

## Summer Schedule Begins May 29

Worship Times will be at 8:30 am & 10:10 am.  
There will not be Sunday School.  
Nursery Care will be provided.

## Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to noon.

Beth Arbogast works Monday & Wednesday, Barbara Hathaway works Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

## Book Discussion Group – May 17 & 18

Our book this month is The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color-blindness by Michelle Alexander. With less than 5% of the world's population, why do we have 25% of the world's prison population? And why are the majority of inmates people of color? How has the War on Drugs affected our policies - and how does all of this affect us? Join us at 7:00 pm on May 17th or 1:00 pm on May 18th to discuss chapters 1-3 of this very important and acclaimed book. We will finish the book in June. Sponsored by UMW - but anyone can join in!

## Friday Films – May 20

IMMIGRATION is our topic this month! Come join us on Friday, May 20, for a light meal and program (6:00 pm), followed by 75-min. film "Crossing Arizona" (7:00 pm). We see the headlines: "Refugee Crisis at Our Border," "Rising Death Toll," "Deportations Increase." "Crossing Arizona" examines the crisis through the eyes of those who are directly affected by it, and raises many questions about human rights, culture, class, labor, and national security. What is our role as Christians in this broken world? A JFON representative will speak at the meal, and we'll have a discussion time after the film. Sponsored by UMW and the Justice Committee.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast – May 21

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Sat., May 21, 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.

## Trustees Spring Clean Up Days – May 21

The trustees invite you to participate in the second spring clean-up day on Saturday, May 21, at 9:00 am at the parsonage. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up is on the back of the Communication Card.

### **Change the World Day - May 21**

This year will be the sixth annual "Change the World Day" in Kalamazoo as we partner with community volunteers for a day of service and mission. 2016 will bring some changes to our event that will enable us to get more work completed and see what God's up to in other areas of ministry. Projects this year will be limited to the "Front Porch Garden" at Sunnyside UMC (2800 Gull Rd), a Free Store Big Give (at Sunnyside UMC), The Peace House (312 Phelps Ave.), and some sprucing up in and around Stockbridge Ave. UMC at 1009 E. Stockbridge Ave. This year's cookout will be at Stockbridge UMC giving us a chance to see what's going on at this new site! Change the World Day is May 21st from 8:30 – 12 noon, with a 12:30 cookout at Stockbridge! Registration will be on the Volunteer Kalamazoo website and will be up and running soon. <http://www.sunnysideumc.com/change-the-world-may-21st-2016.html>

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### **Peace with Justice Sunday – May 22**

A special offering will be taken on May 22 for Peace with Justice Sunday which will support peacemaking ministries and programs in West Michigan, in the United States, and around the world. Your gift gives the United Methodist Church a voice in advocating for those who struggle with violence, injustice, pain, and suffering. Special offering envelopes are in your giving envelope packet or will be available in the May 22 worship folder.

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### **Dining to Donate - May 22, 2016**

This spring's Dining to Donate Sunday at Applebee's will be May 22, 2015. For those new Westwood members and attenders, Dining to Donate is a fun and absolutely painless way that Westwood Vocal Ensemble raises money. All you have to do is enjoy a meal at the Applebee's on West Main St. on Sunday, May 22. All day, and that day only, 10% of the tab at your table (excluding alcohol) will be donated to us when you show the coupon to your server. Just clip the coupon (available in the Messenger newsletter) or see any Westwood Vocal Ensemble member. Coupons will be in Simpson Hall also. It's always a fun event with so many of us in the restaurant through the day! Tell your family, friends and neighbors to meet at West Main Applebee's with their coupons on May 22!

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### **Faith-Hope Circle – May 25**

Faith-Hope Circle, a United Methodist Women's group, will meet at Friendship Village, 1400 N Drake, Room 1A on May 25 at 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. Questions call Helen Lancaster, 344-9874, or Jeanette Jupp, 345-8833

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### **Pet Lovers Group – May 28**

The Westwood UMC Pet Lovers Group meets the last Sunday of every month at 6:00 pm in the library. Next meeting is May 28. All pet lovers are invited.

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### Friendship Luncheon – June 1

Please join us on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 when we meet at 11:45 am at Friendship Village, 1400 N. Drake Road. Lunch will be your 2 choices of either the sandwich, soup, salad bar or dessert. Beverage is included. Reservations by May 29 can be made with Sallie Platt by prepaying the cost (\$7.00) with either cash or check made out to Sallie. Any questions, call 343-3917 or the church office, 344-7165.

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### Graduates! – Please advise by June 8

If you have a high school or college graduate, please let us know so we may congratulate them and wish them well in all their future plans. Please email the church office at [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org) with the name of the graduate. If they are a college graduate, let us know the degree earned and the name of their college or university (by Wednesday, June 8). We will honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 12 during the 10:10 worship service.

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### Child Protection Policy Training –June 12

Child Protection Policy training will take place today at 12:15 p.m., immediately following the second service. It will take about an hour, so feel free to bring lunch or snacks. There will also be the same training on June 12 at 11:30, again immediately following the second service. This is required every 3 years for anyone who wishes to work in any capacity with our children and youth. If you have been invited, or expressed interest in working with children and youth, or you just want more information, this is for you. Come to the Wesley Room and plan for it to take about an hour. Please RSVP to the office or on the back of the green communication card with the date you will be attending.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!! – JUNE 12, 2016**

SECOND “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FUND-RAISER” BREAKFAST FOR THE KALAMAZOO SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

**9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM IN SIMPSON HALL** (COME AFTER FIRST SERVICE OR BEFORE SECOND SERVICE)

The Outreach Team will be serving another fabulous breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, and biscuits and gravy.

As a way of paying for your breakfast, we are asking you to bring a gift card to a local grocery store, gas station or fast food restaurant in amounts of either \$10.00; \$15.00 or \$20.00 or any combination thereof. If you can't get out to purchase a gift card, cash donations will be accepted and we will purchase the gift cards for you. You may also donate online via our website at [www.westwood-umc.org](http://www.westwood-umc.org), choose the donate button and then enter “Neighbor Fundraiser” in the note line.

The gift cards will again be given to the Sheriff’s Department for the deputies to hand out to our “neighbors” who are in need.

This is what the Sheriff’s Department had to say about the “Love Your Neighbor” Program:

*From Janine, the Administrator of the Program:*

“This is a fabulous, generous program I would love to see continue and it has proven very successful on our end. Following is just one of many heartwarming stories detailing how valuable and appreciated your gifts cards and bus tokens have been to members of our community.”

*From Laura, one of the Sheriff's Deputies:*

“How wonderful this program is going to continue. Those gift cars were so appreciated! I had a single mom (with her 5 kids), who around the holidays got stranded here in Kalamazoo. They were returning home to Portland, Oregon after attending a funeral here in town. Flights had been cancelled and overbooked. I noticed her as she was waiting for the rental car companies to open so she could rent a car. She had decided they were going to drive home! I was able to give her about \$40.00 in food gift cards and two gas cards. She was beyond grateful. Throughout the year, and especially around the holidays, we get quite a few homeless and “misplaced” persons that for one reason or another end up here at the airport. (Often times agencies OUTSIDE of Kalamazoo County drop them here). With the bus tokens you've donated to us, I am able to put them on the bus to downtown, give them a McDonald’s gift card and direct them to the Gospel Mission where they will hopefully get some assistance to get back on their feet. Please let the wonderful members of Westwood UMC know how much their prayers and generosity mean to so many people”

So come to breakfast on June 12 – enjoy good food, fellowship and be a part of touching lives and making a difference for our neighbors in our community. No reservations are required, though we appreciate sign-ups for purposes of planning.

### **The Building Project**

The building project is going well! Here is a summary of what has happened so far: \*The new nursery was constructed. \*The Sanctuary has been painted. \*The courtyard has been excavated and filled in with the concrete and the construction in that area has begun. The skylight has been installed. \*The new North entryway construction has begun. \*The 2 new audio and video booths will be constructed. The wiring and electricity to these areas is complete.

We encourage you to be careful as you enter the building during the next few months as there may be construction materials, extra dust, etc. throughout the building. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

To make a donation to this project, please indicate that your giving is for the "2015 Capital Campaign" or "Capital Project". You can donate online anytime at [www.westwood-umc.org](http://www.westwood-umc.org) and click "donate". Thank you!

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### **A Possible Acquisition**

As you may have noticed, the dental office next to us are selling their building. As this is property directly next to our church, the Church Council and the Trustees are looking into purchasing this property. We realize that this isn't the best timing financially as we are already borrowing monies for the building expansion and remodeling project. However, we don't know if we would ever get the opportunity again to purchase property that is directly adjacent to our existing property so we are looking into it.

Please understand that there would be a Church Charge Conference before any property is purchased.

Since property in the Real Estate business isn't currently staying on the market for long, Jim Jameson is acting as our agent and aggressively working on finding out the potential for this purchase by Westwood UMC.

If you are interested in supporting this financially, please indicate on your donation "New Building" whether it is on a check or online.

If this purchase proceeds, then the monies collected will go toward this purchase. If the purchase is not feasible or is not approved by the charge conference, we could direct your donation wherever you choose.

### Plastic Bags

If you happen to have extra plastic or paper bags and don't know what to do with them, First United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo can always use them for their food pantry. Drop them off during business hours. They are very appreciative and so are the food pantry recipients!

### Softball Season

It's that time again.....SOFTBALL SEASON!.....For all of those that love to play, please join us! To keep you informed, coaches have not met yet. It's likely, based on last year's schedule that games won't begin until the first or second week in June. Hopefully, we'll have enough teams to make a league. In saying that, our team is going to start practices this Wednesday, May 11, so that we'll be prepared. Practices will be held on Wednesday evenings (weather permitting) from 6:30-approximately 8:00 p.m. We will meet at the WMU intramural softball diamonds in the Valley of the WMU campus. If you don't know where they are, please give George or Norma Sylvester a call at (269) 312-8849. We look forward to seeing you on the diamonds with glove in hand!



### Thank you for helping!

Thank you to all of those that helped with the Spring Trustees Clean-up day especially to Nani Almeda, Jimoh Bibilomo, Sandra Bibilomo, Aurelio Flores, Violet Flores, Kim Longstroth, Mark Longstroth, Larry Marshall, Gary Melvin, Mark Reid, and Clint Whitcomb.

### Thank You

We would like to thank you for the beautiful cards, comforting hugs and kind words in the recent death of our son, brother, nephew and cousin, Rich Parker.

Also, a big, big thank you to Pastor Wayne, the Office Staff, Beth Mitchell, Dana Tipken, WUMC Service Group, Custodians and Videographer for making Rich's Memorial Service very special.

The Parker and Waite families.



**FINE ART MINISTRIES SPRING NEWS**  
**May 2016**



**OPPORTUNITIES:**

Are you musical or have a dramatic flair that you are willing to share in ministry? Opportunities to participate in Fine Art Ministries are always available. Please consider becoming part of the Choir, or Handbell Ensemble, Youth Vocal Ensemble, Drama or Dance ministries here at Westwood. Snow birds that fly south for the winter months make extra voices helpful, even if you can come and sing for just a couple of months. The Handbell Ensemble always appreciates someone who reads music enough to come and learn to ring, or someone with experience to come and ring again as subs are needed. We also have permanent openings in the handbell ensemble at the moment, and would love to have you join in the fun, if you are inclined to do so. Paula Wilson is always interested to know who would like to be part of upcoming dramas. Instrumentalists are used in worship from time to time. Do you happen to play a wind or string instrument? Please let Jane Wright know. Any questions: email Jane at [jwrightwumc@gmail.com](mailto:jwrightwumc@gmail.com) or call my cell at 517-204-2439.

**FINE ART MINISTRIES IN ACTION**

Have you noticed how worship seems to show up once a week? If not, let me share with you that this is indeed, FACT. The Fine Art Ministries involve people of all ages who have a love for God, other people, and Music and/or Dance or Drama. The Handbell Ensemble participates in worship once a month, and also attended a handbell festival in Lansing on March 12. This festival is not a competition, but an opportunity to play several pieces of music together with other handbell ensembles. A room full of ringers stand at their tables for a few hour long rehearsals, and rehearse with a single conductor that is hired for the day to guide everyone along. A room full of handbells really is a wonderful and beautiful sound! The ringers also attend classes during the day to improve their skills or musical knowledge of a given topic. Additionally, the handbell ensemble occasionally breaks into small ensembles in order to do more. Last winter, a few of us rang with another friend at the Women's Library downtown. A few times a year, a handbell quartet plays in worship as well.

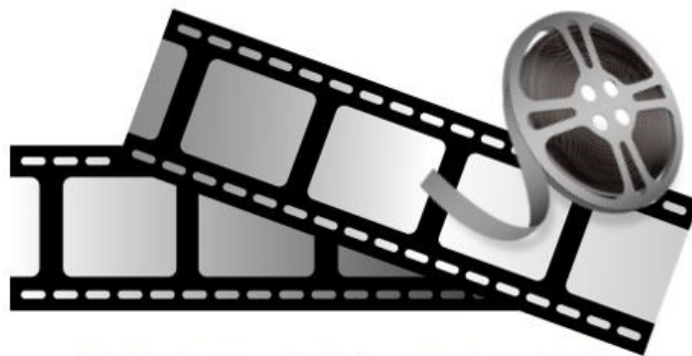
The Chancel Choir has been participating in worship twice a month; and occasionally, they might break into a men's or women's ensemble and do a special number for worship. The Glory Connection is a mixed quartet of singers from the choir who sing in worship, but will also sing this Spring at a United Methodist Women event in Grand Rapids. Three in One, is a group of three instrumentals who are also vocalists who have begun to create their own kind of arrangements to be used in worship and other functions as well. Soloists spin out of the choir or other ensembles, and they are found doing special music in worship and in community. The heart of Fine Art Ministry is to always equip the musician for work within and beyond the church, in addition to leading others in faith building and encouraging others on their spiritual journey. Enhancing worship is part of what we do, and reaching out into community is also another part of our ministry.

*Continued...*

Several groups participated together in two concerts beyond the walls of the church this past year: at Friendship Village and Evergreen North. This past February, we also presented the Dinner Cruise Night downstairs in Simpson Hall. Many music groups including a drama group provided the entertainment for the evening.

If you have ideas about places that would appreciate a visit from the Fine Art Ministries of Westwood UMC, or a particular group or even a soloist from our church, please let Jane Wright know about it. We need time to prepare our community offerings, so knowing a couple months ahead is very helpful. We are delighted to share the Love of God with folks beyond our church walls. Please help by keeping your ears and minds open to the opportunities in our community.

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## FRIDAY FILMS

Join us in viewing an  
important film on  
Immigration.

Friday, May 20th

- 6:00 pm – Light Meal  
and Program
- 7:00 pm – 1 –Hour  
movie: “Crossing  
Arizona”

This event is co-sponsored  
by United Methodist Women  
& the Justice Committee



## 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>May 22, 2016</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	<b>May 29, 2016</b> 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.
<b><i>Serving you in Worship</i></b>		
Worship Assistant	Helga Mortensen	Jo Turner
Altar	Tracy Quintanilla	Margo Heystek
1st Service Audio	Matt Knewtson	Matt Knewtson
1st Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
2nd Service Audio	Matt Knewtson	Matt Knewtson
2nd Service Video	Mike Turner	Jim Frey
Children's Moment		
Children's Worship	Pam Chamberlin and Sarah Mannschreck	Helga Mortensen and Nancy Snell
Videographer	Derrick Quintanilla and Dickson Sikaundi	Derrick Quintanilla and Dickson Sikaundi
PowerPoint Preparer	Kelly Graham	Pastor or Office
<b><i>Serving you through Welcoming</i></b>		
1st Service Greeters	Jan & Bill Urfer and Jane & Gary Waite	Betty Dustin and Wanda Horton
2nd Service Greeters	Laura Anderson and Lisa Fuller	Cathy Cowham Tyler and Sheila Skinner
Hospitality	Louise Jameson, Royann Anspach	Shirley Mitchell, Joy Price
1st Service Ushers	Norm & Mary Grant	Doug & Pam Phillips
2nd Service Ushers	Clint & Jean Whitcomb, Kim Longstroth, Dickson Sikaundi	Roxanne Frey, Art Klute, Jimoh Bibilomo
<b><i>Staff</i></b>		
Nursery Workers	Rachel Fuller, Linda VanOrder, Mary Landreville	Kristen VanOrder, Rachel Fuller, Linda VanOrder
Keyboardist	Gail Secord	Gail Secord

## Prayer List

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.

### *Ongoing Prayer Requests:*

Julian Blair  
Gary Cumming  
Vicki Hale (friend of Louise Jameson)  
Jean Marie Peters (Pastor Wayne's sister )

### *Serving in the military:*

Ryan Cavey, Marine Sergeant (serving in the Middle East and friend of the Rotgers family)

Prayers for healing and strength to the home-bound

King-Westwood Elementary School & Staff

Our Westwood Neighborhood



*Have updates on  
these friends?  
Let the church  
office know!*



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>
May 26	May 31
June 9	June 13
June 23	June 27
July 7	July 11

## **Our Mission**

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

Westwood United Methodist  
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