

## What's happening in worship

**Worship Celebrations at  
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**  
Nursery care is provided  
during both celebrations.

## Enjoy the Hospitality

Beginning June 1 and continuing throughout the summer, please stay after the first service or come early for the second service for a combined coffee fellowship. Hope to see you there.

Hospitality Committee



## Spring Is Here!

Spring is here! We are having a spring clean up (building & grounds) on Saturday, June 7th from 1:00 - 3:00, or so. Everyone's help is greatly needed and will be much appreciated! Things like cleaning and organizing the garage, cleaning up winter debris in the parking lots, weeding on the bank along the driveway so more ground cover can be planted, etc., etc., etc. More information needed? Ask a Trustee! Call Mary Grant if you have questions at 345-9422 or want to volunteer.

**REMEMBER:** We have no FULL time custodian or GROUNDS employee and our building is used by many different groups which is a blessing.

Trustees: Mark Reid, chairperson, Pat Bailey, Jim Frey, Mary Grant, Bud Mahieu, Paul Moeller, and Clint Whitcomb

## Out with the Old and In with the New

Welcome to Beth Arbogast as the new editor of the Westwood Messenger! Effectively immediately Beth is taking over the responsibilities of putting together the Messenger each week. Submissions via email should be sent to her at [betharbogast@charter.net](mailto:betharbogast@charter.net).

As outgoing editor, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the years. I have enjoyed working with everyone and will miss this connection. It is time however to get a fresh person on the task. I know you will all support Beth in her endeavor.

Thanks again.  
Stephanie Knewtson

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### *Upcoming Messenger Deadlines:*

June 11, for publication June 16  
June 25, for publication June 30

## **Breakfast to Support Paul Webster**

Join your church family on Sunday, June 15 for a breakfast of egg strata/casserole, muffins, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Breakfast will be served between 9:15 and 10:15 a.m. so you may come after 8:30 worship or before 10:00 a.m. worship. Cost is a donation to the missionary support fund for Paul Webster. Treat Dad or Grandpa to breakfast as this is Father's Day!

## **UMCOR RESPONDS TO DISASTERS**

**China: Amity Foundation Helps China Survivors**

Amity Foundation, a member of ACT International and long-time UMCOR and Global Ministries partner, is on the ground helping China earthquake survivors get relief. Amity is working to provide food for about 16,000 people and will distribute 8,000 tarpaulins and quilts, with specific focus on the severely affected provinces of Gansu, Sha'anxi and Sichuan. The response also includes providing sanitation, medicines, food, water and temporary shelters. Long-term recovery plans include the rebuilding of 600 homes, 10 schools and five clinics, as well as the rehabilitation of destroyed water and irrigation systems.

United Methodists are asked to give generously to UMCOR Advance #982450, International Disaster Response, China Earthquake. Your gift to the China Earthquake response will go to support Amity's work.

**Myanmar: Cyclone Nargis Recovery**

UMCOR's partner Action by Churches Together (ACT) is working with local partner organizations, to provide clean water, food and non-food items to more than 100,000 people affected by Cyclone Nargis, according to an ACT news release issued on May 16.

The release further stated that assistance for emergency shelter will be provided for about 340,000 people along with at least 10 days of food aid for approximately 68,000 people. ACT members are also planning distribution of non-food items for about 112,000 people.

UMCOR's primary partners in this response, including Church World Service, are part of ACT's network of church and faith-based agencies working together to bring relief to the people of Myanmar. The greatest needs are for water, food, emergency and permanent shelter and medicine. You can send your gifts to UMCOR Advance #3019674, Myanmar Emergency.

(Note: Because of your gifts to UMCOR given through Westwood UMC, we were able to send \$300 to the China Earthquake Response at the end of May. As of May 23, non-governmental relief organization personnel are being allowed into the Myanmar to aid citizens, so your gifts at this time will enable us to send relief funds there as well.)

## **New Adventurers Planning Potluck**

The New Adventurers will meet at Heysteks' for the annual planning potluck. Bring a dish to pass...no theme this year, so we may be eating all desserts or all salads! But, we never seem to go hungry, so bring your favorite dish for a *true* "potluck"!! We'll discuss and plan events and set dates for the coming year. Please give a call to let us know you are coming!

**PLANNING POTLUCK**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28**

**6:00 p.m.**

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## Music in Worship

Date	FIRST SERVICE 8:30	SECOND SERVICE 10:55
June 8	Westwood Handbell Ens and Q	WHBE, Q, Westwood Singers, Praise Team
June 15	Graduation Sunday and Father's Day Women's Ensemble, Dani Sturdy	Women's Ensemble, Dani Sturdy, Praise Team
June 22	Glory Connection II	Glory Connection II, Praise Team

## Jazz Service, June 1 Was Wonderful

Many Thanks to the talented, John Chamberlin, and members of his quartet: Denis Shebukov (bass), Tom Tomas (drums), and Steve Kamerling (guitar). We were blessed and reminded that Sabbath rest and Music is a gift from God and a necessary part of life.



## Women's Ensemble Rehearsing Soon

If you are a female (High School or older) who likes to sing, plan to come and rehearse on Thursdays June 5 and 12 at 7 PM and sing on Father's day, June 15 in worship! We are preparing two pieces and would love to add YOUR VOICE to our ranks. Please come.

## Camp Westwood This August

CAMP WESTWOOD – AUGUST 4-14 (Monday- Friday of week 1, Monday – Thursday of week 2)  
For ages – entering Kindergarten and entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. It's a BEACH PARTY!! Call the office for the Registration Form.

## Calling all surfers! Organizational Meeting

Camp Westwood 2008 Vacation Bible School Through the Arts  
Tues., June 10, 6:30 PM, Wesley Room  
*Everyone* is welcome to join us in planning for fun in the Sun this summer!



## 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. See Collection box in Hallway by the Music Bulletin Board.

## Hymn Quote for the week

All Thy works with Joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays. Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

## *and on the lighter side . . .*

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. 'Your son is here,' she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients.

Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her.

'Who was that man?' he asked.

The nurse was startled, 'He was your father,' she answered.

'No, he wasn't,' the Marine replied. 'I never saw him before in my life.'

'Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?'

'I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here.'

When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed.'

The next time someone needs you ... just be there.

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### **News From Mujila Falls**

The latest news from our site is that Tshala, my co-director, has participated in the first regional Agriculture Show to be held in our area. We showed many of our crops and also our goats, donkey and rabbits. We won several first prizes for our displayed items. Through this fair, people will begin to learn ways they can get involved in agriculture and better feed their families and communities. We will be hosting a seven day District Conference this week for several hundred people and will be responsible for feeding and housing them during that time. We are also finishing up our maize harvest which looks like a bumper crop and getting our fire breaks in shape to protect our pastures and fields from grass and forest fires.

The 4 ton truck bought with funds donated by the United Methodist Foundation of the Wisconsin Conference has been crucial in bringing in the maize harvest and has also helped us to saw and deliver three truck loads of lumber for the construction of a local church. Your faith and action is blessing many in the Mujila Falls area. Thanks.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Paul L Webster  
Co-Director  
Mujila Falls Agriculture Center, Zambia  
Missionary with the GBGM  
of the United Methodist Church

## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, June 08, 2008</b>	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
10:00 AM	Worship Celebration
<b>Monday, June 09, 2008</b>	
7:00 PM	Communications Team
7:00 PM	Courters
7:00 PM	BSA
<b>Tuesday, June 10, 2008</b>	
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Implementation Team
5:30 PM	UMW Kalamazoo District Meeting
6:30 PM	Compassionate Friends
7:00 PM	Kingdom Kids Team
7:00 PM	Stephen Ministries Team
7:00 PM	Alpha Small Group
<b>Wednesday, June 11, 2008</b>	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
11:00 AM	Worship Team
4:30 PM	ISAAC
6:00 PM	Westwood Singers
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
7:00 PM	Prayer Team
<b>Thursday, June 12, 2008</b>	
11:45 AM	4th Day Men (Hunan Gardens)
12:30 PM	Prayer Group
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts
7:30 PM	Women's Ensemble
<b>Friday, June 13, 2008</b>	
	No events scheduled
<b>Saturday, June 14, 2008</b>	
1:00 PM	Mary Scott Funeral at Fort Custer
1:45 PM	Funeral Luncheon Following

## *A Word from ISAAC*

ISAAC is an interfaith organizing network of congregations and strategic partners working together to build a more just community. Westwood is an ISAAC partner congregation.

### **INCLUSIONARY HOUSING & "HOUSING FIRST" Progress Made**

ISAAC brought David Rusk, national expert on Inclusionary Housing, to talk with local officials last May, and is getting his message out: "Some of the nation's biggest builders know they can make money at this [including a modest percentage of low-price units within market-rate developments]. Even in a soft market this can work, when there's a rezoning, for example." The ISAAC Housing Task Force is also working with the USC Affordable Housing Partnership to increase our community's commitment to "Housing First", the rapid placement of homeless people into permanent housing-which not only improves their lives but saves taxpayer money spent on emergency rooms and nursing homes.

## **News from Missionary Paul Webster**

Dear Supporting Churches and Individuals,

I am currently in Delaware, Ohio as I begin my itineration and speaking engagements with supporting churches and others interested in being a part of the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre project. I will be attending the Indiana and East and West Ohio Annual Conferences for the first time. We have a few supporting churches in these Conferences, but want to make contact with more to tell our story and, hopefully, gain more prayer and project support. As you know, the value of the Dollar has dropped by 50% over the past 7 years and so we need twice as much to do the same work. Our project now has two full-time commissioned missionaries. Tshala Mwengo, a Congolese came on two years ago, and is doing great work. This means that our projects are greatly expanded and more resources are called upon. After the Indiana and Ohio Conferences I will be traveling up to Wisconsin and working intensively until Labor Day. (Note: Paul will be travelling in Michigan in September and will be at Westwood on Friday evening, September 26. Please mark your calendars!)



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