



# The MESSENGER

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## Pastor's Pondering

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? ~ Isaiah 43:19*

The spring often brings to mind a large black walnut tree that grew in a field near the house we raised our children in. It was a magnificent tree with delicious tasting nuts. The first spring we lived there I thought the black walnut tree must be dead because it was barren while all the other trees had fully emerged leaves. My father secretly hoped the tree was dead so he might have an opportunity to acquire some of its high quality wood for his woodworking. Research revealed that the leaves of black walnut trees appear substantially later in the spring than other trees.

On Easter morning we proclaimed, "Jesus is Risen!" and "Jesus is alive!". We often wear new clothes to worship on Easter, we see the Easter lilies in the sanctuary and flowers appearing all around, but we do not perceive anything new in our lives. I believe God is doing a "new thing" in us by resurrecting parts of our lives that were dead, but we do not perceive it right away. The "new thing" God is doing is like the leaves on the black walnut tree.

The black walnut tree root system consists of a large tap root which goes deep into the earth, along with other shallow roots. In the spring while the tree is still bare the large tap root is intent on extracting water and nutrients from deep in the earth in preparation for nourishing the emergence of the new leaves. When the time is right, the leaves emerge.

In the midst of what appears to be nothing happening in our lives, our part in the process, like the black walnut tap root, is to be intentional about prayer, Bible study, worship, giving, serving and witness. These spiritual disciplines enable us to extract the living water and nourishment of God into our lives to prepare us for the "new thing" God is resurrecting when the time is right.

May you be intentional about engaging in spiritual disciplines during your journey through the coming weeks. May the "new thing" God is resurrecting in your life become a reality in plain sight to you and those around you.

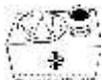
Grace,  
Pastor Tim

*We live to proclaim the love of Jesus*

## Sunday Morning

8:30 First service

10:30 Second service – includes a staffed nursery



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

## Farewell for Pastor Tim and Paula

Sunday, **June 16**, is the date that works best for Pastor Tim and Paula Wright to have the congregation say farewell with an all-church potluck. That Sunday is also Father's Day. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and the June newsletter.

## **Native American Ministries Sunday**

*Did you know that more than 20,000 Native American people are part of The United Methodist Church? On **May 5**, we will celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. We will receive a special offering that directly supports Native American congregations and enables them to authentically minister with their communities while honoring creative expressions of culture and heritage. The offering also provides scholarships for Native American seminary students.*

*Through our denominational connection and with our offering, we live out our commitment to repentance, healing, forgiveness and love. I encourage you to give generously on May 5.*

## **Healing Service – Sunday, May 12**

The focus of our worship at both services on Sunday 5/12 will be on the power of Jesus to heal. There will be an opportunity at the end of the worship to receive healing prayer. I'm looking forward to witnessing Christ's healing power. ~ Pastor Tim

## **“Blanket Sunday” -- May 12**

Every Mother’s Day, we have the opportunity for people to give money to provide comforting blankets and the small tools necessary to begin rebuilding lives shattered by disasters and violence.

## **“Camp Sunday” -- May 19**

Come to worship dressed in your camp clothes, and be ready to sing some of your church camp favorites. May 19<sup>th</sup> worship will “wet your appetite” for the wonderful opportunities being offered at Camp Michigamme. Please see the full list on p. 8.

**The Service Guild** is on break until fall. Their next meeting will be Sept. 11.

## **Cinnamon Roll Sale – May 5**

Remember to buy your freshly baked and frosted cinnamon rolls after either service on Sunday, May 5. Profits will help send our youth to “Youth 2019” in Kansas City, MO, this summer.

## **Youth Events**

**Cinnamon Roll Sale** on Sunday, May 5.

**MARSP Dinner** Youth are needed to set up and do prep cooking on Monday, May 6, at 5PM. Parents and others are need Tuesday, May 7, 9AM – 2PM.

**“Movie Night”** on May 18 at 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!

**Brat & Burger Sale** on Sunday, June 9.

“Youth Sunday” the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Help with **Vacation Bible School** July 15-19 (Monday – Friday 5PM – 8PM)

**“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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## **Rummage Sale**

We need people to:

- Set up the rummage sale  
Thursday morning, May 2
- Bring baked goods on Thursday or Friday morning
- Work a 2-hour shift at the rummage sale
  - Thurs., May 2 2:00 – 7:00
  - Fri., May 3 8:30 – 2:00
  - Sat., May 4 8:30 – 11:00
- Pack things up Sunday after church. (There is no Men’s Breakfast.)

**The MARSP dinner** profits this year will be split evenly between the church's General fund and the Youth 2019 trip.

The Youth and several adult helpers have Monday evening set-up and prep cooking covered, but we are **still in need of adult help on Tuesday, May 7, any time from 9AM – 2PM (esp. cooking and serving).**

### **New Baby**

Tim and Rebecca Worth have a beautiful baby boy, born on April 12, 8 weeks early. Benjamin Alexander was 3 lb 12 oz & 17 inches, but is doing miraculously well. Thank you for all the prayers! Their address is 403 South 7<sup>th</sup> St., Escanaba.

### **Freshly Painted Sanctuary**

Have you noticed how bright the sanctuary is? Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have a freshly painted sanctuary. ~ Trustees

**NO TAPE OR ADHESIVES** on any of the walls starting immediately. As the walls are being freshly painted, no tape of any kind or sticky adhesives can be used to hang posters, information, or decorations. This is for every wall in the church — plaster and brick. Years of hanging things on the wall and then removing them is pulling off the paint and sometimes the plaster or is leaving a grease mark.

Please use the bulletin boards in classrooms & narthex and the strips in the hallways. If you must hang things other than those places, contact the Trustees, and they may be able to help you by installing a strip.

It is an added expense to repair the plaster or extreme cleaning treatments before painting, and obviously we want the freshly painted walls to look nice for a long time. Please **DO NOT** hang anything on the walls. **THANK YOU.**

**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.

### **Prayer List**

Family of Bryan Blixt	Larry Kirschner
Family of Joe Pepin	Joan Cook
Family of Lynn Rosemurgy	Pat Rudenberg
Family of Brian Nicholas	Lois Cady
Family of Maxine Person	Pam Thorbahn
Family of Bob Moran	Andy Fase
Family of Norm Thivierge	Phil Lanaville
Family of Francis Bellant	Eric Nye
Family of Annie Paulson Dalgard	
Tim, Rebecca, and Benjamin Worth	
The Stumpf family in Rapid River	
Nancy Harger and Scott Eckert	Jill Deno
Vernon Kirschner family	Char Denome
Kathy Kirschner-View	Alice Roberts
Adam Kirschner	Em Vetter
Abram Johnson	Scott Vallier
Lendri Marks and family	Patti Johnson
Heather Lynn Plimpton	Stephen Strom
Randy Constantino	Earl LaCount
Rachel Pryor Darrison	People of Sri Lanka
Sharon Martin	Mississippi tornado
Hank Miller	Sherry MacFarlane
Ben Dyer	Jerry Havill
Greg Anderson	Wayne Waeghe
Newborn Owen Moore	Bernie Harris
Marlene Thurber	Allie
Kristee Arndt	Julie Backlund
Bud Baltic	Barb
Donna Becker	Rebecca Benson
Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor	Chloe Borish
Shelby Jean Boris	Tom Butch
Jim & Lois Boydston	Nancy Campbell
Ginger Clairmont	Dan
Chris & Kim Diamond	John Gudwer
John Hansen	Caroline Hart
Walt and Lettie Houghton	Mary Ann Heubler
Callan Hughes	Alice Jensen
Karen Johnson	Chris Jensen
Katy and Brian	Tom Jensen
Marcy Makosky	Krissy
John Marchak	Krista
Rebecca Marchak	Billie Marmalick
David Martin's family	Larry Martin
Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey	
Bev Regts	Tammy Reser
Christine Stephens	Anna Vanderwal
Marianne Watson Milkowski	Dorothy Wagner
Tom Watson of Seattle	Kenny Wilson
Dennis and Doreen Summach	Ethan Winling

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Acolytes:** Reese Buckley and Kole Desotelle

**Altar Guild:** Liz Kempher and Cheryl Stanek

**Coffee:**

May 5 Youth

May 19

May 26 Dennis and Cheryl Stanek

**Communion Servers:** Nault family

**Counters:**

May 5 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle

May 12 Chris Morrow and Sharon Block

May 19 Nancy Peterson and Susan Lagina

May 26 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

**8:30 Greeters:**

May 5 Sarah and Teresa Myers

May 12 Al and Chris Jensen

May 19 Lettie Houghton and Eileen Collins

May 26

**10:30 Greeters:**

May 5 Pat Waeghe

May 12 Nault family

May 19 youth

May 26

**Liturgists:**

May 5 Kole Desotelle

May 12 Kole Desotelle

May 19 youth

May 26 Willy Mannisto

**Muffins:**

May 5 Cinnamon Roll Sale

May 19 Nancy Campbell

May 26 Dennis and Cheryl Stanek

**Pianists at 8:30**

May 5 Deborah Hubbard

May 12 Joy Large

May 19 Deborah Hubbard

May 26 Kathy Young

**Readers:**

May 5 Lorna Benson

May 12 Leslie Nault

May 19 youth

May 26 Kathy Young

**Ushers:** John and Melissa Ettenhofer

**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.

Dear Members of Memorial United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Care Free Dental Clinic. Your gift enables us to continue our mission to provide dental care for those in need in Delta County.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mary Uelman, President  
Care Free Dental Clinic



5/2 Jason Johnivan	5/16 Denise Gauthier
5/3 Cassandra Stock	Justin Johnivan
5/4 Gary Johnson	Ashlee LaPlant
Jeffrey Robinson	Michael LaVigne
5/6 Kathi Hoehn	Linda Viau
5/7 Katelyn Demarse	5/20 Bernard Erickson
Tina Doucette	Heather Hoehn
Carolyn Morrow	Lloyd Lessard
5/9 Camryn Buckley	5/21 Lois Boydston
Matthew Casey	5/23 Elijah Balenger
5/11 Scarlett Kuhlman	Michael Keecker
5/13 James Moore	Cassandra LaMarche
Gail Schell	5/26 William Gilbert
5/15 Susan Hampton	5/27 Pat Clark
	5/28 Ted Brainard
	5/31 Easton LaVigne

To the congregation of Memorial United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your kindness in welcoming us when we officially became members!! We appreciate it very much. Your support is so appreciated.

God Bless You All.

Marv and Pat Sodermark

## **Camp Michigamme**

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, is the first big work bee / clean up -- plus the groundbreaking for the new Agape Wigwam building. The following weekend (May 17-19) is a Work Bee Weekend. All ages and abilities of workers will be kept busy, and food will be supplied at both work bees.

Also, our own Gladstone Cabin needs a new roof, and we keep hoping we can get a work bee before mid-June to do that. We have money to pay for the roof, but we need workers - or more money to hire it done if we can't get workers (before our roof falls in).

Memorial Church has its own camp scholarship fund to help our campers go to church camp. You can donate to this at any time by clearly marking your gift "camp scholarships".

We desperately need volunteers to be camp counselors (we cannot afford to pay for our counselors). This takes 6 days out of a person's life to be at camp for a fantastic experience.

Camp Michigamme is a great tool to build our congregations. Children and adults who attend camp get fired up and become very active and dedicated Christians after their great camp experiences. There is something very Special at this wonderful piece of God's country that puts a person of any age right in touch with God in a powerful way!

If you have questions, Pat Waeghe is the best person to talk to.

## **Memorial's Someone Special**

Every Wednesday morning from 9 – 12, eight ladies come and share their many different talents making quilts. Great Christian fellowship, lots of sharing and good laughs abound. This year alone they have made and donated 148 quilts!!!! They have shared their quilts with the Salvation Army for Christmas baskets, the Tri-County Safe Harbor, and the Children's Advocacy Center. In addition, several were given locally to meet an urgent need. The goal of the group is to "warm the body and the soul!"

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend when they start up again in late summer. (Their last day for this season is May 8.) If your calling is to help this group by helping them get the materials needed to make these wonderful quilts, contact Leroux Strom or Dorell Kirschner. Monies can be used at any time, and those can be earmarked "Wednesday Quilting" on your check or envelope.

What a mission, what a statement made out in our community. Memorial, you are someplace special!

## **From the Finance Committee**

The first part of 2019 has been unusual; attendance at church has been lower than in the past -- some of that caused by the unusual amount of snow and cold weather. Sunday offerings have been low on the first Sundays. In the past, the "first Sunday offering" was the biggest; that offering always gave a cushion for the remainder of the month, but the bottom time is that money is tight.

Now that spring has officially arrived, the hope is that people will get back into their regular routines, making church attendance a priority to start their week. The obvious solution to church financial problems is that when people are attending church the monies come in.

Thank you to all the "snowbirds" who used the electronic giving or sent their pledges in. With that amount plus the monies received each Sunday, we were able to make payroll & payroll taxes and pay all expenses except apportionments.

Here is the challenge: The big utility bills and snowplowing are now behind us, so let us regenerate like plants are doing in this season of spring — blossom with the Memorial spirit -- and once again get back on track and be the "Spotlight Church" we have been for the past several years. We have the time to do this. Those of you who are not attending, we miss you. If possible, catch up on your pledges and givings. Memorial has a lot to offer!

This question was asked: How can we be doing improvements to the building when we have no monies for apportionments? The answer: Any money designated to the building fund HAS to be used for that purpose. It cannot go into the general fund nor can we borrow it for general fund. Many people have pledged and/or give to the building fund regularly, and those monies are being used to do the improvements.

We have been blessed with a gift of money to have the sanctuary painted. The donor wishes to see a fresh coat of paint on the walls and looking clean and new again. THANK YOU for your generous gift.

## Grief Groups

OSF Hospice offers two types of opportunities to grieving families:

- a Grief Group which meets the second Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 at Central UMC in Escanaba
- a Grief Luncheon at Drifter's Restaurant at 11:30 on May 15, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Dec. 18.

The UP Health System Hospice offers a bereavement support group on the last Thursday of every month from 4 to 5:30 at St. Thomas Church.

All of these opportunities are open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. More information is on the bulletin board.



### Easter Flowers given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

- Mary & Jay Osterberg - - - - - from Kay Shapy
- Parents Irvin & Lydia MacKenzie, Walt & Mary Houghton  
- - - - from Walt & Lettie Houghton
- Cindy Stock - - - - - from The Frizzell family
- Karl Warm - - - - - from Connie & Dennis Ness
- Mark & Jean Snyder - - - - - from Connie & Dennis Ness
- Roy Ness - - - - - from Connie & Dennis Ness
- Jack Jorgensen - - - - - from Joy Jorgensen and family
- Jim & Chris Walker  
- - from Mike, Susan, Courtney, Isaac Lagina; Katy & Brian Galvin
- Stewart & Marilyn Harger - - - - - from Deb & Jim Hubbard and family

### Easter Flowers given to the Glory of God in Honor of:

- Our Grandchildren and families - - - - - from Dave & Berta Johnson
- Warren & MaryAnn Hubbard - - - - - from Deb & Jim Hubbard and family



**MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SCRAP METAL DRIVE    MAY 3 - 19**

Below is a list of all material that is acceptable for the scrap metal roll off box

*\*We will accept all metal items both Ferrous & Non-Ferrous\**

**Ferrous Metal: Any metal that is magnetic (i.e. made of iron/steel)**

**Non-Ferrous Metal: Any non-magnetic metal (i.e. Copper, Aluminum, Brass, etc.)**

**Acceptable Ferrous Items Include:**

- Stoves, Dryers, Appliances, etc.
- Lawn equipment (lawn mowers, snowblowers, tillers)
- Metal piping, sheet metal, siding
- Car parts (i.e. rotors/springs/doors)
- Filing cabinets, metal desks
- Steel doors, garage doors, & metal tracks

**Acceptable Non-Ferrous Items Include:**

- Copper piping/fixtures
- Brass doorknobs/household items
- Air fittings
- Aluminum
  - o Cast
  - o Extruded
  - o Sheet
  - o Soffit & Fascia
- Bronze
- Strings of Christmas lights

**ITEMS WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

- Garbage
- Sealed containers (must have all fittings removed)
  - o Air compressors, refrigeration condensers, pressurized cylinders, fuel/oil tanks
- Misc. items that are mostly wood or composite material
- Any poisonous or hazardous items
- Biological waste

***There will be a bin near the garage May 3 – 19 to place your scrap metal in.  
This will help us de-junk our houses & yards and will earn money for Memorial.***

## Camp Michigamme

The Church Camp season is quickly approaching. Please get your camp reservations in early. Deposits can be done online or mailed in.

Families are welcome for work bees as children can pick up sticks and help move debris. Meals are provided - we just need a count ahead of time. Youth groups are also welcome! Overnight stays are possible.

There are fundraising brochures out on the table by the front door showing the needs for our wonderful NEW 2 story Building to be built this summer at Camp Michigamme. These are a brown brochure and they list items desperately needed to complete this building. The building is being built and closed in by a construction crew, but volunteers are needed in May and June to complete it.

Also, our own Gladstone Cabin NEEDS a new roof this year (before we lose it). We do have funds for the materials, but we would need helpers for a work bee, or more funds donated to hire professionals to do it.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Camp Session</b>	<b>Grades/Ages</b>	<b>Rates</b>
May 11	The BIG Clean Day	All ages (no childcare provided)	FREE
May 17-19	Work Bee Weekend	All ages (no childcare provided)	FREE
May 20-21	SOLO Wilderness First Aid	18+	\$250
June 3-5 and 8	American Red Cross Lifeguard Training	16+	\$200
June 12-15	Mission Experience Camp	Grade 6 – adult	\$175
June 15	Camp Michigamme Day	All ages welcome	FREE for EVERYONE
June 16-22	Senior High Camp	Grades 10-12	\$350
June 23-29	Science Explorations Camp	Grades 7-12	\$350
June 23-29	Northern Skies District CASS Service Trip	Grade 6 and up	\$TBA
June 30 - July 1	Teddy Bear Camp	Ages 4-grade 2 with an adult	\$75 adult, \$50 child
July 1-3	Michigamme Survivor	Grades 7-adult	\$175
July 7-12	Soccer Camp	Grades 4-8	\$335
July 9-12	Mini Elementary Camp	Grades 3-6	\$250
July 13-20	Summer Games Leadership Development	Grades 11-College	\$320
July 14-19	Summer Games	Grades 4-10	\$335
July 21-27	Junior High Camp	Grades 7-9	\$350
July 28-Aug. 3	Elementary Camp	Grades 4-6	\$350
August 1-3	P.R.A.Y. The Good Book	Grades 1-5	\$175
August 4-8	Family Camp	All (<4 yr free)	\$75/person
August 8-11	Harmony Retreat	Adult Women	\$295-\$325*
August 12-15	Quilt Retreat I	Adults	\$200
August 15-18	Quilt Retreat II	Adults	\$200
August 23-25	Scrapbook Retreat	Adult Women	\$175
Sept. 12-15	Emmaus Walk Men	Adult Men	Inquire
Sept. 19-22	Emmaus Walk Women	Adult Women	Inquire
Sept. 28-29	Fall Family Retreat	All	\$75 per independent youth, special family rates inquire