

## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

Where are you going and who do you hope will be there? Jesus tells us the destination for God's people is heaven. The Bible uses many images to show us what heaven is like including the magnificence of beauty and splendor (Revelation 21:11), worship and rejoicing (Revelation 7:12), a gathering of saints (Revelation 7:9), with a Spirit of renewal (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). Jesus also likened it to a banquet (Luke 14:15-24). The vision we have of heaven is a joyous celebration where the saints worship in the presence of God's splendor. It will be amazing. God has invited us to enjoy a foretaste of heaven by living as Jesus' disciples, and to invite others as well.

You're invited to the banquet God has for us in heaven, and begin to experience it now. As with any big event, we need to prepare for it and live the celebration. One of the great things about the banquet is that the invitation is open to everyone, so you can bring all the friends and family you want.

Pastor Dan Glover shared an insight with some of our leaders in February. He said that people are attracted to encouragers and avoid discouragers. He then shared that one of the first steps in building a relationship with others is to have an encouraging spirit. Jesus has called us friends, and God as accepted us and welcomed us into a relationship. Being encouraging is the first step in building an inviting relationship.

Here are some ways you can begin to celebrate the party and invite others to join you:

Be an encouraging person. Paul says, "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Recognize the blessings of being a follower of Christ.

Pray for those you want to invite to the blessings of being a follower of Christ.

Open up your life to others

Model what a follower of Jesus looks like (James 2:22)

Go and invite them. (Luke 14:23)

God is hosting a banquet and invites you to enjoy and celebrate God's riches. Living an invitational lifestyle is about how we treat others, share God's goodness and invite them to the banquet. Remember to invite people to the Alpha Course on September 15, the Sunday School Kickoff, the music ministries, missions, and spiritual growth classes you will find in this newsletter. It will be a foretaste of The Great Banquet.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Wayne

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**(Older Adult) Friendship Luncheon – Sept. 9**

We will resume the Friendship Luncheon on Wed., Sept. 9, 2015 at noon in Simpson Hall. Jim Jameson will again be preparing and serving the meal. A free will offering helps defray the cost. Following lunch, the gospel quartet "Joy Unspeakables" will perform. Please make a reservation by checking the back of the green communication card, signing up on the bulletin board, or calling the church office at 344-7165. All are invited.

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**Church Women United - Human Rights Celebration – Sept. 10**

Church Women United will be having their Human Rights Celebration on Thursday, September 10 at Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church, 212 S Park. There will be Bible study from 10:45 to 11:45 with lunch at noon and the program beginning at 1 PM. We have 5 persons who will be honored. The cost is \$7 if you wish to come for lunch or \$3 without lunch. Please e-mail Adele Paxson (adelepax@charter.net) by September 6 if you are coming. You can pay at the door. We would love to have you join us!

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**Westwood Literacy Center – New training session begins Sept. 10**

Our primary ministry right now is through one to one tutoring sessions. 25,000 people in the Kalamazoo area are functionally illiterate. Many want to change that. Please consider being a tutor. The next training is coming up in September. The orientation is on September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Training sessions are on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (September 14, 17, 21, and 24). To register please go to: <http://www.kalamazooliteracy.org/tutors/register-for-orientation#.Vd3URpf1KJ8>. If you have any questions please call Dori Ravotas at 269-870-5282. Also, please let anyone you know who might be interested that our drop-in tutoring hours are from 5:30-7:30 every Monday evening.

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**Rural Life Special Offering – Sept. 13**

A special offering will be received on September 13 for Rural Life Sunday (for initiatives and ministry in rural and small town churches and communities). Special envelopes are in your giving envelope packet.

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**Who is God calling you to invite to Alpha? – Begins Sept. 15**

A 10-week program for those who wonder:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?
- What Does The Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- Does God Heal Today?
- What About the Church?

When: September 15, 2015 6:30 PM Where: Westwood United Methodist Church. For More Information: Call Wayne Price (344-7165) or Mike Turner (207-6150)



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### **United Methodist Women Planning Committee – Sept. 15**

The United Methodist Women planning committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 6:00 in the lobby. All women are invited to join in the planning for our future events. In particular, we will be planning the 60th Anniversary Celebration of our United Methodist Women in service at Westwood. The date for this celebration is Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Mark your calendars now! You will not want to miss this exciting showcase. Questions? See Beth Mitchell for more details.

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### **United Methodist Women – Sept. 19**



Kalamazoo District United Methodist Women will be celebrating the 43rd Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Vicksburg United Methodist Church from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Diana Miller from the Detroit Conference will be sharing information from her recent mission trip to Liberia. The Annual Meeting is open to all women to come and hear

what other women in our District are doing and to hear about current issues pertaining to the work of United Methodist Women. Cost is \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door. Lunch is provided. Registrations are due by September 12th or you can just come that day and register then. The registration forms are on the bulletin board by the Nursery. We would love to have a large group from Westwood attend since the event is so close to home this year. Question? Contact Beth Mitchell or Helen Lancaster.

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### **Men's Prayer Breakfast – Sept. 19**

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, beginning at 9:00 am in Simpson Hall with prayer time to follow. Sign up for the breakfast either on the sign-up board or on the back of the Communication Card.



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### **Dessert and Movie Night – Sept. 19**

The New Adventurers are hosting a Dessert and Movie Night in Simpson Hall on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015. Dessert will be served at 6:30 pm and the movie, God's Not Dead, will be shown at 7:00 pm. God's Not Dead has been described as "entertaining, profound, and powerful" by Charisma News. Everyone is invited! Sign-up in the lobby. For questions or further information, call Joyce Branch at 372-7688.

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### **Faith Hope Circle – Sept. 23**

Faith Hope Circle will be meeting at Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake, Room 1A, on September 23 at 1:00 pm. Anyone is welcome. For more information call Helen Lancaster, 344-9874, or Jeanette Jupp, 345-8833.

### **Mission Stitchin' Group Meets Local and Global Needs**

The Mission Stitchin' group at Westwood welcomes everyone who enjoys stitching and has a heart for missions. Do you sew, crochet, or knit or could you cut fabric from patterns, iron, etc.? Mission Stitchin' meets on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Drop in anytime – you do not have to be there the entire time or attend every session. We enjoy snacks and conversation as well. Our most recent projects are cutting and sewing of diapers, receiving blankets and school tote bags for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, a disaster relief warehouse associated with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We also recently donated many colorful, individualized pillowcases for children in foster care through Kalamazoo County Dept. of Human Services and this will be an on-going project. If you knit or crochet, bring along your current project. Prayer shawls (knitted or crocheted) are continually needed for distribution by our church members. We also have items cut out that can be taken home to sew such as hospital gowns (instructions provided). We meet in the Mission Stitchin' room located on the lower level between the elevator and Simpson Hall. Questions? Contact Nancy VandenBrink (344-6945) or Kay Oppliger (373-7021).

### **Westwood United Methodist Church – Sept. 13, 2015 Get Ready for Kickoff Sunday and Growing in Faith**

*Today, Sept. 13 we will begin our Fall Sunday School classes with a Kickoff Pancake Breakfast in Simpson Hall. We will begin with a breakfast at 9:30 am, and then hear about the fall classes at 10:00. Children are invited to eat with their families, and then will be dismissed after hearing about Kingdom Kids. All are invited.*

#### Fall Adult Sunday School Classes:

Soul Keeping: Teacher, Doug Tipken, Wesley Room. The six week class will explore what the soul is and how we can care for our souls. All are welcome. Runs Sept. 13 to Oct. 18.

Adult Bible Study: Facilitator, Louise Jameson, Simpson Hall Annex, all welcome. Runs through the programming year. This fall quarter of Adult Bible Studies we will be reading and discussing passages from the Book of Acts – a book about the first-century Christian church. We will see how the early church paved the way for us looking at God, themselves, prayer, worship, love, faithfulness, law, authority, community, power, Scripture – virtually everything – in new ways because of Jesus. We will look at that time in the history of the church and then perhaps be challenged to consider ways we might think and act differently in order to live most effectively as Christ's church. Come to this discussion class each Sunday, September through May, or drop in any time you are available. Everyone is welcome as we learn and share God's Word. Adult Bible Studies books will be available on September 13.

Parenting Class: Facilitators: Sandra Bibilomo and Gail Secord, Prayer Room.

#### Adult Evening Classes:

Disciple 3: Teacher, Al Ridderbos, Sunday, 6:30, Wesley Room. A continuation of the

class from the spring. Runs Sept. 13 to Dec. 13.

Book 2 of Covenant Bible Studies begins on Wednesday evening; September 30, at 6:30 pm. This 8-week session is entitled "Living The Covenant." We will be studying and discussing what it means to live out our faith with god and others. Please put your name on the list on the sign-up board in the lobby and note if you will need a book. Note: it is not necessary to have completed the first session (book 1) of Covenant Bible Studies to participate in the second session (book 2). This study is led by Louise Jameson. Runs Sept. 30 to Nov. 18.

The Alpha Course will begin on September 15, with an introductory dinner. Alpha is a 10 week course on Christianity, introducing people to Christianity. It is a time people can ask questions, explore faith, and build relationships.

Youth:

Middle High – Grades 6 - 8 - Meets in Epworth House bottom level. Youth meet every week to share and grow in their faith life.

Youth Group – Youth Group will meet. Please check the calendar for the dates and times and the events.

Children:

Kingdom Kids: Grades K-5. Kingdom Kids: Grades K-5. Kingdom Kids Sunday School is for children in grades K-5. We offer a creative and engaging program based on a workshop rotation model. Children learn Bible stories and Christian concepts and values through multiple approaches to learning in kid-friendly workshops like art, music, storytelling, cooking, science, games, video, and drama. All elementary age children are invited to join us in the Marketplace (room 10) during the Sunday School hour. Be a Kingdom Kid!

Pre-K class. This class is for children ages three through five (not enrolled in kindergarten). The students will learn stories from both the Old and New Testaments using a variety of activities. They will enjoy singing and playing games together as well as reinforcing lessons through crafts and art.

Nursery. The nursery has a welcome and friendly atmosphere for your baby or toddler. If you are planning on attending one of our church services and/or adult Sunday School class, there is a caring place for your baby and toddler.

Children's Worship happens every Sunday during the second service. Children begin and end worship time with their families. During the main part of the service they have their own worship time, with music, prayer, reflection and interaction with the Scripture, all based on the same theme as the adult service. This way our children and their families are focusing on the same ideas and can share what they have experienced. Occasionally we will have Family Worship Sundays, when the family stays together throughout the worship service. These will be announced well in advance.

### Fine Arts Welcomes You!

MUSIC: Director of Music Ministries: Jane Wright - phone: 269-344-7165 ext 205, email: [jwrightwumc@gmail.com](mailto:jwrightwumc@gmail.com). Contact Jane regarding these opportunities unless otherwise noted.

#### Connect To Fine Art Ministries at Westwood UMC Choral Music

From traditional Choral music to Praise Band, this area of fine arts at Westwood is long cherished and appreciated. There are elements of all music types and styles covered within the realm of the groups or opportunities below.

**Adult: Chancel Choir:** (High School and older). Meets weekly and shares in worship twice a month. These singers will tell you that it is a group that bonds through music. The connection to each other becomes as important as the ministry to others. They sing at other locations upon request or invitation and have been sources of joy and light to nursing care facilities, retirement complexes and even hospice care facilities.

#### Youth/Children:

**Westwood Vocal Ensemble:** (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Led by Karen Bowman. Meets weekly sharing music in worship bi-monthly with opportunities to sing in locations beyond the church. Fun and fellowship – growing in Christ through music. Contact Karen Bowman: 375-9580

**Kids Praise:** Meets Wednesdays 4:15 – 5:30. Kids grades 1-4, We move, sing, play, read, study, paint, color, draw, create, learn and eat our way through the year.

**ALL AGES: Praise Band:** Whether a singer or an instrumentalist, this group is found lifting high the more contemporary music with our congregation on most Sundays. It exists for the purpose of bringing the worshiping heart and God together through the avenue of praise and worship. This is a non-audition group and requires only that you love this element of music and have the desire to help lead worship through this kind of musical experience. They participate in worship weekly. Meets Wednesday nights at 8PM in the Sanctuary.

#### Handbells and Handbells

Handbells and ringing at Westwood is a long standing tradition. Bells are abundant: 1 set of colored bells for our youngest of ringers. There are 2 sets of handchimes and 5 Octaves of handbells. The history has been to involve children as early as first grade to begin the process of learning to read music and to ring. Groups are in session September through May or June.

**Chimes:** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade older children and youth). Handchimes are rung as notation is learned for reading music and ringing. This group shares music in worship bi-monthly. Contact Erica Jenkins: 552-4993

**Westwood Handbell Ensemble:** (High school through adult). This group plays in worship once a month, attends festivals and plays out in the community occasionally. Music reading ability is needed.

### Drama

Opportunities are plentiful, as drama is yet another way to worship and give God the Glory, whether a stand-alone Drama presentation, a Musical or a short Drama meant to bring meaning to the sermon of the day.

**Drama For Worship:** (all ages). The needs for drama in worship will vary. However if you have an interest in this area, we are always looking for others who want to be in the "acting pool" so when the opportunity presents itself, we can call on you. Contact: Paula Willson 760-7447

### Dance

**Moving Praise:** Interested in Dance for worship? Come and learn with us. All ages are welcome.

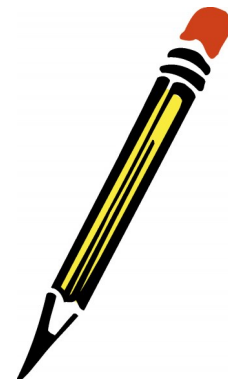
### Instrumental - Woodwinds, Brass, Strings

All kinds of instrumentalists are incorporated into the worship life of Westwood. If you enjoy playing an instrument, there are opportunities for you.

### 2015 Back to School Collection

The following items were purchased (from loose coin donations in August) or donated by members for children in need at King-Westwood School as well as those around the world. Thank you!

52 backpacks	42 pkgs. crayons
13 pkgs. colored pencils	37 pkgs. markers
23 scissors	32 dozen pencils
9 pencil sharpeners	48 pencil boxes
65 spiral notebooks	67 pocket folders
18 bottles glue	69 gluesticks
71 pens	11 erasers
6 protractors	30 manilla envelopes
4 packs notebook paper	several misc. items



**News from Our Sister Church in Voronezh, Russia**

(e-mail dated September 4, 2015)

Dear Nancy!

I apologize for the long silence. This summer was full of a variety of events in our church life. Summer is over and now a lull before the next church year. I also took a vacation for two weeks to go to Sochi and spend this time with my wife, Galina.

Now it is my great pleasure to update your congregation on some new events of the Resurrection UMC that took place this summer. Attached you will find the information letter accompanied with the stories of the program participants and some photos. (Note: See letter below; testimonies are posted on the Missions bulletin board.)

I also would like to inform you that a second pastor has been appointed to our church this year. Her name is Mrs. Elena Melnikova. She has completed her studies at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Moscow and is a candidate approved for pastoral ministry. With a tremendous heart for ministry with families, parents, and in developing women's leadership, Elena has a passion for celebrating the Wesleyan doctrinal and ministry heritage, and finding ways of bridging into the Eastern Orthodox tradition that is so much a part of the cultural landscape in Russia. She is very energetic and a continuous fount of creative ideas for reaching people with the Gospel and showing how it is the perfect foundation for healthy lives and families. At this point she is directing the Independence Camp for abusive and addictive behavior prevention together with its follow-up program and supervising the ministry to our international students.

And last but not least I would like to thank you for all the support you've given to our church. Without your prayers and financial help, leading our ministry and especially starting new social projects would be very difficult. At this point we have received from Westwood \$2,500 for 2015, and it have been so useful and timely to support our projects. Since it is time for our church to approve our budget for the new church year (September 2015-August 2016), would you kindly tell me if we may count on continuing support from this partnership and if so, maybe, you could give some roughly estimated numbers for the stated period.

In any case we appreciate your participation and looking forward to our developing relations. May God bless you.

With love in Christ,  
Alexander Pererva

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Our dear partners and friends,

It is our great pleasure to inform you about the summer programs the Resurrection UMC has performed in 2015. This year we have held not only the Trinity camp for the youth with special needs and their families, but also have launched a new project - the Independence camp for addictive and abusive behavior prophylactics for the youth and members of their families.

As it comes to Trinity Camp, our mission for this program is to reveal the love of Christ to those in need, sick and rejected, helping them to accept themselves, understand the uniqueness of their personality, transform their way of thinking and become a part of God's family, learning to use their personal experience to serve other people. This July about 75 people took part in this 10-day camp for people with special needs according to their physical or mental condition. The camp program was full with everyday prayer meetings and Bible studies, fairy-tale therapy sessions, creative workshops and crafts, musical events, dancing and sports activities, where people with social needs could participate freely, socialize, study and rest together as well as interact with volunteers and friends. They had chance to enjoy bathing in the river and catching the sun-tan, doing arts and communicating both on Biblical topics and their life application. With the help of the lower-income special needs families support program, we have helped those in need to cover their expenses for participation in the camp from 25% to 80%. Some new families have participated in the camp Trinity this year. The story of one of the participants is attached to this letter. (see Missions bulletin board)

And here is some info about our other project. The Independence Summer Camp is designed to be an annual event which combines psychological training with Christian education, sports, rest and leisure, arts and crafts workshops and volunteer labor opportunities. We seek to create drug and alcohol abuse consequences awareness in the participants from the Christian, social and health perspective, to equip participants with the means of conflict resolution and problems solution in a stress-free atmosphere, to transform the former addicts into devoted ministers. The main target group of this project is teenagers and young adults coming from socially unstable families with dependent and co-dependent parents and/or close relatives. This year we have gathered about 60 people for a week to participate in our project, and it appeared to be a great success. Lots of youth, family participation, lots of fun practices to correct behavior in stress and conflicts and to prevent destructive behavior. We had seminars and trainings on dependence, co-dependence and conflicts with a certified psychologist, fun Bible studies, labor, dancing and sports engagement, team building rope training, creative workshops, fairy-tale therapy, a talent show and a dance party. There have been lots of encouraging testimonies and a wonderful time of sharing. Almost half of the participants expressed their wish to take part in the church follow-up program after the camp was over. The stories of some participants and some photos are attached. (see Missions bulletin board)

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We greatly appreciate your support and must confess that this wonderful and positive experience would not be possible without you. We still need your financial support, but even more we need your prayers, new ideas for ministry, program resources for church ministries and exchange of experience. We invite you to come and participate in various programs of our church as volunteers to make our friendship even more deep, our experience more diverse and our outreach mightier! We are looking forward to hearing from you and to get some more information on the ministries taking place in your church, so we could give you our wholehearted prayer support.

With best wishes and blessings,  
The Congregation of the UMC "Resurrection", Voronezh

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### **Dinner with Friends—Kickoff Sept. 27**

**Coming Soon!!** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. **Dinner With Friends** Fall Kickoff Potluck. Bring your friends and a dish to pass. New dinner groups will be determined. If you haven't been part of a **Dinner With Friends** group in the past, this is your year to join in. It's a lot of fun and a great way to get to know people a little better. If you can't make it to the potluck, you can still sign up on the green card or on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. We are looking forward to another great year with new and old friends. Beth Mitchell on behalf of the Outreach Team

## Serving you on Sundays

If you are unable to help on your assigned Sunday, please switch with someone on the list and let the office know of the change. Your help in finding a replacement is deeply appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

	<b>September 13, 2015</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<b>September 20, 2015</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
<b><i>Serving you in Worship</i></b>		
Altar	Tracy Quintanilla	Julie Lancaster
1st Service Audio	Bill Rotgers	TBD
1st Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
2nd Service Audio	Emmanuel Sikaundi	TBD
2nd Service Video	Mark Longstroth	Daniel Whitcomb
Worship Assistant	Jean Whitcomb	Jill Sikaundi
Children's Moment	Pastor Wayne	<i>Volunteer Needed!</i>
Videographer	Derrick Quintanilla	Derrick Quintanilla
PowerPoint Preparer	Gary Lubbert	<i>Volunteer Needed!</i>
<b><i>Serving you through Welcoming</i></b>		
1st Service Greeters	Jan & Bill Urfer and Jane & Gary Waite	Betty Dustin and Jean Ullrey
2nd Service Greeters	Jo and Mike Turner	Beth Mitchell and Beth Shirley
Hospitality	Louise Jameson, Royann Anspach	Shirley Mitchell, Joy Price
1st Service Ushers	Bud Mahieu and Phil Engel	Dave Wright and Wes Merriman
2nd Service Ushers	Bob Mitchell, Brian VandePolder, and Mary & Dan Brooks	Roxanne Frey, Matt Knewtson and Tim & Darla Ashcraft
<b><i>Staff</i></b>		
Nursery Workers	Rachel DeWitte, Marian Burkey and Linda VanOrder	Rachel DeWitte, Kristen VanOrder and Linda VanOrder
Children's Worship	Jane Wright and Helga Mortensen	Jane Wright and Helga Mortensen
Keyboardist	Laryne Williford	Laryne Williford

## Prayer List

### *Ongoing Prayer Requests:*

Julian Blair  
Gary Cumming  
Courtney Chandler (Irene Dutton's grandson)  
Gary Cumming  
Barry Keith Damon (Coral Damon Brown's father)  
Bob Difrancisco  
Lois Ellis  
Betty Georgeau (Sister of Marian Burkey & Linda Ridderbos)  
Marion Gray (Sharon Permenter's mom)  
Loree Grupe (Shirley Johnson's daughter, undergoing bone cancer treatment)  
Vicki Hale  
Stephen Hunt (Barb Hunt's son)  
Jerry Kalhorn  
Herb Kenz (Kris Kenz's dad)  
Dick Kowal  
Gini Martin  
Jean Marie Peters (Pastor Wayne's sister )  
Linda Ridderbos  
Frank Sierawski (son of Nancy Snell)  
Helen Sikkenga  
Rick Wells

### *Serving in the military:*

Mackenzie Newman, USAF (serving in Europe; granddaughter of Tom & Elise Hillman)

Prayers for healing and strength to the home-bound

King-Westwood Elementary School & Staff

Our Westwood Neighborhood

We have an active prayer chain to lift up individuals in prayer whenever there is special need. To make your request known, please call Mary Grant (345-9422) or the Church Office (344-7165). To keep our prayer list updated, please contact the church office with updates.



Share God's Word

**F.R.A.N.**

*Be a part of FRAN and invite, invite, invite!*

**F = Friends**

**R = Relatives**

**A = Acquaintances**

**N = Neighbors**

### **Our Vision**

We are a disciple-making community that encourages and equips all people to live in Christ by the power of the Spirit and in fellowship with one another through worship, prayer, study and service.

### **Our Values**

- *Worship*  
We celebrate our faith in many ways so that God is encountered and lives are changed.
- *Justice*  
We confront injustice and work for change within ourselves, our community, nation and world.
- *Lay Ministry*  
We help people discover, develop and use their spiritual gifts and talents to serve God and others.
- *Fellowship*  
We are a caring, compassionate Christian community open to all.
- *Spiritual Growth*  
We nurture children, youth and adults in their journey toward mature discipleship.
- *Mission*  
We go and serve others in our community, nation and world through our time, talents, and resources as we proclaim the Gospel and meet human needs.
- *Witness*  
We prepare and encourage people to share the experience of God's love in Christ.

### **Worship Celebrations**

Worship Celebrations are held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (10:10 a.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day, inclusive). Nursery care is provided during both celebrations.

### **Prayer Chain**

We have an active prayer chain to lift up individuals in prayer. To make your request known or to sign up for the prayer list please contact the church office.

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

Stephen Ministry is a confidential care giving ministry of our church. If you would like a Stephen Minister to walk with you during a difficult time in your life, contact the church office.

### **Lotsa Helping Hands**

Westwood UMC is signed up on the Lotsa Helping Hands website. Sign up today by going to <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/628393/> and fill out the right side of the form ("Request to Join the Community"). After approval you will receive instructions for setting a password and signing-in.

### **Keep up with church news...**

- Join up for Worship!
- the Messenger,
- the email news list,
- the prayer chain,
- the website (Including the calendar),
- Find us on Facebook,
- Lotsa Helping Hands,
- and make sure your personal information is on file in the church office!

### **Messenger Deadlines**

The Westwood Messenger is published bi-weekly. Deadlines are the Thursday prior to publication. Go Green! Email the editor or the church office to receive the Messenger electronically.

### **Messenger Articles**

Please email all Messenger information to: [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org). Messenger deadlines are the Thursday prior to publication.

### **Future Messengers and Deadlines**

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Publication Date</b>
Sept. 17	Sept. 21
Oct. 1	Oct. 5
Oct. 15	Oct. 19

## **Our Mission**

**Offer Christ, Grow In Faith, Touch Lives, and Make A Difference**

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