

Outreach Event to Support the Westwood Fire Department Ice Cream Social on July 29, 2016

Westwood UMC will once again be supporting the Westwood Fire Department's Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 29, 2016, by hosting a "drive through" to distribute popcorn and bottled water in the upper parking lot that evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to those persons on their way to the Ice Cream Social. Please come and be a welcoming presence to our neighbors as we greet and hand out bags of popcorn and cold water.

Women's Prayer Breakfast – Aug. 13

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 13, 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.

Mark Your Calendar for Aug. 21!

Save the date of August 21st for the 5th Annual Westwood Community Picnic. The picnic will be held following the 10:10 worship service. Be thinking of the FRAN* in your lives and plan to invite them for food, fellowship and fun! (*Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors). Also, the Outreach Team is always open to trying new things at the picnic so if you have a special talent you'd like to share or activity you'd like to suggest, just call Louise Jameson at (269) 382-3463.

WUMC Prayer Services – Aug. 21

Join us from 6:00 – 7:00 pm for a monthly time of prayer and worship together, lifting up the needs of our congregation and giving thanks for God's blessings. For more information, contact Ken Smith.

Lego Faith Building Club: Bible Heroes

Our Lego Club is back this year! We meet on Wednesday evenings through August 10 from 6:30-7:30, in Simpson Hall, for ages preschool 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 great Lego club again this year, we need your help. Would you like to

- assist one evening, hang out with kids and youth and build?
- donate Legos to our club? Bricks, mini-figures, base plates, all are welcome.
- donate non-perishable snacks and drinks?

Talk to Helga Mortensen to find out more or offer your service.

Westwood Warriors Softball Team

Cherry Creek (green) beat us with a score of 13-8 this week. We made our best effort and it was a whole lot of fun! Next week's game will be against Kalamazoo First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:45 pm, at Pathfinders Church at 8740 S. Westnedge. Thanks to all of those that came out to cheer us on. Go Westwood Warriors! Here is our 2016 softball season schedule:

Westwood Warriors Softball Team

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Final</u>
Tu.	6/14	7:45 p	Won 21-15
Tu.	6/21	Bye	-- --
Tu.	6/28	6:15 p	Won 17-8
Tu.	7/5	7:45 p	Lost 13-8
Tu.	7/12	7:45 p	
Thu.	7/21	6:15 p	
Thu.	7/28	Bye	-- --
Thu.	8/4	7:45 p	
Thu.	8/11	6:15 p	
Thu.	8/18	6:15 p	

Help Needed

Hello, all. The Secord's have a visually impaired friend who is part of the Wesley Foundation. Currently he is doing an internship in Battle Creek and is struggling to find transportation from his apartment on Western's campus. He can offer remuneration, and while someone to take him daily would be great, someone who could do a day a week 'til the internship ends would also help out. So, this doesn't necessarily need to be someone who works in Battle Creek; it could also be a retiree looking to help out a student. Anyone interested could contact Gail Secord at 269-548-6995, or Kevin at 269-535-4815. He needs to be at the Federal Building by 8AM and leaves at 4:30, Monday through Friday. I believe the internship lasts until the school year starts but would have to check on that.

Thank You from Beth Shirley

To all my church family and friends who sent me birthday cards – THANK YOU! A surprise every time I opened my mailbox. What “fun” to be 90. God bless all of you!

Love, Beth Shirley

Thank You from Irene Dutton

Dear friends at WW UM Church,

Thank you for the huge bag of birthday cards brought to me by Helen Lancaster in celebration of my 110th birthday. There were so many that I lost count after I reached 50. I have very poor eyesight, so my son read each one to me, including the personal notes written on several of them. I was also very touched to hear the entire church singing “Happy Birthday” to me. That was special! Helen brought me a DVD of it, which I’ll always treasure.

Irene Dutton



Renovation Dedication – Sept. 10

Please reserve the evening of September 10 to attend our Renovation Dedication. We will enjoy a catered dinner, and celebrate the completion of our project. We will also ask God's blessing on our building improvements.



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.

	July 31, 2016 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.	August 7, 2016 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.
Serving you in Worship		
Worship Assistant	Sandra Bibilomo	Sandra Bibilomo
Altar	Margo Heystek	Judith Dean
1st Service Audio	Bill Rotgers	Bill Rotgers
1st Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
2nd Service Audio	Bill Rotgers	Bill Rotgers
2nd Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
Children's Moment	Pastor Wayne	Pastor Wayne
Children's Worship	Nancy Snell and Sarah Mannscheck	TBD
Videographer	Derrick Quintanilla and Dickson Sikaundi	Derrick Quintanilla and Dickson Sikaundi
PowerPoint Preparer	Pastor or Office	Pastor or Office
Serving you through Welcoming		
1st Service Greeters	Wanda Horton and Jane & Gary Waite	Betty Dustin and Wanda Horton
2nd Service Greeters	Helen Lancaster and Julie Lancaster	Pat & Keith Bailey and Dan & Mary Brooks
Hospitality	Bev Prior, Joy Price	Beth Mitchell, Karen Bowman
1st Service Ushers	Doug & Pam Phillips	Joe & Shirley Mitchell
2nd Service Ushers	Roxanne Frey, Art Klute, Jimoh Bibilomo	Diane Rathburn, Mark Reid, Tom & Paula Willson
Staff		
Nursery Workers	Linda VanOrder, Kristen VanOrder, Rachel Fuller	Linda VanOrder, Mary Landreville, Kristen VanOrder
Keyboardist	Gail Secord	Dana Tipken

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)

Matt Knewton

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. Messenger deadlines are the Thursday prior to publication.

Future Messengers and Deadlines

Deadline	Publication Date
Aug. 4	Aug. 8
Aug. 18	Aug. 22
Sept. 1	Sept. 6

Our Mission

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

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