

WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Westwood Messenger

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### **UMW Book Discussion Group – May 30**

The May book read for the Book Discussion Group will be Outlive Your Life: You Were Made to Make a Difference by Max Lucado. We will convene in Simpson Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 30th. All are welcome to join us to discuss this inspiring, motivating book! United Methodist Women

### **Friendship Luncheon – June 7 – RSVP by May 31**

We are going to join with our friends at Friendship Village for lunch in their dining room on Wednesday, June 7 at noon. You are invited to select two items on the menu; choices are a sandwich (BBQ pulled pork), the salad bar, turkey barley soup, or a dessert. Beverage provided. Please make a reservation by check (payable to Sallie Platt) or cash for \$8.25 no later than May 31. Friendship Village residents pay \$6.25 or count lunch as one of their meals of the day. Plan to gather at 11:45 am. Any questions, call Sallie at 343-3917.

### **2017 Westwood Warriors Softball Team**

It's that time of year again, softball season! Hope you all had a good winter. For those interested in playing softball with us, practices have begun. We are meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 at the WMU Goldsworth Valley Intramural Diamonds up until our games begin. Games usually start the 2nd week in June, however, the schedule is pending. For those needing directions to practices at the WMU Goldsworth Valley Intramural diamonds: head west on Howard Street (on campus) taking a right turn at Valley Drive (near flag pole). Go a short distance, then take a left turn on Rankin Avenue. Drive a short way and the diamonds with parking lot will be on your left. You can reach me during the day at (269) 387-5150, or us at home at (269) 312-8849; (269) 501-6123 (cell). Look forward to seeing everyone!  
Norma Sylvester

### **Love Your Neighbor Fundraiser – June 11**

Third "Love Your Neighbor Fund-Raiser" Breakfast for The Kalamazoo Sheriff's Department - 9:00 Am To 10:00 Am in Simpson Hall

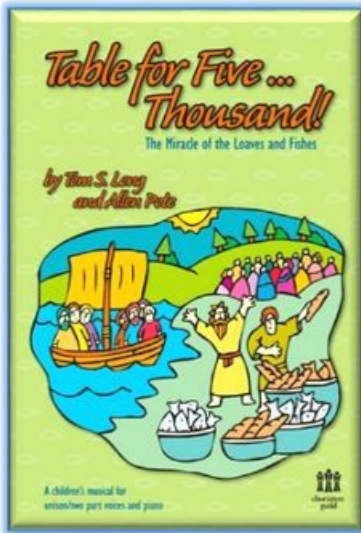


The Outreach Team will be serving another fabulous breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, and biscuits and gravy. As a way of paying for your breakfast, we are asking you to bring a gift card to a local grocery store, gas station or fast food restaurant in amounts of either \$10; \$15 or \$20 or any combination thereof. Cash donations will be also be accepted and we will purchase the gift cards for you. You may also donate online via our website 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. So, come to breakfast on June 11 – 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.

### Father's Day – June 18 – Due June 12

Westwood UMC will be celebrating all fathers this year by putting together a special presentation which will include pictures of fathers. Please email your picture to be included to [info@westwood-umc.org](mailto:info@westwood-umc.org) with the subject "Father's Day Pics" by June 12. We welcome all pictures of all fathers – they don't have to be members here, they don't have to be a current picture, or in memory of a father and we won't be putting names on them, just the images.

### Summer Musical "Table for Five...Thousand!" – June 22



#### Summer Musical is coming!

June 19-23 9 a.m.-noon – Rehearsals and activities for children and youth, celebration and cookout lunch on Friday, June 23  
June 22, 7 p.m. – Performance

Ages 5 years-12th grade  
No cost! Snacks and performance t-shirts included!

Register your child/youth today:  
<http://westwood-umc.org/iChildrensMinistry>

Donations needed – see list in lobby

### Transportation Needs

There have been some occasional requests for rides to church, so we would like to develop a Transportation Team. Would you be willing to give someone a ride to and from church, on the Sundays that you are in town? Then this is the TEAM for you! If we have 4-6 people volunteer for driving either to 1st service, Sunday School hour, or 2nd service, you would potentially only be needed every 4-6 weeks. Each team would decide if they want to take a month at a time, or occasional weeks. Please sign up on the back of the green card, or call the office. Let's get our friends to church! Thank you, Congregational Care Committee

### Prayer Pals

Did you know that over 30 adults in our congregation are praying for our children in a unique, intentional way? They have agreed to be "assigned" a child to pray for and keep in touch with...and we KNOW that prayer makes a difference! If you'd like to find out more, or be a part of this ministry of love too, please contact the office or Nancy Snell, or sign the green card.

### Thank You WUMC Family

I wish to thank my WUMC family for coming to my aid when my house caught fire April 17. I am still amazed by the massive outpouring of support, both spiritual and material that you extend to me. I want to let you all know that we have now moved into an apartment while we figure out the long term solution to our tragedy.

A special thank you to all who came and helped remove all the personal stuff from the house. That was awesome.

Thank you again for your support.

May the Lord be with you always

Andrew Chaponda

### Westwood UMC Food Pantry

Accepting items from the list (available in the lobby or below) for the food pantry. Monetary donations will be used to purchase meat and eggs.

WUMC Westwood Neighborhood Food Pantry Shopping List

*Items needed at this time:*

Pancake Syrup

Grape or Strawberry Jelly

Spaghetti Noodles

Canned peaches

Toothbrushes

Pantry food items can be brought in at any time. Please place them in the bins in the lobby. *Thank you for your continued support!*



## 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 4, 2017</b> 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.	<b>June 11, 2017</b> 8:30 & 10:10 a.m.
<b>Serving you in Worship</b>		
Worship Assistant	Sandra Bibilomo	Jan Urfer
Altar	Tracy Quintanilla	Margo Heystek
1st Service Audio	Derick Daniels	Seth Virgo
1st Service Video	Jim Frey	Jim Frey
2nd Service Audio	Matt Knewtson	Emmanuel Sikaundi
2nd Service Video	Brian VandePolder	Mark Longstroth
Children's Moment	TBD	TBD
Children's Worship	TBD	TBD
Power Point Preparer	Pastor or Office	Gary Lubbert
1st Service Greeters	Sallie Platt, Jeanette Jupp	Lauretta Eisenbach, Bev Prior
2nd Service Greeters	Julie Lancaster, Helen Lancaster	Mike & Jo Turner
Hospitality	Paula Wilson & Team	Louise Jameson, Royann Anspach
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>Staff</b>		
Nursery Workers	Mary Landreville, Violet Flores, Rachel Fuller	Mary Landreville, Rachel Fuller, Morgan Jung
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*

Thom Andrews  
Julian Blair  
John Chamberlin  
Michael Clup (friend of the Lancaster's)  
Gary Cumming  
Vicki Georgeau (niece of Marian Burkey & Linda Ridderbos)  
Louise Jameson  
Wes Merriman  
Eric Ridderbos (son of Al & Linda Ridderbos)



### *Serving in the military*

Kyle D'adam, Air Force (grandson of Tom & Elise Hillman; serving in the middle east)  
Alec Ridderbos, Army (grandson of Al & Linda Ridderbos)

Prayers for healing and strength to the homebound

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**

<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Publication Date</i>
June 8	June 12
June 22	June 26
July 6	July 10
July 20	July 24

## **Our Mission**

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

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