



# The MESSENGER

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## Beginner's Mind

Maybe you've heard the term in a yoga or meditation group. I was in a kayaking class when the instructor encouraged us to have a "beginner's mind," whether we were paddling for the first time or had years of kayaking experience. Wikipedia gives Zen Buddhism credit for the concept of beginner's mind, "an attitude of openness, eagerness, and lack of preconceptions when studying a subject, even when studying at an advanced level, just as a beginner would."

Beginner's mind was central to Jesus' teaching too. In three of the four gospels, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." That's in Matthew 18:3, Mark 10:15, and Luke 18:17 if you want to look for yourself.

This month, as children are beginning school, perhaps we all might consider beginning again on our faith journey with "an attitude of openness, eagerness, and lack of preconceptions." Perhaps with the wonder and curiosity of a child, ready to receive whatever God may be offering to us in this season of our lives.

At Memorial United Methodist Church, we'll be offering two Sunday morning worship opportunities starting on Sept. 8, one at 8:30 and another at 10:30. In between, 9:30-10:15, we'll have a time to deepen our understanding of what we are doing in worship. You can stay after the 8:30 worship or come before the 10:30 one. We're calling this time "S'MorE" (Sunday Morning Education). All ages are welcome.

Together, with a beginner's mind, we'll explore the flow of worship—welcoming each other in God's presence, sharing God's story, responding to God's story, and going out into God's world. What we do in the S'MorE time will connect to what we do that day in worship. It will also connect us to one another and to God—the way marshmallow and chocolate stick the graham crackers together—sweet and messy. Hopefully, our time together will also feed the flow of our lives for the rest of the week, connected to worship, to one another, and to God.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there, whether you're 4, 40, or 104, ready to receive the kingdom of God together, just as a beginner would, like a child of God.

Pastor Cathy

*We live to proclaim the love of Jesus*

**Communion** will be celebrated on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at the 9:30 service. This is the last Sunday of our summer schedule.

### Fall Worship Schedule (starting Sept. 8)

8:30 First Worship Service

9:30 S'MorE: **S**unday **M**orning **E**ducation (intergenerational)

9:30 Traditional Adult Sunday School – an Adam Hamilton study on John Wesley

10:30 Second Worship Service

*There is a staffed nursery during 10:30 worship.*

## **Dedicate a Sunday**

If you choose to dedicate a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please sign your name on the sheet which is on the bulletin board. The cost is \$300. Pictures can be emailed or given to Lisa in advance if you wish to have them on the screen. This is a wonderful way not only to remember those who have passed but also to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa in the office.

**Food Donations** for local food banks can be placed in the shopping cart near the front entrance. Mark monetary donations “Salvation Army” and put in offering plate. Thank you!

**The Thursday Morning Bible Study** will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Pat Clark will lead the study. After finishing Malachi, another book of the Bible will be chosen to study. New members are always welcome.

**The Service Guild** will begin the fall season on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 1:30. This group meets six times a year. Dessert is enjoyed, a short business meeting is held, and there is a devotion lesson. Betty Nyquist will be the hostess. Come join in the fellowship.

**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

## **Contacting Pastor Cathy**

I am glad to be here at Memorial UMC and excited to get to know you all. I am also here to serve as your pastor and want to be available when you really need your pastor. To that end, here are a few guidelines and preferences I have for being contacted.

### **Open Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

I'll be at the church and generally available to meet with whomever drops by. (I'm glad to meet with you at other times and places by appointment.)

### **Email: [pastor@gladstonechurch.org](mailto:pastor@gladstonechurch.org)**

Email is best for sending information, asking non-urgent questions, and conducting church business. I will generally respond to email within 24 hours, if not sooner, Sunday through Thursday; Fridays and Saturdays I may not be checking as often.

### **Office Phone: (906) 428-9311**

The Office is open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monday – Thursday, staffed by Lisa Myers. She will generally know where I am if I'm not in the office. You can always leave a message on the office answering machine, and either Lisa or I will respond as soon as possible. I will check messages on Sunday morning before and after worship services. Messages left on Friday or Saturday might not be heard until Sunday.

### **Cell Phone: (734) 646-6922**

Call or text if you have a more urgent need to contact me. Between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., I'd prefer it be a serious need that cannot wait. If you call, please do leave a voice message if I don't answer. I will listen to the message and return the call as soon as possible, usually within a few minutes and seldom longer than an hour.

This is a bit of a “work-in-progress” as I get to know you all and the rhythms of pastoral ministry here. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to talk it over with me directly. If you have preferred ways of being contacted, please let me know.

Thanks so much,  
Pastor Cathy

# S'More!



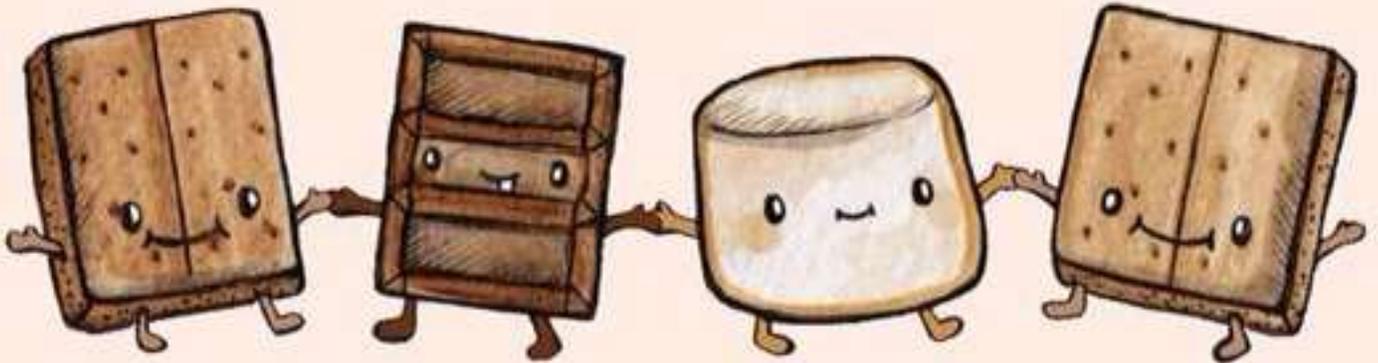
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*Sunday MORning Ed 9:30-10:15*

Get S'more after or before  
Sunday Worship

*It's the stuff in the middle  
that brings us together!*

Starts 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 8  
All Ages Welcome!



## Up-Coming Dates

The **Church Conference** is Tues., Sept. 17.  
6:00 Staff-Parish Committee.  
7:00 Church Conference 7:00.

**All members of Memorial U.M.C. are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting at 7:00 on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.**

The **Fall Harvest Extravaganza** Vendors' Fair is Saturday, Oct. 19 9:00 – 3:00.

Progress is being made for our all church event!

\*The saws are buzzing

\*Recipes are being pulled

\*Sewing machines are whirring

\*Vendors have been recruited

Proceeds will go to Missions & the General Fund.

Contact: Leroux Strom

The **Halloween Carnival** will be 1:00 – 3:00 on Oct. 26 (the Saturday before Halloween).

The **Pasty Sale** will be Nov. 1 – 2. Mark your calendar and plan to work a 2-hour shift (or more) on Friday or Saturday. It's great fellowship, and the aroma is mouth-watering!

**All Saints Sunday** is Nov. 3.

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## Movie Night

Our free movie night is at 6pm the third Saturday of every month during the school year. A children's movie plays in the gym, and a teen movie is shown in the Youth Room. There is theater-style popcorn and sometimes other snacks – all free.

Invite your neighbors, friends, and cousins. This is a great way to invite into the church someone who would never otherwise set foot inside a church.

Sept. 21

“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World”

“A Madea Family Funeral”

Oct. 19 “LEGO DC: Batman – Family Matters”

“Captain Marvel”

Nov. 16 “The Secret Life of Pets 2”

“Aladdin”

Dec. 21 “Missing Link”

“Men in Black International”

## Communicating Your Faith Story

Is your church struggling to implement a communication strategy that will attract new faces and keep your own congregation informed? *Communicating Your Faith Story* is a Michigan Conference Training Event that will teach how to effectively communicate in today's society and to equip your faith community to share transforming stories. This program is designed for local churches with challenging budgets and volunteers with limited experience. The program will be led by Mark Doyal, Michigan Conference Director of Communications, Chairperson of the United Methodist Association of Communicators, and 2016 United Methodist Communicator of the Year. His program will cover the fundamentals of launching a successful communications strategy that helps people connect with your church in a new way, discussions of websites, email marketing, video and social media. By engaging your audience online first, you extend your reach beyond Sunday services and expose your audience to your message before they visit your church. The workshop is free. Seating is limited and registration is required by calling (906) 228-4644 or by emailing Diana Byar at [dbyar@michiganumc.org](mailto:dbyar@michiganumc.org).

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Gladstone Memorial UMC, 2:00-5:00 PM

Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – Marquette Hope Connection Center, 5:00-8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Mackinaw City Church of the Straits, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

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# Fall Harvest Extravaganza

Saturday, Oct. 19 9:00-3:00

at Memorial United Methodist Church

1920 Lake Shore Drive, Gladstone

**COMMUNITY-WIDE VENDORS' FAIR**

**CRAFT SALE \* \* \* BAKE SALE**

**LUNCH: SLOPPY JOES AND SOUP**

**UNIQUE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAYS, ETC.**

Vendors can rent one table for \$35  
or two tables for \$55  
by calling Leroux Strom 399-6514.

Profits go to Missions and Memorial's General Fund.

*Lots of customers is the key.  
Hype this event to your friends!*



## Trustees Up-Date

We are moving forward with our church upkeep and repairs. The okay to move forward with new bathroom floors and repairs in the Education Wing has taken place. Hopefully this will be done soon. The cost is approximately \$4,074.62. I am sure it will probably be more with plumbing issues, although it shouldn't be much over.

As you know, last Fall we had a big leaking issue with the exterior walls all along the Choir Room hallway. We had the walls sprayed to waterproof them. Within the next month, the rest of the church will be sprayed. We fortunately had just enough money set aside from last year's Extravaganza donation for building upkeep.

These two issues are pretty much draining the Building Fund monies. It is very important to take care of our church "exterior and interior." Let's keep "building" up this fund. Thank you to Dennis Harrison, who is replacing the cork board strips in the Education Wing.

Two pews have been repaired. They had pulled loose from the floor. Ted Brainard fixed them both with help from Gary Johnson, Phil Petersen, Jerry Hampton, Dave Borden, and Pastor Cathy.

Al Jensen has been mowing and taking care of weeds. Larry Kirschner has trimmed all of the scrubs and trees.

The exterior drain pipes always clog with ice in the winter and can cause water issues. One in particular is being addressed with possible heat tape. The rest are cleaned out. Thank you, Dennis Ness.

We are so thankful for our church volunteers and will miss Larry.

Moving forward,  
Sally Brainard, Trustees

## Your pew is ready!



Gary Johnson, Ted Brainard, Jerry Hampton, and Phil Petersen re-attaching a pew to the floor.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

**Acolytes:** Caiden and Owen Mattonen

**Altar Guild:** Barb Hess, Jan Johnson, Sue Cole

**Coffee:**

Sept. 1 Lisa Myers

Sept. 15

Sept. 22

Sept. 29

**Communion Servers:** Wilma Vanderdonck,  
Dorell and Larry Kirschner

**Counters:**

Sept. 1 Nancy Peterson and Susan Lagina

Sept. 8 Chris Morrow and Susan Lagina

Sept. 15 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block

Sept. 22 Chris Morrow and Barb Hess

Sept. 29 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

**Greeters (first service):**

Sept. 8

Sept. 15

Sept. 22

Sept. 29 Nannette Martin

**Greeters (second service):**

Sept. 1 Lorna Benson

Sept. 8

Sept. 15 youth

Sept. 22

Sept. 29

**Liturgists:**

Sept. 1 Willy Mannisto

Sept. 8 Kole Desotelle

Sept. 15 youth

Sept. 22 Kole Desotelle

Sept. 29 Kole Desotelle

**Muffins:**

Sept. 1 Lois Boydston

Sept. 15 Nancy Campbell

Sept. 22

Sept. 29

**Pianists:**

Sept. 8 Joy Large

Sept. 15 Deborah Hubbard

Sept. 22 Joy Large

Sept. 29 Kathy Young

**Readers:**

Sept. 1 Kole Desotelle

Sept. 8 Allie Livingston

Sept. 15 youth

Sept. 22 Sharon Block

Sept. 29 Alice Butch

**Ushers:** Kole Desotelle and Allison Desotelle

**Can you smell the fire?** Can you hear the conversations? Starting September 9<sup>th</sup> and the following Mondays through September the church's fire pit will be crackling. Pastor Cathy would love to hear your stories and get to know you. At past fire pit gatherings, everyone who attended remarked they learned and shared with those attending. It will be FUN! The evening will start at 6pm, and for the first Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) please bring your own lawn chair, drink, and snack to share.

On the same note: if you have any firewood that you could share, please bring it to church and place it in the wood rack on the gazebo side of the church. Questions? . . . please call Virginia Petersen 428-9713.

**Larry & Dorell Kirschner's address:**  
4605 Winterbrook Ct., Columbia, MO 65203

**COME ONE, COME ALL** on Fri., Sept. 6, 5-6 p.m., downtown to the RIALTO building to view and celebrate the finished GLADSTONE "PLAY" WORD WALL MURAL! Bring your families, neighbors and friends to help thank our artists and donors who made it happen and brought it to life! We need a nice big crowd!

**Gold Envelopes** are now available to place in the offering plate as a reminder that your giving is an act of worship whether you give electronically, once a month, or in some other form besides cash or check each week in worship.

**The Square Reader has moved!** If you would like to donate by credit card, the credit card reader is now by the bulletin board. If there is not an icon for the particular fund you want to give to, select "miscellaneous" *and write a note with your name and how you want the gift designated, and place the note in the basket by the square reader.* Undesignated gifts go to the general fund.

**Hope at the Inn** (the homeless shelter) is having trainings for new volunteers and refresher courses for returning volunteers. If you are considering volunteers this winter, please come to one of the 1½ hour trainings: Sept. 22 noon at Covenant Church in Gladstone or Oct. 7 early evening in Escanaba (exact location to be determined).

**A Basic Lay Servant Course** is offered on Saturday, September 14th and 21st beginning at 1:00 PM at the Painsdale Church. Registration forms are on our bulletin board.

### **Memorial Fund Report**

Again this month, we received money in memory of Pat Rudenberg and Gerry Papas. We purchased a bird bath for the Memorial Garden from the Blanche Bjork memorials.

To all who contributed food for the luncheon for Millie Young, thank you so very much. It was a beautiful luncheon due to all of your efforts, and it was greatly appreciated.

~ The family of Millie Young

### **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.

### *-- Birthdays --*

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| 9/1 Luis de la Garza  | 9/17 Deborah Hubbard |
| Claire Marlett        | 9/20 Maycee Kuhlman  |
| 9/4 Becky Leonoff     | 9/21 Karen Donovan   |
| Phillip Petersen      | Kevin Sodermark      |
| 9/6 Suzan Jorgensen   | 9/22 Lois Hart       |
| 9/7 Marc Viau         | 9/23 Gerald Hampton  |
| 9/8 Dennis Johnivan   | 9/24 Holly Stammer   |
| Bruce St. Aubin       | 9/25 Bette DeRoeck   |
| 9/10 Peggy Carlyon    | 9/28 Melissa Casey   |
| David Palo            | Helen Palo           |
| 9/11 Peggy Lewis      | 9/30 David Jensen    |
| 9/14 Patrick Morrow   | Diane Oxford         |
| 9/16 Gerald Branstrom |                      |

## Prayer List

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Char Denome                     | Janet Larson               |
| Bill Sauter                     | Michelle Bouchard          |
| Scott Vallier                   | Will Holt                  |
| Jonathan Bovin                  | Emma Jensen                |
| Heidi Jess                      | The Dan Johnson family     |
| Diane Bishop                    | Family of Larry Beauchamp  |
| Allie                           | Debbie Larson Renken       |
| Kristee Arndt                   | Julie Backlund             |
| Bud Baltic                      | Barb                       |
| Donna Becker                    | Baby Bennett               |
| Rebecca Benson                  | Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor |
| Shelby Jean Boris               | Chloe Borish               |
| Jim & Lois Boydston             | Tom Butch                  |
| Ginger Clairmont                | Dan                        |
| Debbie Dehlin                   | Chris & Kim Diamond        |
| Sylvia Dye                      | Alana Etko                 |
| John Gudwer                     | Sue Halloran               |
| John Hansen                     | Caroline Hart              |
| Mary Ann Heubler                | Walt and Lettie Houghton   |
| Callan Hughes                   | Alice Jensen               |
| Chris Jensen                    | Tom Jensen                 |
| Dick Johnson                    | Karen Johnson              |
| Katy and Brian                  | Tom and Molly Kurtis       |
| Krissy                          | Heather Lynn Plimpton      |
| Krista                          | Mason Robitaille and mom   |
| Susan Lindgren                  | Jon Lohrbach               |
| Marcy Makosky                   | John Marchak               |
| Rebecca Marchak                 | Billie Marmalick           |
| Larry Martin                    | Cheryl McIntyre            |
| Bev Regts                       | Tammy Reser                |
| Dorothy Wagner                  | Tom Watson of Seattle      |
| Wayne Waeghe                    | Kenny Wilson               |
| Ethan Winling                   | Dennis & Doreen Summach    |
| Marianne Watson Milkowski       |                            |
| Gretchen Larson Bichler Family  |                            |
| Andrew & Rachel and Gigi Benson |                            |

## Camp Michigamme

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| Sept. 12-15 | Men's Emmaus Walk   |
| Sept. 19-22 | Women's Emmaus Walk |
| Sept. 28-29 | Fall Family Retreat |

**The Bay de Noc Choral Society** is beginning rehearsals for its December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas concert from 7 – 9PM on Tuesday, September 10 at Bethany Lutheran church in Escanaba. We sing four-part music, and there are no auditions. Rehearsals are each Tuesday from 7 – 9PM. Singers may miss some rehearsals. Come join us. For more information, contact Mike at 241-7731.

# LOVE WELL

## YOUTH 2019

KANSAS CITY // July 10 – 14, 2019

Thank you, Memorial UMC, for helping the Youth Group go to "Youth 2019." Below are just a few of the amazing speakers and workshop leaders we were blessed to hear.

Jeff Hanson is an award-winning, philanthropic artist who was visually impaired since childhood from neurofibromatosis type 1 and an optic chiasm brain tumor. <https://www.jeffhansonart.com/artist>

Christine McDonald – We won her book *Cry Purple* which is available for you to borrow. It is the story of Christine's long journey from homelessness, prostitution, and crack addiction to her present life of total blindness, motherhood, and happiness. <http://www.crypurple.com/>

Isabelle Cole, a 17-year-old who battles depression, anxiety, and an eating disorder . . . and helps other youth avoid suicide and instead discover "13 Reasons to Fly." <https://13reasonstofly.com/>

Elonna LaFramboise, a high schooler who describes her experience as a peaceful young protestor at Standing Rock and explains her heartfelt commitment to protecting the water she holds so dear. TED-Ed Student Talks Elonna LaFramboise

## Cross Training (formally "Learning Fair")

The Northern Skies District's annual Cross Training event is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 at Ishpeming Wesley UMC and will feature Rod Kalajainen, pastor of one of our conference's largest churches, as keynote speaker. He will share his views on the top seven barriers to growth in our churches and Why people don't go to church or have given up on church in the culture we live in today.

**Registration deadline is September 21, 2019.**  
*See the next page.*



Northern Skies District UMC presents a  
**CROSS TRAINING EVENT**  
 Saturday, October 5, 2019, 12:45-5 p.m.  
 at Ishpening Wesley UMC

**MISSION  
 NEAR AND FAR**

**Keynote speaker**  
**Rev. Rod Kalajainen**  
 DeWitt Redeemer UMC

**"A Visit to Jurassic Park"**  
 The top seven barriers to growth in our churches. Why people don't go to church or have given up on church in the culture we live in today.

**PLUS**  
 Choose any two workshops from the list below

**WORKSHOP 1: "Are You Going to Talk or Fish?"** Rev. Rod Kalajainen  
 How do we share our faith with others? How do we go about trying to fulfill the Mission of the UMC to Make Disciples? Pastor Rod will talk about how his churches in DeWitt and Battle Creek reached out to their neighbors and grew the church in both places.

**WORKSHOP 2: "The Michigan and Liberia Annual Conferences, Our Partnership Journey Together"**  
 Negannee Mitchell UMC Rev. Albert Barchue is uniquely qualified to speak about both Annual Conferences having served in them both. Rev. Albert will speak about Mission in both locations.

**WORKSHOP 3: "Mission INSITE"** Rev. Dirk Elliott  
 Mission INSITE is one of the best tools available to help define our mission field. A representative from the conference will be with us to talk about this software program and how to use it to reach people in your community.

**WORKSHOP 4: "SPRC"** Rev. Scott Harmon  
 Learn about how an effective Pastor/Staff Relations Committee builds a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Bulletin insert September 1, 8, 15

**Cross Training 2019 Registration Form**

Please return this form and \$5/person registration fee by September 21 to Registrar, Sandy Balmer, 101 Forest Road, Marquette MI 49855  
 Questions? 906-249-1273, camfixer@pasty.net



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to "Northern Skies District UMC"

Workshop choices (choose 2 workshops):  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Mission Near and Far \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The Michigan and Liberia Annual Conferences  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mission INSITE \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Staff/Parish Relations Committees

Will you require childcare services? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
*Note: Childcare requests must be made by the registration deadline of 9/21/19. Requests received after that date cannot be accommodated.*

Names & ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

You may register online via email to "camfixer@pasty.net. Include all the information on this form and pay at the door.