

WVE Annual Pie Sale – Oct. 16 thru Nov. 13

WVE singers are again offering those wonderful Chef Pierre frozen pies from Gordon Food Service! We will take orders beginning Sunday, October 16 through Sunday, November 13 (and any day in between!). Delivery this year will be Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, 2016 so you'll have them in plenty of time for holiday dining!

Nuts for ASP! – Order from 10/30 – 11/6

Just in time for holiday baking and giving! We are now taking orders for nuts. If you are interested, please contact Maggie or Donna Blair. We will also be taking orders in the lobby 10/30 and 11/6. Orders will be accepted through 11/6 and will be distributed 12/4. Please help support our 2017 mission to make home's warmer, safer and dryer for families who are in need in Central Appalachia. For the youth and young adults of this congregation, ASP is an opportunity to give legs to their faith, and place their hands and feet into the service of the Lord. Thank you!

Deluxe Mixed Nuts - \$12.00

Dark Chocolate Bridge Mix - \$9.00

Mammoth Pecan Halves - \$12.00

Milk Chocolate Peanuts - \$7.50

Giant Whole Cashews - \$12.00

Milk Chocolate Raisins - \$7.50

Whole Almonds Raw & Unsalted - \$9.00

Almond Cranberry Granola - \$7.50

Westwood UMC - Church Charge Conference – Nov. 1

The annual Church Charge Conference is scheduled on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The SPRC meeting for SPRC and the District Superintendent will be held at 6:30 pm.

Friendship Luncheon – Nov. 2

Please join us for a delicious catered meal on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at noon in the upstairs lobby, followed by a program by Gary and Joan Melvin in the Wesley Room. Gary and Joan are Mission Volunteers with NOMADS, an outreach ministry of United Methodists, traveling to areas of need to do Christ's work. Your reservation helps Jim Jameson know how much food to prepare. Check the back of the green communications card in the bulletin, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office at 344-7165.

ASP Spaghetti Supper - November 6 after the 11:00 service

Join us for a spaghetti supper complete with all the trimmings (see menu below) as we launch our 42nd mission trip to the mountains of Appalachia. The Appalachian Service Project (ASP) has been a mainstay of our congregation and has served as the principle mission experience for youth and adults throughout its history. In order to continue this tradition of service we need your support, so please join us for a time of fellowship and food as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our future of service. Please let us know if you will be attending by checking the box on the communication card. Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce or veggie sauce; Garlic Bread; Salad Bar; Beverage; Dessert

The Pasty Sale Needs Your Help!

The pasty sale is coming!! Proceeds from our sale support women and children locally and around the world. Unfortunately, the price of the ingredients continues to go up each year. We don't want to raise the cost of our pasties so we are looking for donations. We need 3 lb. cans of Crisco shortening (it must be Crisco brand) and 5 lb. bags of all-purpose flour (any brand). If you could purchase one or both of these items, you will be helping our mission dollars go further. Please place any donated items in the upstairs kitchen outside of the sanctuary. Thank you!



Pasty Sale – November 12

Our Fall pasty sale will be Saturday, November 12. A maximum of 650 pasties will be made. Orders will be taken on a first ordered, first filled basis. Please return your order to the church office by Monday, Nov. 6.

Name _____

Phone _____

Indicate quantity desired:

_____ Baked (\$3.25 each) _____ Unbaked (\$2.75 each)

Indicate the time you will pick up your order:

_____ 10:00 a.m. _____ 11:00 a.m. _____ 12:00 p.m.

Checks made payable to Westwood United Methodist Women.
(Orders can be prepaid or pay at time of pick-up.)

Men's and Women's Combined Prayer Breakfast – Nov.19

The Men's and Women's Prayer Breakfast groups will have breakfast together on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am in Simpson Hall. After breakfast, the men will continue their meeting in Simpson Hall while the women will continue their meeting in the Wesley Room. RSVP on the sign-up sheet or on the back of the Communication Card.

Homemade Bread Sale - Nov. 20

Just in time for your Thanksgiving table, the Missions team will be selling homemade breads on November 20 to benefit the Westwood Neighborhood Food Pantry here at our church. A variety of tasty breads such as pumpkin, cranberry, banana, and others in various sized loaves will be available for sale while they last in the lobby. Stop by and pick up a loaf or two and help fight hunger in our community while savoring delicious bread.



Family Friendly Event - in time for Christmas – Nov. 20

Come join with your church family of all ages on Nov.20, as we prepare for the celebration of the Advent season with a Potluck Lunch, Advent Workshop and the Hanging of the Greens! This year we will have a special children's tree, just for them to decorate.

Time: After Second Service (approximately 12:15)

Where: Simpson Hall, Sanctuary and Lobby!

You can sign up for both and participate in both. One lunch - two ways to celebrate. RSVP on the green card or sign-up sheets in the Lobby. Any questions? Want to help? Contact Helga Mortensen and/or Phyllis Lubbert

News from the Pantry

A total of 30 families have been served so far at our newly-opened Neighborhood Food Pantry. Word is slowly spreading with calls coming in requesting more information. We have had calls about donating food and money as well as getting food from the Pantry. If you know an individual or family who lives in our Westwood neighborhood who could benefit from this service, be sure to give them the information about the Pantry as well as our location and hours. The Pantry is open the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to Noon and the third Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We are located in the basement of Epworth House. Come over and check it out!

Beth Mitchell, Food Pantry Coordinator, (269) 626-5241

Westwood Team to Volunteer at Midwest Mission Distribution Center

A team of 12 adults left October 30 for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to volunteer at this disaster relief facility in Chatham, IL. Please keep these team members in your prayers this week as we are engaged in this hands-on mission experience: Joyce Babbitt, Marion Burkey, Dee Cole, Aurelio Flores, Bev Henson, Wanda Horton, Darlene LePert, Norma Sylvester, Dennis and Nancy VandenBrink, Dave and Wendy Arnold (from Kalamazoo First UMC).

Thank you

Thank you to all of those that offered John Chamberlin an exercise bike. He has one now but appreciates the offers and assistance.

Pet Lovers Group

The Pet Lovers Group will keep going, but will take a break over the holidays! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! The next meeting of the Pet Lovers Group will be Jan. 28, 2017.

Westwood Literacy Center

Have you been wondering what is happening at the Westwood Literacy Center? As of this date we have had 7 tutors work with at least one student. We also have a student assessor. The tutors are: Marion Burkey, Eileen Scamehorn, Larry Oppliger, Nancy Snell, Tom Willson, Dana Tipken, and Doris Ravotas. Helga Mortensen is our student assessor and Paula Willson serves as our librarian. The center has developed in a different way than we thought it would. Only a couple of the students have physically come to our church for service; however, our outreach has extended to Interfaith Homes, First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, New Village Park and the Prince of Peace ESL center. We have had a presence at Head Start, King Westwood school, our own Trunk or Treat, and the church/community picnic.

We will be extending our ministry to use the Expressways computer based supplemental tutoring system. When the program is used by those with the lowest literacy levels it is added to tutoring and gives those students needed practice. These students make progress at a faster pace. This works best if there is a tutor in the room to help with the computer program but it doesn't have to be the same tutor who works with the student at other times. The program can also be used by students who read at a higher level but are working toward their GEDs. And it can be used by community college students who want to increase their Compass scores (this is a test that places students in appropriate classes based on skills) so they do not need to take remedial math and English courses. We have two computers and an Expressways tutor can easily be working with two students at once.

There is an Expressways training this coming Friday, Nov. 4th from 10:00-12:00 at the Goodwill building on Alcott. You can take this training even if you have not taken the Kalamazoo Literacy Council training to work with GED or college students. In addition to those interested in reading we will need some Expressway tutors who are interested in assisting with math. For those of you who are already tutors you can incorporate this program into your work with students.

Please let Dori Ravotas know if you are interested in taking this training on Friday

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.

| | November 6, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. | November 13, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. |
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| Serving you in Worship | | |
| Worship Assistant | Sandra Bibilomo | Chaz Mortensen |
| Altar | Tracy Quintanilla | Julie Lancaster |
| 1st Service Audio | Bill Rotgers | Bill Rotgers |
| 1st Service Video | Jim Frey | Jim Frey |
| 2nd Service Audio | Bill Rotgers | Bill Rotgers |
| 2nd Service Video | Brian VandePolder | Mark Longstroth |
| Children's Moment | TBD | TBD |
| Children's Worship | Ken Smith and Kevin Secord | Nancy Snell and Joyce Babbitt |
| PowerPoint Preparer | Pastor or Office | Gary Lubbert |
| Serving you through Welcoming | | |
| 1st Service Greeters | Wanda Horton, Doug Tipken | John Motter & Betty Dustin, Jim & Louise Jameson |
| 2nd Service Greeters | Dan & Mary Brooks, Keith & Pat Bailey | Mike & Jo Turner |
| Hospitality | Joyce Babbitt, Norma Sylvester | Jane Waite, Carolyn Parker |
| 1st Service Ushers | Joe & Shirley Mitchell | Bud Mahieu, Phil Engel |
| 2nd Service Ushers | Diane Rathburn, Mark Reid, Tom & Paula Willson | Bob Mitchell, Brian VandePolder, Mary & Dan Brooks |
| Staff | | |
| Nursery Workers | Rachel Fuller, Linda VanOrder, Mary Landreville | Linda VanOrder, Mary Landreville |
| 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
John Chamberlin
Michael Clup (friend of the Lancaster's)
Gary Cumming
Vicki Hale (friend of Louise Jameson)
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)
Kyle D'adam, Air Force (grandson of Tom & Elise Hillman; serving in the middle east)

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 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Nov. 10 | Nov. 14 |
| Nov. 24 | Nov. 28 |
| Dec. 8 | Dec. 12 |
| No Messenger again until January! | |

Our Mission

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

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Westwood Messenger articles relate to the activities of Westwood United Methodist Church. Any member or constituent may submit articles for publication. Place articles, with your name and phone, in the *Messenger* mailbox outside the church office or send an e-mail to info@westwood-umc.org by the deadline. Your name may be used in the article. The *Messenger* is mailed Tuesday. Subscribers do not receive it before Wednesday. Articles must be submitted at least two weeks before events. All articles are edited to correct errors and conform with postal regulations. Due to space constraints, some articles are abbreviated or postponed at the discretion of the editor. If you have any questions or comments, address them to the editor.

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