

From the Heart of the Pastor

Who has given you a legacy of hope? As I mentioned on Sunday, one of those people for me was Marilyn Ascue. Her situation seemed hopeless by the world's standards, and indeed a presence of despair pervaded her home. The congenital heart defect took more of her vitality each day. Even so, a glimmer of hope was still aflame in her heart, stirring a curiosity about God, the afterlife, and Jesus. She wanted to seek the answers at a church, but she was not well enough to come to church, so the church had to come to her.

Our visits were quiet, peaceful, and oddly joyful. We laughed some, but mostly we talked very directly about the Bible's teaching of forgiveness, death, and life. Marilyn had a desire to settle all matters of forgiveness before she met God face to face. She recognized she could not mend all broken relationships or take back all the careless and hurtful words she said. We discussed the heart of Jesus' forgiveness, and the Father's longing for all His children to be in relationship with Him. During one of the visits she prayed for Jesus' forgiveness, and committed to living her life under Jesus' authority. After the prayer, we both felt a presence of joy, peace, and relief sweep into the room. She also decided she wanted to be baptized and make her profession of faith in front of the church.

The weeks preceding Marilyn's Easter baptism were precarious, with Marilyn's strength rising and falling on any given day. I rejoiced on Easter morning as Marilyn's family members lifted her wheelchair up the steps to the sanctuary. The time came for Marilyn's baptism, and I felt deeply touched by Marilyn's bold profession of faith and her tenacity as she slowly walked to the altar. We both understood the significance of the questions, "Do you repent of your sin?" and "Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?" The members of her family and the church realized the significance of her response, "I do."

Marilyn's renewed courage and peace of the Lord affected her family. A number of them realized that if Marilyn could have such faith and joy despite her circumstances, they could as well. Marilyn was not a perfect person, yet she was renewed and had solid foundation. She peacefully passed away a number of months later. On the way to her graveside service the song "Tears in Heaven" played on the radio. Yes, Marilyn's tears were gone as she was now fully in the presence of God. Along the way, she left a legacy of hope. To whom will you leave a legacy of hope? On December 13 we will celebrate four baptisms, and a new legacy of hope will live. You will have an opportunity to remember your baptismal dedication and renew it during the celebration.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne



For the heights and depts. 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 6, Peace	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir, Instrumentalists, H.S. Choir
Dec 13, Love	Westwood Handbell Ensemble, Q	Westwood Handbell Ensemble, Q, Praise Team
Dec 20, Joy	Chancel Choir, Westwood Singers	Chancel Choir, Westwood Singers



Season Of Praise

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:30 & 10:55 Services

A special musical offering for Christmas. Many gifts come at Christmas. We hope the congregation here at Westwood will not only appreciate this gift from the choir and their accompanist, Benjamin Quintel, but also remember to share this gift with friends and acquaintances who might appreciate that you have offered Christ to them at this moment in time.

Advent Begins November 29

It has come again. The season of expectation. A retelling of stories long ago and now. A time of wonder and amazement as we grapple with a God who loves us enough to enter into our daily lives, who offered His son and through grace, still offers a way that leads to eternal life. I wonder, as some of you might, what a life of sharing, caring, treading lightly on this earth, thinking green, remembering all living creatures as precious God given gifts, protecting our world, pursuing peace, prayer in all things - what all this has all to do with this one statement: Eternal Life. Ponder with me on this, would you? I sometimes wonder about the things that Jesus said, that no one thought to write down. I wonder what he would say, if he had been born unto us in 2000 instead of year 0. While people don't change much, it seems that our world has changed quite a bit. We, like Noah, need to be very good listeners. I am sure of one thing: God has plans!! This season – come expecting. Expect God. Your servant – Jane Wright.

Music Groups In Mission

What a pleasure it has been for the music groups of Westwood UMC to minister to the people of Friendship Village this past Sunday, Nov 22. It is a wonderful coming together of music and smiling faces as many music groups participated in a combined concert at the KIVA in Friendship Village. Participating groups were: Westwood Handbell Ensemble and Q, Chancel Choir and Glory Connection II, Westwood Singers and Ringers. Thanks to all the participants who put themselves into the world to make it a little brighter and happier for the people of Friendship Village.

Also, the Westwood Singers get a double kudos for also singing four pieces at the Lakota UM Church pastured by Michael Pinto on that same day, November 22! We are so blessed with the huge hearts of our youth in music ministry! Thanks to Katie Longstroth, Rachel Price, Natalie and Kristin Sturdy, Allysa Mitchell, Kristin VanOrder, Anna Whitaker and Kristin's friend, Stephanie, who played such lovely flute. Thanks also to their leaders, Karen Bowman and Lois Moeller.

Coming up on Friday evening, December 4, members of the Westwood Ringers will attend a function at Galilee Baptist Church in Kalamazoo. They will play as part of the evening's musical offerings.

United Methodist Student Sunday

United Methodist Student Sunday will be observed on November 29 with a special offering which will provide scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities. Special giving envelopes are in your envelope packet or will be available in the November 29 worship folder.

Angel Figurines Wanted

On Sunday, December 13 we will feature angels in worship. We ask you bring angels to the sanctuary before Friday, December 11, so we can set them up around the sanctuary. You may want to bring them to worship on December 6, if you are not planning on being at church during the week. You may drop them off during the day when the church is open. We look forward to being blessed by a whole host of angels on December 13.

Singing Advent Sunday School class

Tina Egan and Roxanne Frey are planning on singing Christmas Carols during the Advent season at the local nursing homes and retirement centers during the Sunday school hour (9:30 to 10:30). Please see Tina or Roxanne if you are interested in participating so that transportation arrangements can be made. All are welcome to participate. Minors will need a permission slip from their parent or guardian. We will return to the church at approximately 10:45 each Sunday.

Church Women United

Church Women United annual cookie packing project to give cookies to nursing homes, etc. is Friday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. at Luthern Church of the Savior, 3616 East G Ave. Everyone is welcome to help pack. If you have signed up or would like to bake small cookies, please put them in the upstairs kitchen by Thursday, December 4. We have been asked for 48 doz. and 15 Diabetic. Any questions call Jeanette Jupp 345-8833.

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. 6 and Dec. 13: Our Kingdom Kids workshops will focus on the Promised coming of the Messiah!

Dec. 20: Las Posadas—Come along as we recreate a popular Mexican tradition. Mary and Joseph are traveling from inn to inn looking for somewhere to stay. Who will make a place for them? Our journey will take us all over the church.

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!

Messiah and More!

Messiah and More! The WMU School of Music will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in Miller Auditorium. The University Grand Chorus (James Bass, conductor) and Symphony Orchestra (Bruce Uchimura, conductor) will feature music from Handel's Messiah, Vaughan Williams' cantata "Hodie," the Nutcracker Ballet of Tchaikovsky, the Bennett/Shaw "Many Moods of Christmas," John Rutter's "O Holy Night," the David Wilcox setting of "O Come All ye Faithful," the holiday sounds of Leroy Anderson, and more! Tickets for this music scholarship fund benefit program are \$12 in advance from the Miller Auditorium ticket office and \$15 at the door on the day of the concert.

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.

Psalm 23 (for the work place)

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want
He gives me peace when chaos is all around me
He gently reminds me to pray and to do all things
without
murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my source and not my
job.

He restores my sanity every day and guides my
decisions
that I might honor Him in all that I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mails,
systems

Crashes, unrealistic deadlines, gossiping co-
workers,

discriminating supervisors and an aging body,
I will not stop for He is with me.

His presence, His peace and His power will see
me through

He raises me up, even when they fail to promote
me.

He claims me as his own, even when the company
threatens to let me go.

His faithfulness and love exceeds any bonus check.
His retirement plan surpasses any 401K

When all is said and done

I'll be working for Him all my days and for that I say
AMEN

Westwood Ding-a-lings

The Westwood Ding-a-lings are back this season, and will be ringing at three locations on Saturday December 12th from 10:00 am until 5:00 p.m. There are still slots available for Wal-Mart (West Main/9th Street location) and K-Mart (Stadium Drive location). The sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Please contact Doug or Pam Phillips at 344-5466 or pdphillips@chartermi.net Please sign up and help a wonderful cause in the Salvation Army!

Doug Phillips

The Story of our Crèche

A few years ago Laura Anderson contacted a friend, Marietta Myers to help her search for a nativity scene appropriate for our Altar. Much to Laura's surprise, Marietta offered to make the figures — for free.

After several weeks work, the project was completed. Marietta calls herself a "sculptor" because she works with wet clay and begins most figures on a potter's wheel — Mary and the baby Jesus, Joseph, two shepherds, three wise men, a camel, a donkey, a cow and two sheep. The tallest figure measures about twelve inches high. There are also a few sleeping chickens, lambs and doves.

The late Norm Anderson crafted the stable with lumber from Marietta's barn. Laura feels God answered our church members' prayers guiding her to Myers, who does not attend our church. "It was God's guidance all the way," Laura says, "a real Christmas gift."

Please be sure this Advent Season, to take time to go to the Altar for a close-up view of our lovely crèche.

Westwood Singers Roadtrip to Lacota UMC

Last Sunday the Westwood Singers traveled to Lacota UMC, the church Michael Pinto pastors. The singers were made very welcome by Michael and his congregation, who even fed us afterward with a great lasagna meal!

They sang four songs, and Michael incorporated the meaning of each song into his message. One of the songs included a flute part which was played by Stephanie Ray (not in robe). The Singers really enjoyed the trip and look forward to going back some time. Thank you Michael and Susan for giving us this opportunity and making us so very welcome!



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.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Advent devotional booklets, with daily devotions and testimonies written by your Westwood UMC family, were distributed following worship on Sunday, November 29. If you did not receive a copy, you may pick up a copy outside the main doors on the sanctuary. Our 2009 Advent theme is "Legacy" and Sunday worship services and the devotions will help you contemplate that theme throughout Advent.

A Message from Global Ministries

We send you greetings in this season of Thanksgiving and approaching Advent with appreciation for the Westwood United Methodist Church partnership with the Resurrection UMC in Voronezh, Russia, Irina Mitina, pastor. Thank you for the gift of \$1,000 sent on October 11, 2009 in support of the ministries at Resurrection UMC. Your continuous faithful support is a great encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Eurasia and especially in these days of economic distresses.

We want you to know about the new video that interprets the Eurasia UMC in the light of the 100th anniversary of Methodism in Russia. *Methodism in Eurasia: A Century of Darkness and Light* was produced by UM Communications and is quite well done as a view of the historical beginnings as well as of contemporary ministries in four major Russian cities. At a length of just under 10 minutes, it is suitable for showing in worship services, mission celebrations, leadership and Sunday School groups, district and annual conferences. You may download the file from the Russia Initiative website at: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/work/initiatives/russia/>

Thank you for your continuing care for our brothers and sisters in Eurasia.

Grace and Peace,
Jim Athearn
Coordinator, The Russia Initiative

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.

Advent Mission Projects for 2009

Each Sunday in Advent, the Missions team invites you to support a local project in need of items to help their clientele and make a difference right here in Kalamazoo County. Your donations may be dropped off in the collection area in the elevator annex at the top of the stairs.

December 6 Christmas Dinner for Persons in Need at Stockbridge Ave. UMC

In conjunction with Kalamazoo Refuge Ministry and local churches, this dinner will be held on December 20 and items will be given away as well. Needed items are new or gently used clean winter wear (winter coats, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves) and blankets (especially queen size), as well as new socks and toys.

December 13 Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes provides emergency food assistance to hungry people in Kalamazoo County through 26 food pan-tries and 3 mobile pantries, Ministry with Community and YWCA Domestic Assault Program. Non-perishable food items are needed such as peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables, meats, stew, and hearty soups, pasta, rice, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese.

December 20 Ministry with Community

Ministry with Community provides meals, daytime shelter, personal care items and other basic services to Kalamazoo's homeless, poor, mentally ill, and hard-to-serve adults. Personal care items needed are soap, shampoo, disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, combs and brushes.

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.

Fall ALPHA Course Retreat at Gull Lake Ministries Conference Center, Hickory Corners, MI.



Come to Alpha for:

Good Food, Good Fun, and Real Answers

The Next Alpha course @ WUMC begins January 12, 2010.

Please contact Mike Turner (207-6150) or Pastor Wayne if you have questions concerning the Alpha Course.

Getting to Know You

Nancy (nee Kurtz) Roberts
Born June 13, 1930 in Chicago.
Graduated State High School, Kalamazoo 1948
Graduated WMU 1968, BA with Elementary Education Certificate
Married March 10, 1950 to Gordon Roberts (deceased 3-10-2004)
Children: [1950] Bruce (Ardena) of Cedar Springs);
[1952] Keith (Vicki) of Virginia Beach; and [1955] Scott of Virginia Beach
Nancy has five grandchildren and one great-grandson (2008)



Nancy was born in Chicago on Friday the thirteenth which her dad said was his Good Luck Day. After spending three years in Chicago and a few months in Watseka, IL, the family moved to Kalamazoo in 1934. It was the depression and her father had been offered a job at the Bryant Paper Mill.

Nancy met her future husband on the Kalamazoo City Lines bus in 1946 as they rode the same bus to school, Nancy to State High (on WMC Campus) and Gordon to Western Michigan College. They married in the parsonage of her childhood church home, the Damon Methodist Church which is now the Milwood United Methodist church. Nancy mentions fondly the old church building with the steeple from which hung the bell rope. The children loved to come in and pull the rope, hanging on to get a ride up in the air as the bell rang.

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 1968.

Living in Westwood, the young family arrived at WUMC when the building was new. Nancy recalls the concrete floors and folding chairs and a brand new corner stone. Over the years she has been part of the chancel choir, assisted with Bible School and with her husband worked with the Jr. High MYF group. She currently volunteers in the church office helping to get the Messenger out.

In her spare time you might find Nancy watching CNN or Detroit Tigers or Pistons on TV. She also likes to read and work puzzles such as crosswords or Sudoku. When she retired she received a piano from Gordon and took piano lessons. She enjoys traditional music of the 40s and 50s, such as the songs of Frank Sinatra. A favorite hymn since her youth has been "The Church's One Foundation." As an adult she adds to that "How Great Thou Art."

Nancy enjoys Italian Food and mentions Olive Garden as her favorite restaurant, but Rykse's also gets visited regularly.

A Note From Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Dear Members and Friends of Westwood,

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) of Westwood United Methodist Church would like to provide you with an opportunity to participate in Christmas gifts for the pastor and regularly employed staff of the church. Christmas offers an opportunity for us to model God's gift-giving to us by sharing gifts with those we care about. We cannot equal God's gift of His Son, but we can demonstrate our love and appreciation for the church staff's hard work throughout the year.

The church staff includes our full-time staff (Pastor, Administrative Assistant, and Director of Fine Arts Ministry) as well as our equally dedicated part-time employees who serve as accompanist, organist, custodians, and child care (nursery) workers. The Christmas gift that is provided by the church family is divided proportionally among these regularly employed staff of the church.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee encourages you to make a generous gift to show our appreciation for the hard work of the staff.

Please make your check payable to **Westwood United Methodist Church** and label it "Christmas Gifts." Please note that since this is a non-taxable gift to the members of our staff, it will not be shown on your charitable giving statement from the church.

Please do not mail your contribution to the church address!

In addition, in order to keep the gifts separate from your regular giving, please use one of these options for getting your gift to SPRC:

· Mail it to:

Irv Cumming
6433 Old Log Trail
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

· Give it to one of the Staff-Parish members at either the 8:30 or 10:55 service. Our 2009

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members include: Phil Bowman, Irv Cumming, Doug Heystek, Jim Jameson, Kevin Secord, Bob Strobel, Emily Strong, Jo Turner, Jean Whitcomb, and Sue White.

· Place your gift (in an envelope, if possible) in the SPRC mailbox.

We will appreciate receiving your gifts by Sunday, December 20, 2009.

The vocal group Blendings Presents "It's Christmas Once Again"

"It's Christmas Once Again", a program of sacred and secular music of the season, will be presented on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Westwood United Methodist Church. Featured will be a vocal presentation of the "Nutcracker Suits", often danced but seldom performed as a choral selection. Other selections include arrangements of familiar carols as well as jazz arrangements of "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bells". There is no charge for admission, however donations are gratefully accepted.

Missionary House Construction

Paul Webster, our partner in mission in Zambia, writes: "For those of you who have been to our site, you know that interior space is extremely limited with two missionary families and only one house. We are constructing a second house that will help to alleviate the problems of storage and space for both missionaries and guests who come to visit our site. We are thankful to General Board of Global Ministries for financing this construction so that scarce funds would not be diverted from project work.

The house will have three guest bedrooms and an extra large kitchen and dining room to handle Volunteer in Mission teams and other guests. As the house is close to the planned Mama Roxanne Chapel, it will also serve as a food preparation kitchen for that facility."

Ongoing Prayers for Westwood Members

Prayers for comfort, healing and strength

Homebound

Henry & Genevieve Budzynski, 515 Turwill Lane, Kalamazoo, 49006

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

Mary Faupel & Family (Fern Faupel, Mary's mother-in-law, daied last week.)

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

Jean Marie Peters (*Pastor Wayne's sister*)

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

John Reid, 1205 Bunkerhill, Kalamazoo, 49009

Mike Roush, 522 Cherokee #212, Kalamazoo, 49006

Patricia Smith

Emily Strong, 3504 Iroquois Trail, Kalamazoo, 49006

Betty Thompson, 1400 N. Drake Rd., Apt. 189, Kalamzoo, 49006

Nancy Wallus, 717 Kendall, Kalamazoo, 49006

Protection from Harm in Iraq and Afghanistan

Toby Brown

Anthony Earl

Carl Williams



Calendar of Events




Sunday, December 06, 2009	
	<i>Communion Sunday</i>
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups
Monday, December 07, 2009	
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts of America
7:00 PM	Spiritual Partners
Tuesday, December 08, 2009	
9:00 AM	Worship Planning
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday, December 09, 2009	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:00 PM	Companions in Christ Bible Study
6:00 PM	Disciple IV
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:00 PM	High School Choir
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q"
7:00 PM	WHBE
Thursday, December 10, 2009	
12:00 PM	4th Day Men
4:30 PM	ISAAC Meeting
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, December 11, 2009	
	No events scheduled
Saturday, December 12, 2009	
9:30 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Sunday, December 13, 2009	
	<i>Membership Sunday</i>
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
3:00 PM	Blendings Concert
4:45 PM	Westwood Ringers
6:00 PM	Youth Groups - KSP
6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends Candlelight Ceremony



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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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