



The MESSENGER

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Pastor's Pondering

"Now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace, which is able to build you up and give you everything you could possibly need in this community of holy friends." Acts 20:32

We have been journeying together for the past year. Yet, it is hard to imagine who I have become in Christ apart from our shared journey: joyous times of worship, searching discussions, collaborative ministry, grief at the loss of loved ones, shared meals, freeing laughter and so much more - always together as a community of Jesus followers.

Soon, our steps will diverge down different paths. For me to say I will miss you falls far short of describing the grief I have already begun experiencing. It has been amazing how God has built us up in his grace during our journey together. This does not alleviate the grief but strengthens my faith in the midst of the grief.

I share the above words from the book of Acts with you. At the same time, I hear these same words shared from you to me. As our paths diverge I have great peace in knowing that the journeys each of us are on is embraced in God's grace filled love.

So I do not say "goodbye", but "when we meet again". Because, whether it is on earth or in heaven we will meet again when God has our paths cross in the future.

When we meet again,
Pastor Tim

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Sunday Morning

9:30 Worship – includes a staffed nursery



Communion this month will be on June 16th.

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.

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, June 27**

Peace With Justice Sunday – June 23

Our special gifts to the Peace with Justice offering equip the church to fulfill God's call for us to proclaim the good news to the poor, to care for the widows, orphans and for the least of these. It is work that requires strength, patience and endurance. It is work that we must continue to do together, empowered by the Holy Spirit and among the gathered community of saints.

Summer Music

If you would like to provide vocal or instrumental music one Sunday this summer, please sign up on the bulletin board. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

July 15 - 19 5PM – 8PM Monday - Friday

This year's theme is "TO MARS AND BEYOND".

Many of our dedicated leaders have volunteered to help with the program this year. We have leaders for meals, assembly, music, crafts, science, recreation, storytime, and decoration. We do need lots of support in any of these areas.

Also, we would like to have a float in the 4th of July parade and need a task force for that project. It's great to see our congregation get behind this every year and be involved in this community event.

Mark your calendars. Invite neighbors, kids, and grandkids. Volunteer and join in the excitement. Call Lisa in the church office or talk with Connie Ness 280-7558 if you have questions or ideas.

*We are having a **planning meeting** for VBS and the float right after worship on **Sunday, June 9th**.*

We look forward to hearing your input.

Funeral Dinners

One of the gifts this church provides to grieving families is a meal after the funeral service. This is an important time of sharing memories. If you would be interested in donating your time to work in the kitchen once or twice or maybe 3 times a year, please check the box below.

Yes, I can volunteer in the kitchen for a funeral.

If you know your way around Memorial's kitchen and would feel comfortable heading up a funeral meal (being a Funeral Committee Co-ordinator), please check the box below.

Yes, I could co-coordinate one of the three funeral committees with someone else.

Please neatly print your name and send to the church office ... or email the church at mumc@gladstonechurch.org.

Youth Events

"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.

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.

Our High School Graduates

On Sunday, June 2, we celebrated the graduation of **Katherine Juhola** from Gwinn High School and **Elijah Balenger** and **Eric Leonoff** from Gladstone High School. Congratulations, Graduates! May God be with you in your future endeavors!



Church Yard Cleaned Up!

On Saturday, May 25th, the Gladstone Cub Scout Pack raked, picked up sticks, hauled away leaves, and even mowed the entire church lawn. It looks great! They did this to thank us for letting them use our building for their Pinewood Derby, Blue & Gold Banquet, and Cub Olympics.



Coffee Donated

At the worship service on June 2, Nancy Campbell donated **10 Cans of Coffee** in memory of her late husband Willard, who went home to the Lord 10 years ago on June 2nd. Willard and Nancy frequently made coffee for coffee hour so that people could enjoy warm fellowship after worship.

Fringes on Blankets If you would like to help put fringes on blankets for the Veterans' Honor Flight, a group of ladies will be doing that at Memorial on Wednesday, June 5, at 9:30AM.

Yarn Needed The knitters have finished for the summer but will need more yarn when they start up again in August or September. Donations can be placed in the Grapevine Room any time.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Altar Guild: Gloria Herod and Gail Johnivan

Coffee:

June 9
June 23
June 30

Communion Servers:

Counters:

June 2 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle
June 9 Nancy Peterson and Virginia Petersen
June 16 Nancy Peterson and Barb Hess
June 23 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block
June 30 Chris Morrow and Susan Lagina

10:30 Greeters:

June 2 Wilma Vanderdonck
June 9 Mary Hagen
June 16 youth
June 23 Barb Hess
June 30 Barb Hess

Liturgists:

June 2 Kole Desotelle
June 9
June 16 youth
June 23
June 30

Muffins:

June 9
June 16 Potluck
June 23 Diane Bishop
June 30

Readers:

June 2 Alice Butch
June 9 Kole Desotelle
June 16 youth
June 23 Willy Mannisto
June 30 Lorna Benson

Ushers: Gary and Jan Johnson

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

Dave Nemacheck	Family of Gerry Papas
Declan Fase	Family of Joan Cook
Carol Prins	The Wright family
Wanda Breault	Family of George Heeman
Evelyn Anderson	Amanda Eller
Abram Johnson	Emma Mills
Marvin Schuman	Heather Lynn Plimpton
Lendri Marks	Scott Vallier
Allie	Kristee Arndt
Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Barb	Donna Becker
Baby Bennett	Shelby Jean Boris
Rebecca Benson	Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
Chloe Borish	Jim & Lois Boydston
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell
Ginger Clairmont	Dan
Debbie Dehlin	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	Larry Kirschner
Krissy	Krista
Marcy Makosky	John Marchak
Billie Marmalick	Rebecca Marchak
Larry Martin	David Martin's family
Bev Regts	Heather Lynn Plimpton
Tammy Reser	Pat Rudenberg
Anna Vanderwal	Dorothy Wagner
Kenny Wilson	Ethan Winling
Tom Watson of Seattle	
Marianne Watson Milkowski	
Dennis and Doreen Summach	
Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey	
Those who struggle with mental illness and suicidal thoughts.	

6/3 Bonnie Oshe

6/4 Paige Stammer

6/6 Barbara Hess

6/9 Landon Stammer

6/10 Kay Shapy

6/12 Jeanne Johnson

Finley Stevens

6/13 Eileen Collins

6/17 Joy Large

6/18 Emily Jensen



6/19 Thomas Jensen

6/23 William Morrow

6/24 Emma Bowden

6/26 Connie Ness

Krista Warm

6/29 Jon Anderson

Abbygail de la Garza

Someone Special in Memorial

A group of ladies meet every Wednesday morning in the GrapeVine Room to share their talents of knitting, crocheting, card making and more. As a group they have made nineteen lap blankets, baby hats for Shaken Baby Syndrome, 12 afghans for Foster Children's Closet, and quilled greeting cards to be sold for the general fund. Crocheted hats for the Gladstone school children and the Fall Extravaganza, Christmas Cookies Bake/ Craft Sale and the Cancer Society were also made.

If their donations as a group aren't impressive, individuals from the group have created aprons, potholders, wooden switch plate covers, quilts, knitted ponchos, children blanket/toy, ornaments, dog treats and baby sweater and hat sets.

The group does not meet in the summer month but will again meet in the fall. Keep your eyes open to the Fall Schedule when this group will be meeting and join them for good fellowship and working to support Memorial United Methodist Church. Thank you ladies for all you have donated to church and the community and sharing your time in fellowship together. Another group that makes Memorial a special place to worship!

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.

The Scrap Metal drive brought us \$176.80. Thank you, Jim Stammer, for coordinating this. We also thank all who donated scrap metal.

Emily Jensen

On May 4, 2019, Emily Jensen graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Central Michigan University, earning a bachelor's degree in Child Development. She is the daughter of David and Kristine Jensen, and the granddaughter of David and Helen Palo.

She received the following special awards for her achievements as a student in the Honor's Program: Robert Newby Award to Support Student Diversity Efforts, Provost Award for Undergraduate Research, and the Outstanding Senior Project from the Honor's Program.

She is starting employment as a preschool teacher in Lansing. She will be furthering her education by seeking a master's degree in Human Development and Family Studies.

She expresses her gratitude for the support of our church and congregation, and especially for the "care packages" she received from Membership Care during exam weeks.

Our Rummage Sale raised \$808.55, and money is still trickling in. This money all goes to the General Fund.

MARSP Report

Received \$1,080 from MARSP plus \$20 for selling left-over ingredients.

Expenses were \$344, leaving a \$756 profit, which was to be split evenly between the Youth Trip and the General Fund . . . so \$378 to each. In addition, \$43 of the reimbursement was donated back to the youth, resulting in the youth receiving a total of \$421.

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 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.



Did you know that our district owns a camp on beautiful Lake Michigamme and that Gladstone Memorial UMC has its very own cabin? Furthermore, Memorial UMC has scholarships to help you attend these camps. See the flyers scattered around the narthex, and call the church office if you are interested in going to a camp.

June 12-15	Mission Experience Camp	
	Grade 6 – adult	\$175
June 15	Camp Michigamme Day	
	All ages welcome	FREE
June 16-22	Senior High Camp	
	Grades 10-12	\$350
June 23-29	Science Explorations Camp	
	Grades 7-12	\$350
June 23-29	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



Memorial United Methodist Church,
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Gladstone would like to thank you for your continued support of 127# of food. Your generosity helps us help our neighbors in need.
Donna Spiertzner
Sec. of All Saints Conf.



**AUGUST 8 -11, 2019
CAMP MICHIGAMME
HARMONY RETREAT**

Health and Wellness Camp

Join us to experience true harmony through practical activities and lessons that address physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Be inspired to create, develop, and nurture a healthy lifestyle. This weekend will promote health and joy in your life as well as relax and refresh your mind, body and spirit.



COST \$325

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SPECIAL LECTURES ON NUTRITION AND INTEGRATIVE WELLNESS

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HIKING, KAYAKING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

HEALTHY AND TASTY FOOD AND FUN

REGISTER AT WWW.CAMPMICHIGAMME.ORG

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← The flyer to the left is about “Harmony Camp,” an opportunity just for adults to enhance their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. For more information, talk to Pat Waeghe

The sign-up sheet below and the letter on the next page are about “Mission of Hope” on Aug. 24. Over 25 local churches are already on board with this incredible community outreach. It’s being called a “one church” event, meaning that all churches are working together as one to impact the community in a powerful and positive way.

Mini invitation cards are on the bulletin board for you to take and give to someone in Delta County who needs to feel the love of Christ through a human being.

Please consider volunteering time (form below) or donating diapers (letter on next page). Most importantly, invite ... invite ... invite.

**VOLUNTEER FORMS
THANK YOU FOR
HELPING TO BRING
HOPE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
SATURDAY AUGUST 24
AT THE U.P. STATE
FAIRGROUNDS**



I would like to volunteer in the following area(s)

- Undetermined Arrangements / Logistics
- Books / Literacy Health Organizations
- Kids Zone Food Services (Lunch)
- Groceries Guest Services
- Haircuts./ Beauty Kids Zone
- Marketing Photography
- Shoe Distribution Security

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE # _____ TEXT Y N T-SHIRT SZ _____

I have a specific skill set that may help: (i.e. Nurse, Electrician) _____



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May 6, 2019

Hello Colleagues,

My name is Pr. Dennis Meyette, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Escanaba, Mi. I am writing to invite you to participate in the Mission of Hope One Church event on August 24. Immanuel is coordinating a Diaper Drive in an effort to collect and hand out diapers to families in need in our community. If you are not aware, families with children below the poverty line account for 34% of the population of Delta County, and nearly 30% of those families are single parent families. If you haven't purchased diapers in a while you will discover diapers are quite expensive especially when you must buy a supply of them. Our vision is to help families by providing them with diapers for their small children.

The Mission of Hope vision and mission is to help individuals, families, men, women, and children of need with basic services... and one of those is to help provide diapers to moms and dads with small children.

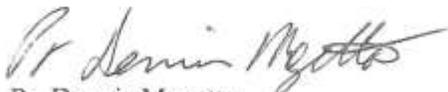


This is where you can help, by collecting diapers of all sizes, from Infant to Toddler so we can provide parents in our community with a much-needed help in this area of life. Rather than parents spending money on diapers we can help stretch their dollars further so they can provide for other needs. **Sandy Sovey** is our Diaper Coordinator; she can be reached at **906-553-8329**. She as well as I can answer any questions you may have.

We are asking your congregation to help us collect diapers for our families in need with our goal to collect **3000 packages of Diapers**... we hope you can help us in this effort by holding a diaper drive in your congregation **between June 1 and August 10**. Immanuel Lutheran, Escanaba will be the collection and drop off site with **August 10 being the last day to drop off diapers**. **Drop Off times are 9-12am Monday – Friday**.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I hope your congregation can help by collecting as many diapers as possible for this worthy cause. Our efforts in the Mission of Hope Event is to impact people's lives with the love and grace of God. You can help by partnering with us to provide families with diapers for their children.

Thank You, we look forward to your partnership and Blessings for a GREAT day.


Pr. Dennis Meyette


Sandy Sovey
Diaper Coordinator