

From the Heart of the Pastor

Commitment Sunday

during worship on
Sunday, November 15

Please prayerfully consider how you can support God's work at Westwood UMC. We will offer our estimates of giving for 2010 during the worship service.

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is God's story in your life? We can drift through life without intentionality of seeking God's extraordinary presence. I praise God for the many people who told me they experienced our Lord in a deeper way these last few months. All of them earnestly sought His presence and experienced Him in a new way.

On Sunday I shared with you the prayer of Opal Trivet, whom I met at the church Grace on the Hill United Methodist Church, where our ASP team stayed overnight. In worship she prayed, "May God extend your stakes, and enlarge your vision. He is bringing to pass those things He has placed in your heart, because He is the One who placed them there. Walk in the path He has made. He is going before you to prepare the way. God is going to do a new thing in you that you have not seen before—do not be afraid."

God wants to enlarge your vision of what He will do in your life and in our church. He has placed things in your heart and wants to accomplish them through you. So He invites us to walk in the path He has prepared for us, and will do new things we have not seen before. He asks us to be seek Him, walk with Him, and trust.

Tsitsi prayed a similar prayer for our church and it reminded me how much God loves us, and that He wants our church filled with His Spirit, and touching lives. As we look forward to 2010, and prayerfully consider the path God wants for us as individuals and as a church, I will be sharing more with you about how to identify the distinctive gifts God has given you. The Lord asks us to give thanks for His goodness by giving some of ourselves so He may receive the glory, and His love may be made real in the world. It is a great adventure of things we have not seen or experienced before, and God will be with us!

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

Musical Offerings In Worship

Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
Nov 8	Wesley Foundation here	Wesley Foundation here
Nov 15	Jane Wright	WW Singers/H.S. Singers, Praise Team, Jane
Nov 22	Chancel Choir	C. Choir, Jr Chimes, Praise Team
Nov 29	Glory Connection II	Glory Connection II, Praise Team



Season Of Praise

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals

All singers are 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!!!!

Wesley Foundation at Westwood on Nov 8 for both services

Westwood UMC is a sister congregation to the Western Michigan University Wesley Foundation. We support them with board staffing and with prayers and this Sunday, a love offering for them. The Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist presence on campuses across the country. The Wesley Foundation at Western is among the privileged to actually have a building of their own on campus. Usually a Wesley Foundation is housed on the edge of campus somewhere, perhaps in a neighboring United Methodist Church or house. Please continue to be in prayer for this ministry as it is important for the Spiritual growth and commitment of our next generation to Christ. These formative years are critical to the younger generation.

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.

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!

Camp Scholarship Dinner November 8

Join your church family for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, November 8 at 12:15 p.m. to benefit the camp scholarship fund. Our children and youth who attend church camp will tell you that they have had awesome, fun experiences while growing in their faith. Cost is a donation to the camp scholarship fund. Take out dinners will be available. No reservation is needed. Members of the Wesley Foundation on the WMU campus will be our guests as well. Please join us!

Marketplace

Marketplace, Saturday, November 14, 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Marian Hall, 1150 West Centre Avenue, Portage. Fair Trade gifts from around the world where artisans receive a fair wage for their labors.

News from Paul Webster

Note: We received an e-mail bulletin from our missionary in Zambia, Paul Webster, on October 25. Excerpts from it will appear in the Messenger over the next few weeks.

"Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap."

Ecclesiastes 11:4

"Sow your seeds in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well."

Ecclesiastes 11:6

Dear Friends and Supporting Churches,

Just as the writer of Ecclesiastes, we live in very uncertain times. The world wide economic crisis is adversely affecting us all. Jobs are not guaranteed and savings and the value of our homes have eroded away. Yet, the writer of Ecclesiastes counsels us to continue planting and reaping what we sow. We are told to invest in many things to insure a return. One thing we are encouraged to invest in is our fellow human beings through our tithes and offerings knowing that many, if not all, of our projects will succeed.

I am glad that despite the economic downturn, people continued to invest in our work here in Africa. This dry season we were able to plant larger dry season gardens than in the past. We were able to continue construction on my missionary house as well as build two houses for staff members, upgrade houses for others, and continue improving the Mama Roxanne Day Care centre. We are installing running water to all of the buildings at our site as I write. We have five pairs of oxen able to work the fields and this week we put three plows to work in the newly cleared fields in preparation for the coming rainy season.

Wesley Foundation to Visit Westwood

Members of the Wesley Foundation praise team at Western Michigan University will participate in worship at Westwood on Sunday, November 8. Pastor Wayne will give the message. Westwood became a covenant church with Wesley in 2006 and has committed a minimum of \$1,000 annually to its campus ministry which is an outreach of the United Methodist Church. A special offering will be taken on November 8 to support that covenant. Special envelopes will be available in the worship folder on that day. They will be our guests at the camp scholarship dinner following the 10:55 service.

Pictures Available

The following pictures from the portrait settings are available in the church office.

Laura Anderson
Betty Babbitt
Marian Burkey
Derick Daniels
Philip Engel
Tami Hodges
Donald Howard
William Johnson
Jeanette Jupp
James Kooi
David McGee
Gordon Nuyen
Barb Riegel
Kevin Secord
Louise Sepanik
Ken Smith
Bill Ullrey
Harold VanHeuvelen
Ronald Warners

Thank you.

Basement Sale

The semi-annual basement sale will be held on Friday, November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **You may drop off items to be included in this sale in room 16 next to the theatre starting after 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 8.**

Ladies...Gentlemen...Youth...Can you volunteer a couple of hours in order to make this sale successful? All proceeds benefit mission projects supported by United Methodist Women through the General Board of Global Ministries. Help is needed on:

- *Thursday, November 12 from 2 to 9 p.m. to sort donations
- *Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14: check-out customers, tidy tables, etc. (especially need help Friday morning when it is the busiest)
- *Saturday, November 14 at Noon to pack up unsold items which will go to the Rescued Treasures Store operated by the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

If you have questions, please call Marlene Pyle, 375-3225.



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 _____
Kind _____ No. of loaves _____
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: \$ _____



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

A Theology of Discipleship
From UMC.ORG

Theology is not just about God. It is also about us. We live out of our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another, and to the world. The Christian faith is grounded in the love and grace of God, experienced through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is our response to God's love and grace.

The church calls our response to God Christian discipleship. Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus. As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world. Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families, workplaces, communities, and the world.

Loving God

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, his response was: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38. See Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; and Luke 10:25-28.) Discipleship is about loving God....It is more than an acknowledgement of God's existence or a statement of belief regarding God. It is total devotion, head-over-heals-in-love-with adoration. It is the deep desire to know God, to be one with God, and to worship God.

There are a variety of ways that we can develop our knowledge of and love of God. These include Prayer, Bible study, Worship, Fasting, Conversation with other Christians

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, called these practices means of grace. They are means for developing our relationship with God and for experiencing God's presence in our lives. These practices help us spend time with God, a significant factor in loving God.

Loving Neighbor

Jesus responded to questions about the most important commandment by quoting the Hebrew Scripture's admonition to love God with our whole being. (See Deut. 6:4-9 as well as gospel passages listed in the above section.) Then immediately he broadened the meaning of this admonition: "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:31).

These verses about loving God and loving neighbor as ourselves are known as the Great Commandment. Again and again, the Bible teaches us that loving God and loving neighbor are two sides of the same coin. We cannot do one without the other. Check out some of these passages for a glimpse at how prevalent this understanding of Christian discipleship is:

Matthew 5:43-48, Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 10:25-37, John 15:12-17, Romans 12:9-18,
1 Corinthians 13, 1 John 4:19-21

From these passages and others we can draw several conclusions about what it means to love our neighbors. First of all, loving our neighbors means responding to specific needs—hunger, illness, imprisonment, loneliness, and so forth. Love is more than a feeling; it is behavior. It is practical and concrete.

Finally, these passages emphasize that loving our neighbors is not optional; it is mandatory. It is what Christians do and what Christians are. Our lives are a testimony to our love—our love for God and our love for neighbor.

To read more, visit UMC.ORG.

From *What Every Teacher Needs to Know About Theology* (Discipleship Resources, 2002), pp. 35-38. Used by permission.

Getting to Know You

Douglas Heystek
Born April 30, 1947 in Kalamazoo
Graduated Kalamazoo Central HS 1965
Married Margo September 26, 1970
Note: Margo was profiled 11-12-2006
Children Jeffrey (b.1972); Jason (b.1976) wife Ryanne
Grandchildren: Anna (1998), Jane (2003), Lucy (2005),
Graydon (2008)



While attending WMU, Doug worked at the Patterson and Douglas Meijer Thrifty Acres and found himself attracted to a frequent customer named Margo who was also a WMU student. . They married in 1970 and he completed his degree in Industrial Supervision in 1971. In 2001 Doug retired after 30 years with the Eaton Corporation .

Raised at the Simpson UMC, Doug recalls playing basketball and being very active in the youth fellowship. It was a neighborhood church and a neighborhood school with his friends from church also going to Woodward Elementary. Since Margo was from Chicago, it was a natural for them both to attend Simpson, merging with Westwood in 1980.

Doug admits to being a diehard Detroit sports fan (Tigers, Lions, Pistons) and often watches games on TV. Season Basketball tickets for WMU take him to see his favorite sport. He enjoys the music of Josh Brogan and considers "In this very Room" his favorite hymn.

Meatloaf ranks as number one meal for Doug, he gratefully acknowledges that Margo has learned to make his mother's recipe. He credits Cracker Barrel with making a good meat loaf, but also likes Italian food such as found at La Cantina in Paw Paw and Mangia Mangia on the Kalamazoo Mall. Family time is very important to Doug and always has been. He and Margo are as active in the lives of their grandkids as they were with their children; sports, school activities and babysitting to name a few. At other times Doug enjoys boating, fishing, or golf and spends time volunteering for the Shepherd Center and generally likes helping people

At Westwood he has been active in various ways including helping with Alpha and ISAAC, and currently is a member of the staff-parish committee. He blends his voice with the Chancel Choir and the Glory Connection. Doug confesses he doesn't do much reading, but found reading the New Testament this summer to be a wonderful experience. Doug enjoys serving as worship assistant on Mother's Day and offering a special vocal tribute to mothers. "Westwood in our home, a part of my life and history," Doug says, "It is a real comfortable place, like family."

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Harriet Lou Warburton, Director's Hall, 600 Golden Drive, Kalamazoo, 49001

Comfort, Healing and Strength

Beth Arbogast, 2639 Hazelnut Lane, Kalamazoo, 49004

Gary Babbitt, U of M Medical Center #7137, 1500 East Medical Center Drive,
Ann Arbor, MI, 48109

Pat Bailey, 1855 Quail Cove, Kalamazoo, 49009

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

Vicki Hale

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

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Kevin Klute, 370 Creston, Kalamazoo, 49001

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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Betty Pick, Bickford Cottage, Merry Bee, 4704 W. Milham Ave., Portage, 49024

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Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Carl Williams



Calendar of Events




Sunday, November 08, 2009	
	<i>Wesley Sunday</i>
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
9:45 AM	Praise Team
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
12:15 PM	Camp Dinner
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups
Monday, November 09, 2009	
6:00 PM	Rehearsal Jan Berghorst
7:00 PM	Communications
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Spiritual Partners
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts of America
Tuesday, November 10, 2009	
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Lay Ministers/Staff
6:00 PM	Alpha
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	High School Choir
6:00 PM	Companions in Christ Bible Study
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
7:00 PM	Church Charge Conference
Thursday, November 12, 2009	
	<i>Basement Sale Set-up</i>
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
4:30 PM	ISAAC Meeting
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, November 13, 2009	
9:00 AM	Basement Sale
Saturday, November 14, 2009	
9:00 AM	Basement Sale
Sunday, November 15, 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 (Church-Dinner-Youth sit together)



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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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