



The MESSENGER

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Pastor's Ponderings



We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people—

Colossians 1:3-4

Thank you for all you've already done! I am so grateful for the ways in which the leadership and staff of Gladstone Memorial UMC have already been preparing the way to welcome me into your midst. I am excited to be moving in on July 16 and beginning to meet more of you.

Even more, I am grateful for the faithfulness you've shown through these days of transition, in saying farewell to Pastor Tim and Paula, in continuing your many ministries and worship, and in caring for one another and for the community.

And, I am grateful for the long history of your congregation's ministry in Gladstone and beyond. I am excited to learn more about who you are, where you've come from, and where we are going to go together. I hope you too are energized, as I am, by the prospect of discovering together God's next faithful step for Gladstone Memorial UMC.

Thank you for all you've already done! Thank God for this opportunity to join together on our journey.

See you soon,
Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Starting July 16, you can reach me:
Call or text: 734-646-6922
Email: pastor@gladstonechurch.org

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Sunday Morning

9:30 Worship – includes a staffed nursery

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Summer Music

If God has blessed you with the ability to sing or play a musical instrument, please share your gift with the congregation this summer. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.



Welcome Pastor Cathy Rafferty

Please join us in celebrating the addition of Pastor Cathy Rafferty to the Memorial United Methodist Church Family on July 21st, her first day in the pulpit. We will again, like good Methodists, be feasting! Clip boards will circulate for two Sundays prior with opportunities to put together a Nacho Bar, salads, and pies for dessert. We will also be looking for volunteer cooks to supply evening meals for 'move-in' week beginning Tuesday, July 16th through Saturday the 20th. Pastor Rafferty said she and her mother eat simple meals and have no food allergies or intolerances. I know more than a few good cooks at MUMC!

Mission of the Year

Every year our district selects one project within the district that we all then support. By working together, small churches that maybe could not otherwise afford a much-needed project are able to do so. This is part of how we, as United Methodists, are involved in connectional ministry.

This year's mission is First U.M.C. in Iron Mountain. Please watch for flyers and envelopes in the July 28th bulletin and on the table by the front entrance.

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 again to help with the program this year. Positions that are still open are

- Craft Assistant
- Drama Participants
- Guides (lead classes around)

Mark your calendars. Invite neighbors, kids, and grandkids. Volunteer and join in the excitement. Call Lisa in the church office or Connie Ness 280-7558.

If you have any of the following items, please bring them to church now.

- 2 strings of colored lights
- 1 Noise-cancelling headphones
- A blue or bluish green ball or earth globe about 4½ inch diameter
- 2 balls significantly larger than 10 inch diameter

“Meet Up and Eat Up”

Gladstone Schools are serving free lunch to children 18 and under at the Jones School Cafeteria on 10th St. 11:45 – 12:30 every Monday – Thursday from July 10 through August 23.

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.

Note from Virginia

Isn't it wonderful to come to church and have a beautiful building, know that needs are being taken care of, have a staff of wonderful people and most importantly hear and learn more and take it back into the community? This is all because of YOU people who faithfully give each Sunday. Without your support and commitment this would not happen. As we enjoy the warmer weather and the kids are out of school and we are apt to be on vacation, please remember to continue the support the church has relied on. THANK YOU.

~ Virginia Petersen

Memorial Fund Report

Two memorials have been received this past month. One was for **Joan Cook**, who so faithfully attended church with her family. The other was for **Gerry Papas**, who also attended with her daughters Judy Tochterman and Joanne Hill. Both of these fine ladies were great stewards of the church. Our thoughts and prayers go out to both of these families.

~ Virginia Petersen

Semi-Annual Giving Statements will be in the narthex by July 2nd. Please take yours.

Birth

We rejoice with Courtney Lagina on the birth of her beautiful daughter, Petra, on Friday, June 7.

Baptism in Church

On Sunday, June 16, the congregation witnessed and participated in the baptism of **Carson John Casey**, son of Melissa Casey, grandson of Russ & Tina Casey. The sponsor was Melissa's brother Matthew.

Lakeshore Baptism



*In mid-June, Pastor Tim baptized Lettie Houghton's great-grandson, **Shepard Gaudino**, seen below and Shepard's dad, **Gabriel Gaudino**, seen above holding his son Shepard. The weather was perfect for this Lake Michigan baptism!*



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: Elizabeth Kempher and Susan Hampton

Coffee:

July 7 Gary and Jan Johnson
July 14 Dave and Carol Borden
July 21
July 28

Communion Servers: Dave and Peggy Lewis, Teresa Myers

Counters:

July 7 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle
July 14 Chris Morrow and Barb Hess
July 21 Nancy Peterson and Barb Hess
July 28 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle

Greeters:

July 7 Lorna Benson
July 14 Marv and Pat Sodermark
July 21 youth
July 28 Wilma Vanderdonck

Liturgists:

July 7 Wilma Vanderdonck
July 14 Kole Destotelle
July 21 youth
July 28

Muffins:

July 7 Diane Bishop
July 14 Dave and Carol Borden
July 21 Val Johnson
July 28

Projection:

July 7 Gary Johnson
July 14 Gary Johnson
July 21 Dennis Ness
July 28

Readers:

July 7 Pam Thorbahn
July 14 Alice Butch
July 21 youth
July 28 Kole Desotelle

Ushers:

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 Pat Rudenberg	Anna Vanderwal
Family of Hazel Carlyon	Phil Petersen
Abram Johnson and his family	Brittany Paquin
Doug Hollingsworth	Rose
Benjamin Worth	Hannah Seifert
Heather Jarvis	Butch Musial
Rikki Rouse	Jon Lohrbach
Allie	Kristee Arndt
Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Barb	Donna Becker
Baby Bennett	Rebecca Benson
Shelby Jean Boris	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	Chris Jensen
Tom Jensen	Karen Johnson
Katy and Brian	Larry Kirschner
Krissy	Krista
Tom and Molly Kurtis	Jon Lohrbach
Marcy Makosky	John Marchak
Rebecca Marchak	Billie Marmalick
David Martin's family	Larry Martin
Bev Regts	Tammy Reser
Dorothy Wagner	Kenny Wilson
Ethan Winling	Heather Lynn Plimpton
Tom Watson of Seattle	
Marianne Watson Milkowski	
Dennis and Doreen Summach	
Mason Robitaille and mom Bailey	

“Youth 2019” -- Seven youth from this congregation are going to the National Youth Conference “Youth 2019” in Kansas City, MO. They are Ethan Jensen, Allie Livingston, Sarah Myers, Teresa Myers, Abbigail Skjolaas, Ally St. Aubin, and Amy St. Aubin. They thank you for your donations and support of their fundraisers. To show their gratitude, they will be pulling weeds from in front of the church after worship on June 30.

Thank you for your generous monetary gift and the gift of a beautiful wood bowl created by Ted Brainard. ~ Pastor Tim and Paula

Trustees Report

Happy July and August!

Your Trustees would like to report that a lot has been going on.

The Sanctuary has been painted. “Thank you” to the person or persons who so graciously donated the funds to cover this. It is fresh and bright. Hurray.

The kitchen is now finished! The appliances were removed, a new floor installed, and cracked tiles replaced in the narthex area. It was professionally cleaned and painted. The old ceiling tiles were removed and replaced with bright new ones, and appliances were scrubbed and installed. Hurray!

The faucets have been repaired and one replaced and the fan over the stove has been cleaned. New bulbs over the stove have been installed. Please use the fan when using the ovens and stove. (The switch is behind the large coffee pots.)

New lights were installed in the drive-thru portico. They are perfect for that area.

We have ended our lease for the parsonage rental. To better accommodate the needs of our new pastor, we are renting a condo that is located next to the church. It is a beautiful one floor – one of the four located at the McDonald’s end.

Many “thank you’s” are given to:
Jan Johnson – Right Hand Organizer and Worker
Gary Johnson & Ted Brainard – ceiling tile removal
Jan Johnson & Sally Brainard –
helped with ceiling tile removal
Bill VanDeVusse – disposal of ceiling tiles,
installation of new lights,
donation of portico lights

Dave Johnson, Dave Maskart, Dave Borden, Ted Brainard, Gary Johnson – installed new ceiling tile

Jan Johnson, Sally Brainard, Debbie Hubbard –
cleaned appliances

Dennis Ness – fixed the outside doors

The Gladstone Cub Scouts clean up the lawn.

Thus far, 2019 has been a challenging year! To date, we’ve spent \$6,284.43 on the kitchen. A huge “Thank you” to the Trustees Committee for the co-operation and continued work.

~ Sally Brainard, Trustees Chair

Someone Special in Memorial

Men's Breakfast has been treating us to a nice breakfast for quite a few years. The men take complete charge of buying, preparing the food, serving and clean-up. A free-will donation is taken, and they so generously designate the monies to where monies have not been budgeted or the budget is short. Monies are used in projects such as kitchen improvements. The fellowship shared by this group of men has been great, and they would welcome any man to join and share in this ministry. Breakfasts are usually served starting in the fall through the winter and they take the summers off. Men – here is your opportunity to get to know those males who are sitting next to you in church. The ministry is important, the fellowship is great, and all who take part in this are much appreciated. THANK YOU!



7/1 Mason Florenski	7/18 Mary Bastian
Eric Leonoff	Sierra Possi
Denise Messina	7/19 Emily Johnson
7/2 Jon Creten	7/21 Allie Livingston
7/3 Philip Clark	7/23 Isaac Campbell
Payton Nault	Jody Harrison
Chris Nemacheck	Michael Viau
Chad Polfus	7/25 Karah Webber
7/7 Lettie Houghton	7/26 James Hubbard
7/8 Jon Ettenhofer	David LaCosse
Sharon Gilbert	Marcella Makosky
7/9 Emily Marlett	7/27 Jodi Possi
7/11 Brenda Balenger	7/28 Kingston Johnson
7/15 Daniel Johnson	Gordon Peterson
Nadine Waeghe	7/29 Alex Leonoff
7/16 Nathan Moore	7/30 Jude-Anthony Chouinard
Patricia Thomas	
7/17 Laurie de la Garza	

The Strikepoint Bell Choir will be at Bay College on July 17 at 7 PM in the Besse Center Auditorium. \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

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.

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.

Every year our very own Nadine Waeghe helps lead “Harmony Camp,” which is an opportunity just for adults to enhance their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. See the flyer below. For more information, talk to Pat Waeghe

Camp Counselors Needed

Camp Michigamme has an urgent need for counselors. **Contact Erica Thomas for information, 805-710-4752, director@campmichigamme.org.**

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

The sign-up sheet below 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 (info. on shopping cart in narthex). Most importantly, invite ... invite ... invite.



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) _____