fashion with Dress Barn at the Crossroads Mall. Kalamazoo Lioness Club fashion show and luncheon March 20 at 12:00 noon. Westwood UMC Simpson Hall. Ticket price is a \$12.00 donation. Contact Jan Urfer 381-2256 or Ann Wheeler 553-0751.

**Thank You**

Thanks so much for standing with the Thompson Family as we brought our Matriarch - Elizabeth Jane Firestone Thompson - all the way Home...

What a Legacy she trails behind her in the loving arc of her 91 years spent in unflagging devotion to others, especially those who occupied the margin.

In the end she'd waged her fight well, had hit the finish line utterly exhausted, had held fast to her faith. May the same be said of each of us, in our time, in our turn...

Godspeed, Michael (for the Thompsons)



**Come One Come All - Wesley Foundation Mission Support Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 21**

Submitted by Tim Ashcraft

Please join us on Sunday March 21, 2010 directly following the second service in Simpson Hall for a delicious lunch of Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert. We will have opportunity to here from Lisa Batten, Wesley Foundation Director about the many ministries taking place with the students involved with the Foundation as well as the future vision for the Wesley Foundation. A good will offering will be accepted to help support their active and vibrant ministries.

**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.

**A Cleaned and Reorganized Church Kitchen**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

On Saturday, February 27, four Westwood women – Beth Mitchell, Norma Sylvester, Pam Phillips, and Nancy VandenBrink – spent several hours in the downstairs church kitchen cleaning and reorganizing the larger cupboards and other areas. Cabinet doors and tracks they slide in, cupboards, sinks, stove hood, and more were scrubbed or wiped down. Filters above the stove were removed, cleaned, and replaced. Many things were moved to different areas in the kitchen to make them more easily accessible for persons who cook. Cupboards have been re-labeled (temporarily with masking tape and description of what is in them). A reminder that anything that has to do with beverage service (cups, glasses, tea, coffee, sugar packets, creamer packets, decanters, pitchers, etc.) is located in the beverage bar area around the corner from the kitchen.

**Home Communion**

Submitted by Sallie Platt

You may have wondered who or what is served by this program at Westwood UMC. Four times a year 3 or 4 teams of lay persons take communion to persons homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing homes who are unable to be in worship to receive the elements. Each team of lay servers takes a kit containing small bread cubes and a vial of unfermented wine (grape juice) which has been placed on the altar in worship and is consecrated by the pastor during the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The servers go out and visit the shut-ins where a short prepared service is shared with the receiver including prayer and scripture. If you know of anyone who would like to receive this service, or if you would be interested in becoming a lay server, please contact Sallie Platt, 343-3917. We will be offering this at Easter, April 4.

**Adopt a Room**

Submitted by Bob Strobel

We are embarking on a new volunteer program here at Westwood. It's designed to help make the church cleaner and more appealing, one room at a time. It's "Adopt a Room"! We now have opportunity to enlist our cleaning skills to a small specific area of the church, to adopt it and make it our own (to maintain, that is).

If you would like to take on a room or small area of your own, please see the sign up sheets in the Narthex. They will be there each Sunday through March. Sound like too big a task? How about you and two or three of your best friends or your small group taking on a room? You might want to hurry though, before all the good rooms are taken!

**A Second Chance**

Submitted by Bob Strobel

On Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> you may have noticed some volunteer sign up sheets on the "love letter table" in the narthex. These were placed there to give each of us an opportunity to sign up to help the church ministry in various different ways. We had a place to volunteer or express our interest in helping with the sound and video board, the nursery, Dinner with Friends, ushering and our newest program, "Adopt a Room".

If you missed these sheets and would like to become a volunteer in one of these areas, you have a second chance! The sign up sheets will be available every Sunday through March. I encourage you to consider where you may be led to volunteer a little of your time. Many hands make light work and as a bonus, volunteering is a very rewarding experience. Check it out this Sunday!

### Congregational Care Team

Submitted by Sally Mahieu

A few years ago a wise woman wrote a book called *It Takes a Village*, about just how many people are involved in raising a child and the responsibilities surrounding that involvement. Here at Westwood the book could be re-titled *It Takes a Congregation*.

Essentially that is what your Congregational Care Team is all about—the responsibilities we all share in caring for our members and making sure each one can feel the love that is so rich in this congregation. Jesus tells us to love one another as He has first loved us and we on this team are dedicated to doing just that.

If one of Jesus' flock is lost He searches until he finds it and brings it back into His fold, and it is the mission of this team to do the same. The church has prayer chains, Senior Shepherds, small groups and many other ministries already in place but sometimes there may be someone you know of who could use some extra care and strength. That is when you all can assist the Congregational Care team members. It really does take a congregation so if you know of someone who could use some extra love, prayers or TLC, and is not connected by any of the above-mentioned groups we are here to help. You can help us by contacting the church office 344-7165 or myself, Sally Mahieu at 216-3231.

Please don't let anyone "fall through the cracks." Let them know that Westwood is a congregation that cares.



### Congregational Care

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief's) vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere. You can be assured that when catastrophes cause suffering, UMCOR will be in the lead to ease the pain. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps UMCOR keep its promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project (such as the Haiti Emergency) can be spent on that project—not on home office costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

Special giving envelopes are in your giving envelope packet dated March 14 or will be available in the March 14 worship folder.



### “Khosh Amadid” Pary Tehrani

Submitted by Roxanne Frey

February Early Eves group listens to a personal view of a woman’s Islamic Faith



Pary Tehrani, a personal friend of Laura Anderson, was the guest speaker for the February 16<sup>th</sup> Early Eves dinner meeting. Pary has resided in Kalamazoo for approximately thirty years with her physician husband. An avid gardener and a devoted mother, Pary is proud that her three sons are following in their father’s footsteps.

Pary’s discussion on her view of the Islamic faith, portrays the religion is a peaceful faith based on submission to God. Unfortunately extremists in all religions hold narrow views of what is right and wrong with painful and disturbing consequences. We all worship the same God but believe in different messiahs and prophets. A tragic and spiritual experience for Pary and her family came when her fourteen year old brother was killed in a car accident. Iranian law allowed Pary’s father to assist in determining the punishment for the driver. Her father grieving from the loss of his son knew that his son’s death was an accident and that punishing the driver with a prison sentence would not bring the son back. The father practiced forgiveness and let the man go free citing to forgive is to be free.

When asked about the significance of Ramadan occurs during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. Ramadan is never on the same day each year, because it is based on the shorter lunar calendar and strictly follows the sighting of a new moon to mark the beginning of each month. It is a time to practice self-restraint; a time to cleanse the body and soul from impurities and re-focus one’s self on the worship of God. This is similar to our Lenten season. (It commemorates the transmission of the Qur’an by the archangel Gabriel to Muhammad.) Pary’s mother would get the family up at 4 AM for a meal and then the family would return to sleep for an hour or two. The next meal was consumed around 7 PM. Fasting exceptions were for children under fourteen years of age, pregnant or nursing women, those on medications requiring food and water, and people in frail health.



Other interesting points of Pary’s discussion were:

- Islam is the fastest growing religion
- There are 3 main Islamic groups, Sunni, Sufi and Shi’a with the Shi’a believing in a mediator (Imam) between man and God
- The national language is Farsi not Arabic with French and English spoken as secondary languages
- Iran was once known as Persia
- It does snow in Iran

Ashtee and merci Pary Tehrani. (Peace and thank you)

Speaking of thanks, we would like to thank Beth Shirley and Pam Phillips for preparing the meal. While we ate, Beth gave up a brief history of Mardi Gras traditions.

Our next Early Eves dinner and discussion will be Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 in the narthex with Laurel Andrews speaking on a method of prayer and scriptural reading intended to promote communion with God known as Lectico Divina. Please contact Marian Burkey if you have questions or would like to be a guest speaker for our June dinner engagement.



**It's Coming March 21!  
Youth Alpha!**

An opportunity to explore the meaning of life  
designed just for youth!



Is there more to life than this?  
Who is Jesus?  
How does God guide us?  
How can I be sure of my faith?  
What about the church?  
What about the rest of my life?

Youth Alpha begins March 21 at 9:00 a.m. in Simpson Hall. Invite a friend.

See Dani Sturdy for more information

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**Pasty Sale**

Submitted by Nancy VandenBrink

Our final pasty sale of the season will be **Saturday, March 13. A maximum of 750 pasties will be made.** Orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Contact Nancy VandenBrink at 344-6945 if you have questions.

Please return your order to the church office by Monday, March 8.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity desired:

\_\_\_\_\_ Baked (\$2.75 each)                      \_\_\_\_\_ Unbaked (\$2.25 each)

Please indicate the time you will pick up your order: (for unbaked orders, morning is best)

\_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m.                      \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 p.m.                      \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00 p.m.

Checks should be made payable to Westwood United Methodist Women.  
(Orders can be prepaid or pay at time of pick-up)

## Am I Ready for Confirmation? Is My Child Ready for Confirmation?

Submitted by Dani Sturdy

Confirmation refers to the decision a person makes to respond to God's grace with intentional commitment, publicly reaffirming his or her baptismal vows before the congregation. Most confirmands are youth between the ages of eleven and fourteen, who have been nurtured in the church since their baptism as an infant or young child. Most churches offer a deliberate time of preparation before this service. During confirmation class, confirmands learn about the meaning of Christian faith; the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church; and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing.

### Baptism and Confirmation

When persons who were baptized as infants are ready to profess their Christian faith, they participate in the service, which United Methodism now calls Confirmation. This occasion is not an entrance into Church membership, for this was accomplished through baptism. It is the first public affirmation of the grace of God in one's baptism and the acknowledgment of one's acceptance of that grace by faith. This moment includes all the elements of conversion—repentance of sin, surrender and death of self, trust in the saving grace of God, new life in Christ, and becoming an instrument of God's purpose in the world. The profession of Christian faith, to be celebrated in the midst of the worshiping congregation, should include the voicing of baptismal vows as a witness to faith and the opportunity to give testimony to personal Christian experience.

An infant who is baptized cannot make a personal profession of faith as a part of the sacrament. Therefore, as the young person is nurtured and matures so as to be able to respond to God's grace, conscious faith and intentional commitment are necessary. Such a person must come to claim the faith of the Church proclaimed in baptism as her or his own faith. Deliberate preparation for this event focuses on the young person's self-understanding and appropriation of Christian doctrines, spiritual disciplines, and life of discipleship. It is a special time for experiencing divine grace and for consciously embracing one's Christian vocation of calling God to live within them and to bear witness to the reign of God announced in Jesus Christ.

*-Excerpts from What Is the Appropriate Age for Baptism and for Confirmation? By Daniel Benedict*

Confirmation classes will begin in September for those ready to take this next important step in their faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about Confirmation preparation, please contact Dani Sturdy.



## Youth Group Happenings

Submitted by Dani Sturdy

**Sunday, March 7** – Going to Grand Rapids to see To Save a Life. Leaving Westwood at 3:30 p.m. and returning around 7:30 p.m. People all around the country are talking about this movie. Catch the movie trailer at <http://www.hollywoodpreviews.com/save-life-trailer-trailer> and check out what people are saying about this movie on Facebook. Invite a friend. Bring a parent. (Yeah, they'll think it's cool if you'll hang out with them. And if you invite them, they are more likely to pay!) Tickets \$3.99. Only \$2.99 for groups of 20+! What a deal!

**Sunday, March 14** – Worship Service: An energy filled worship experience you won't want to miss with incredible music and more!

**Sunday, March 21 a.m.**– Youth Alpha begins for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above. You've heard about Alpha. Now it's time for Youth Alpha! A course designed specifically for you where no question is too great and no question is too small. Join us at 9:00 a.m. in Simpson Hall. (Yes, this is before the usual Sunday school time, so you're going to need to get yourself out of bed earlier so you're not late. But it will be worth every missed minute of sleep!) We'll start with breakfast and then move the fun into the York Theater. Led by Dani Sturdy. Invite your friends. What a great way for someone who doesn't know God to find Him!

**Sunday, March 21 p.m.** – Kalamazoo Service Project: Our work site will be our own Westwood United Methodist Church. Come ready to have fun with friends and make beautiful God's home.

**Thursday, March 25** – Winter Jam in Grand Rapids - Christian music's largest annual tour! Featuring: Newsboys, Tenth Avenue North; Newsong; Fireflight; Mikeschair; Sidewalk Prophets; and Guest speaker: Tony Nolan among others. Tickets only \$10 at the door! Leaving Westwood at 4:30 p.m. Not sure when we'll be back, but that's ok! Friday is a no school day!!!!

For additional information on youth group happenings, check out our Facebook page or contact Dani Sturdy.

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## Youth Group Volunteer Opportunities

Are you able to provide or help to provide a simple meal on Sunday evenings for our youth? Perhaps your Dinner with Friends group could whip up something to eat. If so, please contact Laurel Andrews. Worried about what to fix? Don't be! No matter what it is, in the end, our kids are like Mikey in the old Life cereal commercial:

“Let's get Mikey.”  
“He won't eat it. He hates everything!”  
“Look! He likes it!”  
“Hey Mikey!”

They'll eat anything and be most appreciative, too!

### Easter Plants for the Sanctuary

Submitted by Beth Shirley

You may share in glorifying God by filling our sanctuary with tulips and daffodils on Easter Sunday April 4. (We are not using fresh Easter lilies due to many people who are allergic to them.)

These plants may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please fill out this form and return it to the church office or collection plate with your check payable to Westwood United Methodist Church. Note on the memo line "Alter". Any cash orders should be put in an envelope marked "Altar." The cost per plant is \$7.00.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Type and number of Plants Tulips \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_

Plants may be picked up following the 10:55 service, April 4.



# Upcoming Church Events

**SUNDAY, March 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

**MONDAY, March 8**

7:00 p.m. Communications, Courters, Boy Scouts of America

**TUESDAY, March 9**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
12:30 p.m. Lay Ministers/Staff  
6:00 p.m. Alpha (Simpson/Theatre)  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Liturgical Dance Class

**WEDNESDAY, March 10**

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

**THURSDAY, March 11**

11:45 a.m. 4th Day Men (Prayer Room)  
4:30 p.m. ISAAC Meeting (Lounge)  
6:00 p.m. Glory Connection II  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (#12)

**FRIDAY, March 12**

Pastie Prep (Simpson)

**SATURDAY, March 13**

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bishop's Day of Evangelism (Cornerstone UMC)  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastie Sale  
L.A.M.B. Festival—Lansing

**SUNDAY, March 14** *Web Site Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. ASP Spaghetti Dinner (After 2nd Service)  
4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups

**MONDAY, March 15** *Red Cross Blood Drive*

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish, Courters, Missions, Boy Scouts of America  
7:15 p.m. Board of Trustees (Wesley)

**TUESDAY, March 16**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Congregational Care (Lounge)  
6:00 p.m. Alpha (Simpson/Theatre)  
6:30 p.m. Early Eves (Schneider Lounge)  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends, Liturgical Dance Class

**WEDNESDAY, March 17**

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

**THURSDAY, March 18**

11:45 a.m. 4th Day Men  
4:00 p.m. Lioness—Thursday evening Set-up for Style Show (Simpson)  
6:00 p.m. Glory Connection II  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Finance, Foundation, Chancel Choir, BSA Program Committee

**FRIDAY, March 19**

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lioness Decorating (Simpson)  
7:00 p.m. Civil War Roundtable (Simpson)

**SATURDAY, March 20**

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lioness Style Show (Simpson)

**SUNDAY, March 21**

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Youth Alpha (Theatre)  
10:55 a.m. Worship  
12:15 p.m. Wesley Foundation Luncheon (Simpson)  
4:45 p.m. Westwood Ringers  
6:00 p.m. Youth Groups

# Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

## Homebound

Henry and Genevieve Budzynski

## Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast  
Gary Babbitt  
Don Bertch  
Laurie Burke  
Susan Clapp  
Gary Cumming  
Judy DeHaan  
Irene Dutton  
Kevin Fretz  
Shirley Greene  
Vicki Hale  
Jack Lancaster  
Maxine McGehee  
Mary Penn  
Betty Pick  
Linda Ridderbos  
Mike Roush  
Patricia Smith  
Emily Strong  
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

Happy Birthday to all who have their special day this week!



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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