

What's happening in worship

**Worship Celebrations at
8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.**
Nursery care is provided
during both celebrations.

Enjoy the Journey

As you receive this newsletter, Joy, Katrina, Rachel and I are still on our journey to South Africa. Even so, I wanted to give you a word of encouragement on your Spiritual Journey.

I have been blessed to see Jesus every day in the people of our congregation.

Jesus lives in our midst. Something I have noticed in people is that, when Jesus is loved, it goes beyond an easy explanation of what a person does. I invite you to accept an invitation from our Lord to be even closer to His presence of life. When Jesus is real in someone's life, they are happier and more at peace. I have provided a devotion for the month of April to help us draw closer to our Resurrected Lord. It is a connection with a power greater than ourselves. During the Easter Season, our Congregation will celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to be the resurrected presence of Jesus for our community and the world.



MEET THE PASTOR/FAMILY GATHERINGS...

We have been gathering as small groups throughout the fall and winter to meet our new pastor and his family and give them an opportunity to meet and get to know us on a more personal level.

We will be hosting the final gathering for those of us who haven't had the opportunity to attend one yet, on Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00, probably at our home at 626 Grand Pre. (We may change the meeting place to the church if extra space is needed).

Please call Karen or Bob at 342-8816 by April 20, if you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

Bob and Karen Strobel

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Upcoming Messenger Deadlines:

April 9, for publication April 14
 April 16, for publication April 21
 There will be no Messenger the week of April 28.
 April 30, for publication May 5

Enjoy the Journey

An Easter Devotional

At Westwood United Methodist Church we are on The Journey of a Lifetime, which is a path with Jesus to be at home with God. Part of the journey is listening to God and allowing Him to guide your steps toward home. In April we invite you to think about how Jesus is with you on your path. Each week we offer five Scriptures and ask you listen to what God is saying. Choose one word in the passage and make it your "focus word" for the day. Then write down a response to the question as it applies to your life. Enjoy the journey-God wants you to succeed in finding your peace, rest, and resurrection in Him.

Week 2: April 6-12

Luke 24:13-24 Focus Word _____
When has your face been "downcast"? (v. 17)

Luke 24:25-29 Focus Word _____
When you urged Jesus to stay with you?

Luke 24:30-35 Focus Word _____
In what ways are you going toward the resurrection?

1 Peter 1:3-5 Focus Word _____
How has Jesus' mercy been real for you?

1 Peter 1:6-9 Focus Word _____
How has your faith been refined, so it may be genuine

Week 3: April 13-19

Galatians 1:11-24 Focus Word _____
Who praises God because of the change in your life?

Psalms 9 Focus Word _____
How has Jesus help you overcome sin or adversaries?

Psalms 34:17-22 Focus Word _____
When were you crushed in spirit and God saved you?

Ephesians 4:14-24 Focus Word _____
How have you grown up and are no longer an infant in faith?

Ephesians 5:8-14 Focus Word _____
How are you living in God's light and goodness?

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Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
April 13	The "Q"	The "Q"/ Praise Team
April 20		Praise Team
April 20	6PM CONCERT: Capital City Ringers, Westwood Chancel Choir & Handbell Ensemble	
April 27	Chancel choir and WHBE	Chancel Choir/WHBE/Praise Team

Men's Ensemble Rehearsals For Mother's Day

Men of Westwood, rise up and SING!! We will rehearse on May 1 and 8 at 7:00. If you are interested, please come and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. It is amazing to hear all the Westwood guys singing.

Collecting Items For Camp Westwood

There is need of clear plastic 2 liter bottles – washed out. We would like to borrow some surf boards if there are any around. Also – beach items, such as beach balls, umbrellas, flotation devices, Colorful pails and shovels, sand sifters, etc.

Capital City Ringers In Concert at Westwood Sunday, April 20 at 6:00 PM



The Capital City Ringers, Inc., under the direction of Jane Wright, will be in concert at Westwood UMC on Sunday, April 20 at 6:00 PM and is called: **“Letters from Camp CCR.”** The concert includes a variety of music selections, including some that will be done with the Chancel Choir and Handbell Ensembles of Westwood UMC! CCR owns over six octaves of Malmark handbells and handchimes, and incorporates electronic keyboard and a variety of percussion instruments. This ensemble is unique in their expert handling of their instruments, their musicality, and their usual smattering of humor that brings joy to all. A freewill donation will be taken.

A demand for recordings has inspired CCR to produce three recordings and they will be available at the concert.

For additional information, recordings, membership, photos, concert dates, and full repertoire list, be sure to visit their award-winning website at www.capitalcityringers.com for more information and a complete concert music listing.

Thought for the week

Remember, there is no such thing as Sunday worship found in Heaven.
It only exists if accompanied by Monday through Saturday worship.

Kneading Solitude

Early Eves Gets the Message about Massage
Christine Zolman, a certified massage therapist with 9 years experience in neuromuscular technique gave a demonstration on trigger point therapy and pain referral patterns at the March meeting of Early Eves. Insurance reimbursement, licensure and accreditation requirements were interspersed amongst discussions of aroma therapy, hot stone techniques and the application of essential oils such as lavender, cloves and eucalyptus in massage therapy.

Marain Burkey provided the evening meal of meatloaf, potato salad, fresh fruits and vegetables and an assortment of herbal teas. A special thanks is given to Linda Rodderbos for providing the devotional and music, definitely a "message therapy" for our souls.

Please plan on attending the April 21st meeting at 6:30 pm when Laura Anderson will conduct a hands-on floral workshop. Please call Marain Burkey at 344-8412 for additional information.

Lost and Found Table

Please check the lost and found table in the hallway outside the church office. Any items not picked up before April 24 will be included in the Basement Sale.

Summer Messenger Schedule

(Subject to change with notification)

The Bi-weekly schedule for the Messenger begins May 19, 2008.

The schedule follows:

Deadline

May 14, 2008

May 28, 2008

June 11, 2008

June 25, 2008

July 09, 2008

July 23, 2008

August 06, 2008

August 20, 2008

September 03, 2008

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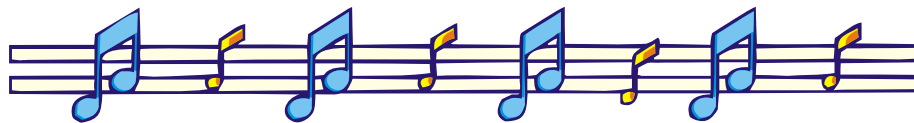
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"Anything Goes"

Presented by the Kalamazoo Community Chorale

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Third Reformed Church 2345 North 10th Street

3:00 p.m.

Please join in celebrating Jan Berghorst's retirement as Director of the Kalamazoo Community Chorale. A reception will immediately follow the concert at the church. Contributions for a retirement gift for Jan or a contribution to KCC in Jan's name are being accepted. If you would like to donate, please indicate amount for Jan and/or KCC on memo line of check made out to Kalamazoo Community Chorale and mail to

Linda Gay

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 13, 2008	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School
9:45 AM	Adult Bible Classes
10:55 AM	Worship Celebration
6:00 PM	Youth Groups
Monday, April 14, 2008	
7:00 PM	Communications Team
7:00 PM	Courtiers
7:00 PM	BSA
Tuesday, April 15, 2008	
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
6:00 PM	The Alpha Course
6:30 PM	Early Eves
6:30 PM	Stewardship & Finance
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministry
Wednesday, April 16, 2008	
11:30 AM	Worship Team
12:30 PM	Prayer group
1:00 PM	United Methodist Women
6:00 PM	Disciple I
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
6:15 PM	The "Q" Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
Thursday, April 17, 2008	
11:45 AM	4th Day Men (Hunan Gardens)
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
6:00 PM	Glory Connection II
7:00 PM	Foundation
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, April 18, 2008	
7:00 PM	Civil War Roundtable
Saturday, April 19, 2008	
2:00 PM	Dr. Abiade's Farewell Gathering, Portage UMC

Please Note:
**There will be no Messenger the
 week of April 28, 2008.**

Basement Sale

The semi-annual basement sale is Thursday, April 24 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

You may drop off items to be included in this sale in the side room to the east of Simpson Hall (not Room S-16 as in previous times) starting after 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 20.

Please do not bring items before Sunday, April 20 - We do not have room to store them.

Many hands are needed to make this sale successful (all proceeds benefit mission projects supported by United Methodist Women through the General Board of Global Ministries). Help is needed:

Wednesday evening 4/23,

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - set up/sort donations

Thursday morning, 4/24:

9:00 a.m. - continue sorting donations

Thursday afternoon/Friday morning 4/24 and 25:
 check-out customers, etc.

Friday 4/25, 11:30 a.m. to early afternoon:
 pack up unsold items

Your help is greatly needed! We could especially use some men on Friday to move filled boxes and heavy items. Questions? Call Stephanie Knewtson, 349-5603.



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