



The MESSENGER

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Pastor's Pondering

I was recently in the checkout line at the local Meijer store putting our bagged groceries into our cart. A father and young child were walking toward the exit near me. The child was frantically trying to open a newly purchased toy, but the toy was packaged in a sealed plastic wrapping -- the packaging of the kind that usually takes 5 minutes to open with a good pair of scissors. The father had no way to remove the toy from the package as he did not have a knife or scissors. The child had to wait until she arrived home before she could open and play with the toy.

Sometimes we look at the "abundant life" (John 10:10) that Jesus Christ invites us into like a toy in the plastic sealed package. It would be wonderful if our lives were filled with "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23), but we don't believe there is any way we can have access to that kind of life this side of heaven. We seek meaning and fulfillment in our lives through Jesus Christ. But we often believe we have reached our capacity in this life and that we can only achieve it more fully when we arrive home in heaven.

Jesus Christ came to earth to rescue us from this wrongful thinking. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (John 14:6). It is a present tense reality which lasts eternally. Jesus's invitation into an abundant life is always before us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

What helps you respond to Jesus's invitation? How do you experience entering into Jesus's presence and finding rest for your soul, abundant life? For me it can be music, silence, nature, meditating on God's Word, prayer, worship, and others. What would your list look like? Are there times of the day or specific places that you more easily experience Jesus?

I encourage you to be intentional about discovering ways and times and places where your response to Jesus invitation to "come to me" brings you more abundant life. Enjoy your journey.

Grace,
 Pastor Tim

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Sunday Morning

- 8:30 First service
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30 Second service – includes a staffed nursery

Office hours :

Church office: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 2:00
 Pastor: M 12:00 – 4:00 and T, W, R 10:00 - 2:00
 Feel free to drop in at these times. Other times are available by appointment.
 Please call the church during office hours or leave a message on the answering machine with information regarding the names of individuals who need to be on the church prayer list or need a pastoral visit.



Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of the month at both services.

The Altar Guild needs two more people for 2019. Volunteers serve with two other people to cover two months of the year. Please talk to Berta Johnson if interested 428-2241 or 280-3250.

Hope at the Inn
New Volunteer Training

Monday, February 4 at 7 pm
Bay College Heirman Ctr Room 961
No Pre-Registration Needed
Runs about 1 hour & 15 minutes
Trained Volunteers might consider a refresher session.

Youth Ministry Planning Meeting
Wed., Feb. 20, 7pm

Are you interested in where and how our Youth Ministry will move into the future? Please join us as we gather to understand the adult resources we have and how we can use our time, gifts, & other resources to enable the best youth ministry. We will then meet with the youth to design and plan our upcoming Youth Ministry. ~ Pastor Tim

Youth Events

“Youth Vision” every Sunday 9:30AM Eat cereal & milk, watch a thought-provoking video, and discuss. Other times we act out a Bible story for the elementary Sunday school class.

“Movie Night” the 3rd Saturday of the month 6PM features a teen movie in the youth room and a kid movie in the gym (in case you have little siblings or cousins). Free theater-style popcorn & beverages!

“Youth Sunday” the 3rd Sunday of the month – Be a liturgist, reader, usher or greeter at the 10:30 service.

The *Youth 2019* event in Kansas City is July 10-14.

“Mission of Hope” – This mega-outreach to people in Delta County who are poor, lonely, or downtrodden is all day Aug. 24. Many area churches are already on board with planning this. That same evening the Christian Band “Newsboys” will be performing.

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Thanks to all of you for such a beautiful dinner Christmas Day - everything was so nice. The food was delicious. I tried a little bit of everything - and homemade pumpkin pie - just can't beat that.

The greeters at the door were so cheerful, made you feel at home.

Thanks for some beautiful memories.

Dona LaPorte

Membership Exploration Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Memorial United Methodist Church? I will be leading a Membership Exploration class for those beyond high school age to explore what membership means. This class is required to become a member. Feel free to attend, even if you are not sure. Attendance does NOT require that you become a member. If you are interested, please check the box in the Attendance Pad or contact the church office at (906) 428-9311 or mumc@glastonechurch.org indicating you want to attend the class. The exact date and time of our class will be based on the needs of those attending. Pastor Tim

Lenten Soup Suppers and Speakers are being planned for March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9, 16. If you have an idea for a speaker (either someone you know that the community would be interested in or a person or topic you'd like to hear) let Laurie Kaufman-de la Garza know (428-4623). Meal is planned for 6pm and speaker 6:30; The community will be invited.

Metal Recycling: Start saving your metal.

Jim Stammer contacted A & L Scrap about having a dumpster short-term where people can bring in scrap metal that we can then get money for. Jim recommended that we do this in the spring when people are doing clean-up. They will accept all types of metals including washed, crushed cans and even strings of Christmas lights.

Rummage Sale May 3-4 ← Save the date.

When you do spring cleaning, save your stuff!

Mission of the Year

Every year, one project is chosen in the district for all the churches to support. Often it is a maintenance project in a small, struggling church. This is part of our being a “connectional denomination.” Here is the thank you note we received from 2018’s project.

We thank you so very much for your monetary gift to help us pay for the repairs to make our church building safe. It is through the kindness and generosity of people like you that we are now worshiping again in our own sanctuary. Sincerely,

The Congregation of the Ironwood UMC

Pickleball games have begun in the gym. Call the church office to schedule a time. There is no official charge, but there is a freewill donation jar.

Report from Finance Committee

ATTENTION—EVERY purchase needs to be approved! Because of the church's cash flow and the amount of monies pledged for this year is short of covering the usual past expenses of the church this procedure of pre-approval is necessary. NO exceptions. An email to Lorraine, our church treasurer, is the only way to get an expense approved. Lorraine's email is lorrainegreggmumc@gmail.com. This includes paid employees as well as all chairs of committee and their members making purchases. Members of a committee need to get approval from the chair for any and all expenses. Don't expect Lisa who is in the office to approve these expenses; no bills will be paid unless prior approval was given by Lorraine. The person who made the purchase will be responsible unless prior approval has been given!

The Finance Committee will be sharing information regularly regarding monies received and what expenses we have. Please if you have pledged, if you are unable to be in church, please be timely on your pledges. As a reminder to everyone whether you pledge or not there are several ways to contribute;

- going to the website and using the electronic giving (Vanco),
- scanning your debit or credit card in the reader that is available every Sunday at the back of the church and in the office during office hours. There is no fee to you for using either Vanco or the card scanner.
- mailing your money to church
- the offering plate each Sunday.

After the first few months we should see a pattern to how much money the church receives. The committee will communicate what we are and are not able to do in particular areas of the church.

This pre-approval only applies to moneys from the general fund, not DESIGNATED monies.

On another note, the Finance Committee has vacancies—it is urgent two more people at large are added to the committee, five people would fill the roster for the committee. If you have any interest or desire to serve on this committee, please contact Pastor Tim. Thank you.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Children's Sunday School teacher and assistant:

Feb. 3 Lisa Myers and the Youth
Feb. 10 Tracy Jensen
Feb. 17 _____
Feb. 24 _____

Acolytes: Nathan Moore and Ethan Jensen

Altar Guild: Virginia Petersen and Pam Thorbahn

Coffee:

Feb. 10 Bill Springer
Feb. 17 _____
Feb. 24 _____

Communion Servers:

Ethan Jensen, Joy Jorgensen, Wilma Vanderdonck

Counters:

Feb. 3 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Susan Laguna
Feb. 10 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle
Feb. 17 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block
Feb. 24 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

8:30 Greeters:

Feb. 10 _____
Feb. 17 _____
Feb. 24 _____

10:30 Greeters:

Feb. 3 Sue Cole
Feb. 10 Wilma Vanderdonck
Feb. 17 youth
Feb. 24 Wilma Vanderdonck

Liturgists:

Feb. 3 Kole Desotelle
Feb. 10 _____
Feb. 17 youth
Feb. 24 Kole Desotelle

Muffins:

Feb. 10 Donna Marchak
Feb. 17 Nancy Campbell
Feb. 24 _____

Pianists at 8:30

Feb. 3 Deborah Hubbard
Feb. 10 Lisa Myers
Feb. 17 Kathy Young
Feb. 24 Deborah Hubbard

Readers:

Feb. 3 Kathy Young
Feb. 10 Wilma Vanderdonck
Feb. 17 youth
Feb. 24 _____

Ushers: Dennis and Cheryl Stanek

Prayer List

Larry Kirschner
Dave Nemacheck
Tina Harkins
Shelly Grenier
Health issues
Phil Lanaville
Kade Botsford
Carolyn
Jill Deno
Kay Harvey
Jake Cox
Allie
Julie Backlund
Barb
Rebecca Benson, Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
Walt and Lettie Houghton
Bryan Blixt and family
Shelby Jean Boris
Jim & Lois Boydston
Nancy Campbell
Joan Cook
John Fisher
Mary Gendron
John Hansen
Mary Ann Heubler
Chris Jensen
Karen Johnson
Krissy
Krista
Marcy Makosky
Rebecca Marchak
David Martin's family
Karen Owens
Bev Regts
Christine Stephens
Dorothy Wagner
Marianne Watson Milkowski
Tom Watson of Seattle
Ethan Winling
Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey

Bud Clark
Caroline Hart
Lorna Benson
Abram Johnson
Heather Lynn Plimpton
Baby Mason Robitaille
Family of Cook Derouin
Family of Amy Slade Rickel
Karen Simpson
Ely Tatrow and family
Heather Lynn Plimpton
Kristee Arndt
Bud Baltic
Donna Becker
Chloe Borish
Tom Butch
Mary Cheyne
Dan
Chris & Kim Diamond
John Gudwer
Caroline Hart
Callan Hughes
Tom Jensen
Katy and Brian
Diamond and Peggy Kemner
Deb LaPorte
John Marchak
Billie Marmalick
Larry Martin
Gary Quick
Tammy Reser
Anna Vanderwal
Kenny Wilson

Caroline Hart's address:

3642 Madison Ave.
Orion Twp., MI 48359

Creative Cards have been designed by the Knitting Group for sale for \$2 each. Please check them out in the narthex, by the bulletin board.

U.M. Special General Conference

February 23-26

There is going to be a Special General Conference in St. Louis, February 23-26, 2019 for United Methodists from all over the world. The questions at hand are:

- Where is God leading our church regarding the inclusion (or not) of LGBTQ persons?
- How is it that we read the Biblical Word of God and stay unified when there are different interpretations of the same words?

If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Tim or Laurie de la Garza. If you prefer to get your information on the Internet, go to <https://gc.michiganumc.org/> or <https://vimeo.com/299501090>

Bishop David Bard gives context, history, next steps, and the three plans that were developed by the Commission on a Way Forward. It is only 28 minutes long.

Please pray for our all those attending the Special General Conference, our Michigan Conference delegates and all the people of our denomination during this time of discussion and decision-making.

Dear Partner in Ministry,

We write to express thanks and appreciation to you for the support to the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village(Advance # 11820 A).

The project Donor report from Advance Special for the period of 01/01/2018 through 01/01/2019 shows that your church Gladstone Memorial United Methodist Church contributed the amount US \$ 450.00 for the support of the village.

Thanks so much for your support that is making an impact in the Lives of these kids. May God bless you!

Yours in Mission,

Rev. Robert N. Sieh Sr., Director/B.J.C.C.V

Lay Servant classes

Basic Course (for those wanting to become Lay Servants) Feb. 9 & 16 at Escanaba Central UMC led by Pastors Ryan and Elise.

Advanced Course "Accountable Discipleship" on Feb. 9 & 16 at Newberry UMC led by Rev. Tim Callow.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Questions should be directed to Liane Callow 906-290-2218.

Dear Memorial United Methodist members,

On behalf of the Gladstone Community Christmas Dinner Committee, we would like to thank your congregation for assisting in the Christmas Dinner. Your generous volunteers who set up, prepared food (delicious pies and rolls), served, and cleaned up were very appreciated. The success of the Christmas Dinner is a reflection of the giving attitudes and smiling faces of our volunteers. In addition, thank you for being the host of this beneficial event. Your facilities are perfect!

As a church community, what an awesome opportunity we had to serve others and show God's love through our Christmas Dinner and fellowship! Through our collaborative efforts, we served 485 dinners (eat-in, carry-out, and delivery).

May God continue to bless your congregation!
Sincerely,
Gladstone Community Christmas Dinner Comm.

-- Birthdays --

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| 2/1 Cheryl Stanek | 2/20 Jeffrey Donovan, Jr. |
| 2/3 Bud Clark | 2/21 Paula Maskart |
| Kimberlee Rahmlow | Beverly VanDeVusse |
| 2/6 Katelyn Wyman | 2/22 Carol Borden |
| 2/7 Victor Lyberg | Patsy Waeghe |
| 2/8 David Johnson | 2/24 David Webber |
| 2/9 Gina Buchmiller | 2/25 Dennis Carlyon |
| Megann Hubbard | Adam Konrad |
| Ethan Jensen | 2/26 Betsy Anderson |
| Roberta Johnson | Wayne Large |
| 2/12 Justyn Doucette | Joel Lyberg |
| Amy Gilbert | Joel Nemacheck |
| 2/14 Kelsey DeMarse | Sandra St. John |
| 2/15 Kay Alko | Pamela Thorbahn |
| Geraldine Papas | 2/27 Dennis Harrison |
| 2/16 Rebecca Worth | Christine Jensen |
| 2/17 Nicole Creten | |
| Earl Possi | |
| 2/19 Andrew Jensen | |



Thanks to all for you for making our Christmas Day so special - went with my 2 daughters and granddaughter - something we'll always remember. The food was fantastic. Everyone was so friendly, had a smile on their face and a cheerful greeting. Thank you for caring, for churches getting together. Thank you people for being in my lifetime. ~ Dona LaPorte

To: Memorial United Methodist Church
Thank you for the 33 beautifully made comforters and quilts. Also for the venison. Your generosity helps us help those in need. Sincerely,
All Saints Conf. of St. Vincent de Paul

Life Line Screening will be at Memorial on Thursday, March 21, offering five preventive health screenings. Sign up by calling **1-800-640-6307** and receive a \$10 discount off the package or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** or visit Life Line's website at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.
There are two \$55 coupons on the bulletin board.

Thank you for bringing the venison in from Garden Mini Mart. It is greatly appreciated.
~ St. Vincent de Paul (All Saints Conf.)

Thank you for your generous gift of 242# of food. It is because of people like you that we are able to help those in need.
~ St. Vincent de Paul (All Saints Conf.)

Dear Friends,
As the year draws to a close, I wanted to write and tell you how very grateful we are for your gift. Some days here are long - crowded and hectic, but then an envelope arrives, or we are notified of an online contribution and it bolters our spirits. Is is not only the money that allows us to provide services but the mere mention of your name that reminds us that we are not in this work alone. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for helping to make so many activities possible at Cass.
We are thrilled with the addition of a Freight Farm which allows us to serve fresh produce year-round. We have 6 new tiny homes with solar arrays and have renovated 10 new apartments in the Thomasson Building.
If you would ever like to come down and visit, please don't hesitate to let me know. We are proud of the work you help us to do, and no one communicates it better than the people we serve. Until then, you have our sincere appreciation. ~ Rev. Faith Fowler

The Salvation Army of Escanaba has several volunteer opportunities needing immediate staffing.

Volunteer Receptionist: Greet Guests / Clients

- Volunteers distribute food boxes and answer phones along with other light clerical work.
- Multiples shifts need to be filled Monday - Friday 9am-Noon and 1pm-4pm

Hope for the Day: Salvation Army program in cooperation with Hope at the Inn that provides supportive services to those who find themselves homeless in Delta County.

- Volunteers provide oversight in of the common area: prepare coffee and snacks, assist with coordinating shower and laundry activities along with general support to guests.
- Multiple opportunities November 1st - April 30th, Monday - Friday 8am – Noon

Friendship Kitchen: Provides a friendly location for fellowship and a nutritious meal.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH A GROUP

- Volunteers assist in serving meals, clean up and dish washing.
- Opportunities available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11:45 - 1:00

Contact Salvation Army 786-0590 for details.

Memorial U.M. Church Leadership 2019

Church Council

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| Chair | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | |
| Vice-Chair | Jerry Hampton | |
| Lay Leader | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | |
| Secretary | Lisa Myers (staff) | |
| Education | Connie Ness | |
| Children's Ministries | Connie Ness | |
| Fellowship | | |
| Finance Chair | | |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Gregg (staff) | |
| Membership Care | Sue Lagina & Gail Johnivan | |
| Missions | Ray Young | |
| Staff Parish chairs | <i>Linda Lanasa and Ted Brainard</i> | |
| Trustees chair | Sally Brainard | |
| Worship | Joy Jorgenson | |
| Lay Member to DAC | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | |
| Alternate to DAC | | |
| Youth Reps | Ethan Jensen | |
| Members at Large | | |
| <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| Kathy Young | Willy Mannisto | <i>Larry Kirschner</i> |
| | Tom Butch | <i>Jim Stammer</i> |

Nominations & Lay Leadership Development

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| Chair | Pastor |
| Secretary | |
| Lay Leader | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza |

Members at Large

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| <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| | Virginia Petersen | <i>Lorna Benson</i> |
| | Dorell Kirschner | |

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

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|------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Co-chairs | <i>Linda Lanasa and Ted Brainard</i> | | |
| Secretary | | | |
| Lay Leader | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | | |
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| | Linda Lanasa | Leroux Strom | <i>Gary Johnson</i> |
| | Phil Clark | <i>Jerry Hampton</i> | <i>Mary Bastian</i> |
| | Ted Brainard | <i>Tom Butch</i> | <i>Larry Kirschner</i> |

Education Committee

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Chair | Connie Ness |
| Adult Ministries Rep. | Laurie de la Garza |
| Children's Ministries | Connie Ness |
| Youth Rep. | Teresa Myers |
| Members at Large | Tracy Jensen |
| | Mary Moore |
| | Gail Schell |

Finance Committee

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| Chair | | |
| Treasurer | Lorraine Gregg (staff) | |
| Financial Secretary | Lisa Myers (staff) | |
| Memorial Fund | Virginia Petersen | |
| Stewardship Chair | | |
| Church Council Chair | Laurie de la Garza | |
| Trustees Rep. | Sally Brainard | |
| Staff-Parish Rep. | | |
| Missions | Ray Young | |
| Lay Member to DAC | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | |
| Lay Leader | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | |
| Members at Large | | |
| <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| <i>Berta Johnson</i> | Andy Fase | <i>Dennis Stanek</i> |
| | Dave Nemacheck | |

Jan. 30, 2019

Memorial U.M. Church Leadership 2019

Trustees Committee

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Chair | Sally Brainard | | |
| Lay Leader | Laurie Kaufman de la Garza | | |
| Kitchen Supervisor | Terri Branstrom | | |
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| Al Jensen | Dave Borden | <i>Jan Johnson</i> | |
| Dennis Ness | Sally Brainard | <i>Kathy Young</i> | |
| Larry Kirschner | Ted Brainard | | |

Memorials Committee

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| Chair | Virginia Petersen |
| At Large: | Sally Brainard |
| Trustees Rep: | |

Missions Committee

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| Chairperson | Ray Young |
| Secretary | Kay Shapy |
| Members at Large | Alice Butch Sandy Keeker Al Jensen Chris Jensen Liz Kempfer Joanne Gudwer Jim Boydston |

Fellowship Committee

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| Members | |
| Mary Clark | Dennis Ness |
| Jon Anderson | Connie Ness |
| Betsy Anderson | Lois Boydston |
| Val Johnson | Dave Palo Helen Palo |

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

District Conf. & Board of Missions

Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

Other positions

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| Historian | Nancy Campbell |
| Librarian | |
| Camp Coordinator | |

Membership Care Committee

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| Chairperson | Sue Lagina & Gail Johnivan |
| Membership Secretary | Lettie Houghton |
| Visiting Euch. Coord. | Sue Lagina & Gail Johnivan |
| Sunshine Coordinator | Nancy Campbell |
| Members at Large | Helen Palo Bette DeRoeck Alice Butch Dorell Kirschner Jan Watson |

Worship Committee

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|-------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------------------|
| Chair | Joy Jorgensen | | |
| Acolyte Coordinator | Judy Tochtermann and Sarah Mattonen | | |
| Usher Coordinator | <i>Allison Desotelle</i> | | |
| Greeter Coordinator | | | |
| Organist / Bell Choir | Kathy Young (staff) | | |
| Director of Music | Dave Hagen (staff) | | |
| Altar Design Coord. | Pat Waeghe, Jan Johnson | | |
| Worship Design | Joy Jorgensen, Terri Branstrom, Dave Hagen, Kathy Young, and Pastor. | | |
| Projection, Ex officio | Bill VanDeVusse | | |
| Altar Guild Rep. | Cheryl Stanek | | |
| Members at Large | | | |
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |
| | Terri Branstrom | | <i>Pam Thorbahn</i> |
| | Leroux Strom | | <i>Joyce Rabitoy</i> |
| | Allison Desotelle | | <i>Willy Mannisto</i> |

Altar Guild

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|---------------------|--|
| Chairperson | Roberta Johnson |
| Altar Design | Pat Waeghe, Jan Johnson, Lorna Benson |
| Members | Allison Desotelle Gloria Herod Tracy Jensen Roberta Johnson Liz Kempfer Virginia Petersen Pam Thorbahn |
| | Sue Hampton Barb Hess Gail Johnivan Val Johnson Helen Palo Cheryl Stanek Pat Waeghe |