

When the wall in Jerusalem was rebuilt after the Jewish Exile in 516 BCE the priest Nehemiah and the priests encouraged the people, “Be quiet for this day is holy; do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10). We are looking forward to our Sanctuary being reopened this week. It is the first step in the process of renovation and it is amazing. The Sanctuary is a place of God’s holiness, and will be a testimony of God’s work through us. Quietness is our first response to God’s overwhelming holiness and goodness in our lives. It was the Israelite’s response when they looked in awe at the completion of the wall of protection, and it is ours as well.

It is also a time of rejoicing, for “the joy of the Lord is our strength”. Rejoicing in God, is to pause what we are doing, put our agenda on hold, and dwell in God’s presence. We take time to notice and experience God, and then thank God for the many blessings. This time of year is a perfect time to stop and notice what God is doing, because nature comes alive in its annual renewal. We pause in wonder and echo the words of the psalmist in Psalm 104:27-28,

“All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

*We also pause to remember God feeding our souls through forgiveness, new life, and the continual presence of Jesus. Someone shared with me yesterday, that when we worshipped in Simpson Hall we experienced renewal and the joy of God’s presence. Through the inconveniences God satisfied us with all good things. As we enter our Sanctuary once again we will bring with us the spirit of renewal, reverence, and joy, because we know the renovations are a gift from God, for God’s holiness.*

Someone said to me during the process of planning our renovations that we needed to continue with our ministry and mission...as I reflect on the worship service yesterday I thought, “Wow, are we ever doing mission and ministry”. In June we are in ministry as we continue with God’s story at Westwood UMC: The Friendship Luncheon at Friendship Village (June 1), the Prayer Walk around the prospective property (June 4, 11:00), Graduation Sunday (June 5), Appalachia Service Project Silent Auction (June 5), Women’s Prayer Breakfast (June 11), Michigan Annual Conference (June 9-12), Love Your Neighbor Breakfast/gift cards for the Sheriff’s Department (June 12), Men’s Prayer Breakfast (June 18), Faith Night at Growlers, ISAAC Banquet (June 30). God is good.

Gratefully serving our Lord with you,  
Pastor Wayne

P.S. We also praise God for the establishing of a food pantry at our church, and is scheduled to open in October of 2016.

### Summer Schedule

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

*Office Hours:* Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm; Fridays from 9:00 am to noon.

Beth Arbogast will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Barbara Hathaway will be working on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

### 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 will be practicing on Wednesdays 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!



### Graduates! – Please let us know by June 1 **\*\*CHANGED\*\***

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 1). We will honor all our graduates on Sunday, June 5 during the 10:10 worship service.



## GRADUATES

**ASP Silent Auction & Potato Bar - June 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Appalachian Service Project's annual Silent Auction and Potato bar will be held regardless of construction delays this year on June 5<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds will help finance our trip to West Virginia to make homes warmer, safer and drier.

Put the auction date on your calendars and plan on attending Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Invite a friend or relative to attend the auction & meal with you. Donate an item or service to the auction -----WE WILL ACCEPT THESE ANYTIME UP TO THE MORNING OF THE AUCTION. Come and enjoy the WORLD'S BEST BAKED POTATO BAR & FIXINS.

This year marks the 41<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Westwood UMC's involvement with ASP. Your support will make it possible for our group of youth and adults to continue to be God's hands, feet and heart to the people of Appalachia. ASP has touched the lives of countless Christians on their journey with Christ. You can become a part of our journey by supporting this year's project through your prayers and contributions. By contributing to any of the fund raising events sponsored by this year's team you help each of us become more like Christ and make it possible for us to walk in his footsteps.

For more information or to make a contribution please contact one of the following:

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Tom or Paula Willson	92victory@gmail.com
Sue or Matt White	susabeth61@gmail.com <u>or</u> mswhite60@gmail.com

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**Women's Prayer Breakfast – June 11**

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016 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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**Child Protection Policy Training –June 12**

Child Protection Policy training will take place June 12 at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the second service. It will take about an hour, so feel free to bring lunch or snacks. 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.

### Love Your Neighbor Fundraiser – June 12, 2016

SAVE THE DATE!!! SECOND “LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR FUND-RAISER” BREAKFAST – JUNE 12, 2016

9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM (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 payment for your breakfast, please bring gift cards of \$10, \$15, or \$20 to a local grocery store, gas station or fast-food restaurant. If you prefer, you can bring cash and we will purchase the gift cards with the monies collected. You may also go online and make a payment and indicate “Love Your Neighbor”. These gift cards will then be given to the Sheriff’s Department Deputies to distribute when they encounter our neighbors who might find themselves out of gas, in need of a few groceries or a hot meal.

Though a reservation is not required, we appreciate your signing up on the sign-up sheets in Simpson Hall or on the back of the green card as this helps with planning.

See you on June 12th for good food, good fellowship and all for a good cause.



### You are invited to the Kris & Dave Locke Wedding – June 18

Kris & Dave Locke invite you to join them at their church wedding. It will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 am at WUMC in the Sanctuary. Cake and punch reception the church following the ceremony. RSVP not required.

### Men’s Prayer Breakfast – June 18

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2016 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.

### ♪ Take Me Out to the Ball Game! ♪ Faith Night at the Growlers – June 24

Come join us on Friday, June 24, 2016 at Homer Stryker Field for a great game against the Green Bay Bullfrogs. Frank Tanana, a former Detroit Tiger and frequent Home Plate speaker, will be there along with post-game fireworks and a mobile light show. It will be a night of great fellowship, faith, family and more! Game begins at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$13/person and include a reserved bleacher ticket, Growlers ball cap and a meal voucher. Cash and checks are accepted. Checks need to be made out to the Kalamazoo Growlers. Please give all money to Doug or Dana Tipken by **Sunday, June 5**. This date is the latest we are able to take reservations. Any questions, please let Doug and Dana know. Hope to see you there!

**Kids Care VBS Day Camp 2016: Water for All is coming soon!**  
**June 27-July 1**

**9-12 noon for 4 Years-4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9-2:30 for 5th-8th grades.**

We are collaborating again with St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church, and they are hosting all 5 days this year. We will be learning about water, in the Scriptures, in our community, in our country and around the world. There will be fun workshops, snacks, worship and music, outdoor time, and afternoon field service trips for grades 5-8. The ages this year are 4 years old through middle school. Registration will be available soon. Please plan to attend and bring friends and family with you. Questions? Talk to Helga Mortensen or Linda Derfyny. If you'd like to help out or donate supplies, let us know.



**ISAAC 15th Anniversary Banquet – June 30**

The ISAAC 15th Anniversary banquet will take place on Thursday June 30, 2015 at WMU Bernhard Center starting at 5.30pm. This year's Banquet theme is "Let Justice Roll Like a River and the Keynote Speaker will be Dr. J Louis Felton, past President and Founder of ISAAC. The banquet tickets are selling for \$40 each and can be purchased from members of our WUMC Justice or leave your name, phone number and number of tickets needed at the church office and one of our Justice Team members will get in touch with you. The food will be Italian buffet. Last year Westwood United Methodist Church was very well represented and we look forward to seeing as many of you attending again this year. Please invite friends and family to join us at this year's banquet. ISAAC stands for Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in our Community. At our issues Convention in October last year, ISAAC members voted for three issues as the most pressing in our community namely, Anti-Racism, Youth Violence and Early Childhood Education. For the next two years ISAAC will be front and center working the community to raise awareness on these issues, and the funds raised from the annual banquet goes a long way in meeting the education and action needs of our community surrounding these issues. We look forward to seeing many of you at the ISAAC banquet.

Tom Wilson, WUMC Justice Team Chairman

**Lego Faith Building Club: Bible Heroes Begins July 6**

"Lego Faith Building Club: Bible Heroes" is coming to our new lobby this summer for 6 weeks, July 6-August 10, Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. This will be for ages pre-school through high school. Come for a time of building around a weekly theme of a Bible hero or heroine. Legos and snacks provided. To have a successful Lego Club again this year, we need YOUR help. Would you like to assist one evening, hang out with kids and youth, and build? Would you like an excuse to buy some Legos and donate them to our club? How about non-perishable snacks and drinks? All of these would be a great blessing. Talk to Helga Mortensen to find out more or offer your service.

### 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. \*The lighting fixtures are going up. \*The carpet in the Sanctuary has been installed.

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!



### 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. 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.

## 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>June 5, 2016</b> 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.	<b>June 12, 2016</b> 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.
<b><i>Serving you in Worship</i></b>		
Worship Assistant	Sandra Bibilomo	Jill Sikaundi
Altar	Beth Mitchell	Laura Anderson
1st Service Audio	TBD	TBD
1st Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
2nd Service Audio	TBD	TBD
2nd Service Video	Brian VandePolder	Mark Longstroth
Children's Moment	Pastor Wayne	Jane Wright
Children's Worship	Kevin Secord and Linda Derfiny	Pam Chamberlin and TBD
Videographer	TBD	TBD
PowerPoint Preparer	Pastor or Office	Gary Lubbert
<b><i>Serving you through Welcoming</i></b>		
1st Service Greeters	Sallie Platt and Jeanette Jupp	Jim & Louise Jameson and Sue Pulling
2nd Service Greeters	Julie Lancaster and Helen Lancaster	Dan & Mary Brooks and Pat & Keith Bailey
Hospitality	Beth Mitchell, Karen Bowman	Carol Tolis-Bucklin, Alberta Cumming
1st Service Ushers	Joe & Shirley Mitchell	Bud Mahieu, Phil Engel
2nd Service Ushers	Diane Rathburn, Mark Reid, Tom & Paula Willson	Bob Mitchell, Brian VandePolder, Dan & Mary Brooks
<b><i>Staff</i></b>		
Nursery Workers	Mary Landreville, Kristen VanOrder, Rachel Fuller	Linda VanOrder, Mary Landreville, Kristen VanOrder
Keyboardist	Dana Tipken	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**

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### **Future Messengers and Deadlines**

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Publication Date</i>
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*

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