

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

This summer, please stay after the first service or come early for the second service for a combined fellowship time. Hope to see you there.

Hospitality Committee



Early Eves

Early Eves will meet in June 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Schneider Lounge.
Margo Heystek and Anne Klute will serve the meal.
Laura Anderson will do devotions.
Gloria Teller will speak about "Kazoo Books".
All women are invited.

News to Me

Answer:

Friday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3.

Question:

When is Jean Whitcomb on Jeopardy?

Watch it with a group of friends and supporters at Wayside West on Stadium Drive, or tune in at home and watch the big show!

Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Troops

You may support our military men and women by purchasing a year-long devotional book, Strength for Service, for \$5 on June 29 or July 6. Chaplains distribute them to our troops throughout the world and at the VA medical centers. A sample copy will be available for your perusal, and a member of the Missions team will be happy to take your donation. This is a valuable way to support and encourage those who serve our country.

Roots & Wings

Would you like a spinet type electric organ-Lowrey Genie 88? You move it, and it's yours. Contact Sally Mahieu for more details.

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Upcoming Messenger Deadlines:

June 25, for publication June 30
July 9, for publication July 14

Gospel Mission Food Drive

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission is holding a food drive at Gordon Food Service Marketplace at 7421 S. Westnedge in Portage on Saturday, June 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shopping lists will be available of suggested items needed by the Mission to refer to as you purchase items for donation. You may drop off non-perishable food items as well. If you would like to donate items or make a financial donation so that food may be purchased but don't want to drive out to Portage, please see or talk to Nancy VandenBrink, 344-6945, who works at the Portage GFS and will be working with the Mission on that Saturday in the store and will purchase items for you. Serving well over 500 meals each day requires a lot of food, and your support for this vital ministry in our community is appreciated!

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.

HEALTH CARE CAMPAIGN Underway!
ISAAC is working with Oamaliel of Michigan, AARP, MichUHCAN and other partners to put a Constitutional amendment on the November 2008 ballot: "The State Legislature shall pass laws to make sure that every Michigan resident has affordable and comprehensive health care coverage through a fair and cost-effective financing system. The Legislature is required to pass a plan that, through public or private measures, controls health care costs and provides for medically necessary preventative, primary, acute and chronic health care needs." 450,000 signatures are needed by the end of June-join us! Host a Health Care Sunday/Sabbath at your congregation!

From the Pastor

Dear Family of Faith,

As we prepare to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence, our country faces some turbulent times. The economy has hit a slump in the past few months, and with the rising of oil prices comes the threat of inflation. Times have certainly been more bleak, such as in the Great Depression. However, our country seems to be searching for some common ground and purpose.

How do we live faithfully, with hope in such times? In June I will be addressing personal challenges we face in times of stress. I am referring to preparing ourselves to face tough times as "Preparing For the Rapids" is an analogy for times when the current of life is swift. In the last two weeks we talked about making adjustments, and anxiety. In changing times remember the Lord remains the same.

One thing that does not change is the Lord's desire for us to receive the blessings of peace and joy He has for us. God empowers us to change, so we are not victims of our past or what is happening around us. June 22 we will address depression and how we can live the promise of God's hope, and June 29 we will talk about facing addictions and how to overcome them to live God's joy.

I hope you will come to worship as we claim Jesus' love and power in our lives. You matter to our Lord and you matter to Westwood UMC. We walk the journey of faith together-because God provides through one another. I look forward to traveling the journey of faith with you. Step by step.

In Christ,

Pastor Wayne

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Date	First Service 8:30	Second Service 10:55
June 22	Glory Connection II	Glory Connection II, Praise Team
June 29	Meghan Root	Meghan Root
July 6	Thom Andrews	Thom Andrews

Camp Westwood This August

August 4-14 (Monday- Friday of week 1, Monday – Thursday of week two) For ages – entering Kindergarten and entering 9th grade. It's a BEACH PARTY!! The Registration Form is available in the church.

Items Needed For Camp Westwood

Clear plastic 2 liter bottles – washed out.
Beach Stuff: (i.e. inflatable swim devices, beach balls, umbrellas, pails and shovels, sand sifters etc.)
Plastic frosting containers - washed
See Collection box in Hallway by the Music Bulletin Board.



Music Theory/Reading Class Offering For Summer

Methodists are known for their ability to sing in 4 part harmony. That is impressive and wonderful, if you happen to be able to do that. However, some of us are not able to read and understand music well enough to actually do that. Are you one of these? Perhaps you can kind of read along, but would like to understand things better, learn more about the “Language” of music. Either way, this class is for you. It can help you learn what the symbols stand for, how to count the notes and understand all the things present in a printed piece of music. While it might not improve how your voice sounds, it can help your singing confidence or it can lead to better piano playing or instrumental music performance, including handbells. How about you?

Classes will be offered the following times (Come as often as you are able):

Thursday, July 3 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 20 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 PM

If you are interested, sign up on the sheet in the narthex area on the long table there.

Or, call in to the church office and sign up: 344-7165.

Or email Jane: jwright-wumc@sbcglobal.net.

This class will be taught by Ken Smith and Jane Wright. Please join us. The more, the merrier. All Ages Welcome.

Hymn Quote for the week

“Together we serve, united by love, inviting God’s World to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.” Together we serve: Faith We Sing 2175.

Church Council - Thom Andrews

- ✓ The Church Council heard updates on the Implementation Team's work and offered feedback.
- ✓ They also heard budget concerns from the Stewardship & Finance Committee. More information will be shared with the congregation soon and on regular basis.

Communications - Mike Turner

- ✓ Stephanie Knewton is retiring as the editor of the Messenger Weekly Newsletter after thirteen years of service. Please thank her when you see her.
- ✓ Stephanie will be replaced by Beth Arbogast as soon as an easy transition can be accomplished. Please welcome Beth to this important and challenging position.
- ✓ We will soon be seeing our new sign on the Nichols Road side of the church. The sign on that side has served us well but it is time to replace it with a new two sided sign identical to the one on West Main. We are seeking donations to help pay for this updated look as we will be spending \$6,000 on this new sign. Please contact any member of the Communications Team to donate to this fund. Those members are: Beth Arbogast, Roxanne Frey, Stephanie Knewton, Lois Moeller, Doug Phillips and Mike Turner.

Implementation Team - Thom Andrews

- ✓ The Implementation Team is working to create a culture of connection at Westwood UMC – connecting with God, with each other, and with our community. The team is addressing the following areas: worship, small groups, Sunday School, missions, prayer, leadership development, and communications.
- ✓ A deliberate Small Group ministry is being developed. The task force is identifying current small groups, defining characteristics of a Small Group, developing training for Small Group leaders, and assessing how to recognize current groups and fill the gaps with new group opportunities. For more information, contact Bob Strobel.
- ✓ A Prayer Team has been developed to hold Prayer Meetings, make prayer central to our congregations' life, and to provide guides & tools for individuals' spiritual lives. One UMC online resource that is very helpful is www.upperroom.org/methodx/thelife. For more information, contact Mary Grant.
- ✓ The Worship Team has been working on worshipping planning tools to better facilitate behind the scenes communication and to honor the time scheduled for the services. For more information, contact Matt Knewton.

Missions - Nancy VandenBrink

- ✓ \$200 was given to the Kalamazoo Valley CROP Walk held on May 4. Thank you Laura Anderson for representing Westwood!
- ✓ \$150 was sent to the West Michigan Conference for Golden Cross Sunday to be distributed to various Michigan health and welfare ministries, one of which is Bronson Hospital's chaplaincy program.
- ✓ \$300 was sent to UMCOR for China Earthquake aid. Your contributions to UMCOR through Westwood in June will enable us to send monies for the Myanmar Cyclone relief efforts.
- ✓ \$350 was received for the Celebrate Summer baskets fundraiser to support Resurrection UMC in Voronezh through the Russia Initiative.
- ✓ \$150 was sent to West Michigan Conference United Methodist camp renovations from loose coins given in May. Loose coins dropped in the offering plate in June will go to the Free Health Clinic in Kalamazoo.
- ✓ 449 personal care items were delivered to Ministry with Community in Kalamazoo.
- ✓ Missions team sponsored a breakfast on June 15 to support missionary Paul Webster. Mark your calendars for August 3 when breakfast will again be served, this time to support our sister church in Russia.
- ✓ You may support our military men and women by purchasing a year-long devotional book, Strength for Service, for \$5 on June 29 or July 6. Chaplains distribute them to our troops throughout the world and at the VA medical centers. A sample copy will be available for your perusal, and a member of the missions team will be happy to take your donation. This is a valuable way to support and encourage those who serve our country.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 15, 2008	
8:30 AM	Worship Celebration
10:00 AM	Worship Celebration
Monday, June 16, 2008	
7:00 PM	Staff Parish
7:00 PM	Missions
7:00 PM	Courters
7:15 PM	Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 17, 2008	
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
12:30 PM	Small Groups Task Force
6:30 PM	Early Eves
7:00 PM	Rotation Model
7:00 PM	Alpha Small Group
Wednesday, June 18, 2008	
10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
6:15 PM	4th Day Women
Thursday, June 19, 2008	
11:45 AM	4th Day Men (Hunan Gardens)
12:30 PM	Prayer Group
7:00 PM	Stewardship & Finance
Friday, June 20, 2008	
	No events scheduled
Saturday, June 21, 2008	
10:00 AM	Youth go to Craig's Cruisers
3:15 PM	Emmaus Monthly Board Meeting

Thanks for Meals and Prayers

Westwood Church Family,

Thank you for all your support on the behalf of the Head Start children and staff. We appreciate all you do. Have a great summer.

The Westwood Head Start Staff and Children

Thanks for the meals and prayers

We wish to thank all the members of Westwood United Methodist Church for providing our family with meals during Tsitsi stay in hospital. To say that we were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity is indeed an understatement. For a solid three weeks you fed us, prayed for us and encouraged us during our time of need. May the same generosity not end with our family but also be extended to other families as well.

We also want to thank Pastor Dr. Wayne Price and all of you for the numerous visits you paid Tsitsi while she was in hospital. We are all so very proud and honored by your support. Your prayers and encouragement made more bearable of what was then a very difficult time in our family.

May our Lord bless all of you, as you continue to touch many more lives.

Thanks again.
Andrew, Tsitsi, Tendai and Tinashe





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