



The MESSENGER

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Setting Our Anchor Points

“We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It’s an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.” Hebrews 6:18-19 (The Message/NLT)

Septembers come and gone. Whether it was back to school for you or packing to head south for the winter, or whatever, I imagine it’s been a blur. Now here comes October, on-ramp to the even faster pace of the holidays: Hallow-thanks-mas-year! Whooooaa!!!

October is an opportunity to set our anchor points, before we’re free-falling through November and December. What’s an anchor point? onsitesafety.com says, “An anchor point is an integral part of a fall protection system.” An anchor point is engineered to bear the load, to *anchor* the lifelines workers attach to their body harnesses to protect themselves in a fall.

The Bible says our anchor point is the promised hope we have in Jesus Christ, the one who is always with us, whose Holy Spirit is always guiding us to become who God intends for us to be. That promised hope is “an unbreakable spiritual lifeline.”

So how about setting our spiritual anchor points this month? What if we make a point of connecting ourselves to the promised hope we have in Jesus Christ in weekly worship, daily prayer, and Bible reading? What if make a point of letting the Spirit guide our time commitments and financial priorities? What if we make a point of asking what next faithful step God is calling us to take? And then take that step? What might the rest of this year look like then?

As we enter October together, may we “grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go!”

Pastor Cathy

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus

Fall Worship Schedule

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

The August 25th worship service was dedicated in memory of **Nancy Fase** (1938 – 2011) by her loving husband Andy and family. The family picture that was on the screens is from Andy & Nancy's 50th anniversary celebration 9 years ago.

The September 29th worship services were sponsored by Dennis and Jody **Harrison** for no reason or person in particular – just because they love their church family! They are already down South for the winter but will see you in the spring.

If you choose to dedicate a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a card that is on the small black table by the bulletin board and include \$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 basket just before the Grapevine hallway. Mark monetary donations "Salvation Army" and put in offering plate. Thank you!

The Hat, Mitten, and Glove drive for our local children is in October. Please consider purchasing or making warm mittens/gloves and hats to keep our young neighbors safe from frostbite.

Hope at the Inn (the homeless shelter) is having training for new volunteers and refresher course for returning volunteers on Monday, Oct. 7 at 7pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba.

Venison Project

Please spread the word to all hunters that if they are interested in donating their deer to help feed hungry people, they can take their field dressed deer to Steve Soderman's on Days River Road, Viau's in Escanaba, or the Garden Mini Mart. All three of these will process the meat for free, although if you are taking the deer to Garden Mini Mart, you must first skin the deer.

World Communion Sunday -- Oct. 6

On World Communion Sunday, as we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our shared commitment to building God's kingdom on earth. We will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education nationally and internationally. Together, we help raise up new leaders, equipping them for such a time as this. Please plan to give generously on Oct. 6. Read stories about the impact you are making on the lives of young scholars at: <http://www.umciving.org/your-impact/P0/2750> Raising Up New Leaders to Transform the World. World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, more students will have access to the world-transforming power of an education.

For example, the Rev. Nickie Moreno Howard received the Journey Toward Ordained Ministry Scholarship, funded through the World Communion Sunday Offering. In addition to financial support, Moreno Howard, a Texas native of Mexican heritage, was mentored and met others experiencing similar life struggles. Following her graduation, she became a JTOM mentor, supporting a new class of scholars.

The spirit of World Communion Sunday is to come together in Christian unity around breaking bread and sharing the cup. As we prepare for World Communion Sunday this year, may we allow the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to the global nature of the church. And please, be in prayer with the scholars who are recipients of the education made possible through our Special Sunday offering. Thank you for your generosity.

All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 3

You are invited to submit names and pictures of special people in your life who have gone home to God in the past 12 months. Please submit these names by Wednesday, Oct. 30th to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.



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!

Like/Comment/Share on the Facebook promos.



Plan now for PASTY TIME!

Save the date: Friday and Saturday, **Nov. 1 and 2**. Just in time for hunting season again this year – plan on signing up for your nice, yummy, HOT PASTIES for the COLD days a-comin’. Mark your calendar for the **TWO HOURS of great fellowship that you will give to us working** in that fun-filled kitchen at MUMC. Two hour shifts are available for Friday morning and evening, Saturday morning and afternoon. Sign up at the back of the Church or call the Church Office to volunteer and to place your orders. You KNOW that this is the GREATEST FELLOWSHIP of the whole year as you chop, roll, fill, mix or wrap while gabbing and laughing. Stand up or sit down – we have a job for you. You also KNOW that these are the BEST and BIGGEST Pasties of the entire area! Call now to volunteer – or you KNOW we will be calling YOU! Women, Men AND youth – Great family volunteer project -- all are welcome! This project needs 100 of you to work between the 2 days. Our most desperate time if any of you can give us two shifts (Please!) is Saturday between 11:30 and 2:30 still rolling and filling, then at the end of the day to clean up! Prices will be the same as last year – watch the back boards (\$4.50 ea.) for sign-up sheets. Questions? Call Pat Waeghe at my cell 280-1112 or 786-2254 work. This Congregation has the BEST volunteers - you are all awesome!

So where do the Pasty Sale profits go? Last year, the Pasty Sale profit was \$3,494.14 with \$1,494.14 going to general fund, \$800 to Gladstone Cabin, \$300 to Camp Scholarships, \$500 to Agape Wigwam, and \$400 to District apportionments.

The Agape-Wigwam building received its temporary occupancy permit in mid-September. While detail work is being finished, each congregation's help continues to be needed. \$115,000 of the \$140,000 cost has so far been raised. The hope is that each congregation in our district will contribute so that we all have “ownership.” Last year Memorial contributed \$500 from pasty profits. What will we do this year . . . ?

For the **Gladstone Cabin**, we’ve been working on building up a fund to provide a new roof. At the end of August, we had \$4,250.19 in the Gladstone Cabin account, as well as \$1,398 in a memorial fund, making \$5,648.19. Last spring, we received an estimate of \$6,000 to replace the roof and hope to accomplish this soon, knowing that the cost will rise the longer we wait.

The Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10AM on Thursdays. Pat Clark leads the study. They are starting Ephesians in October. New members are always welcome.

The Service Guild will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 1:30. All ladies are invited to enjoy dessert & fellowship and a devotion. Wilma Vanderdonk will be the hostess.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Acolytes: Allie Livingston and Kole Desotelle

Altar Guild: Barb Hess and Helen Palo

Coffee:

Oct. 13

Oct. 20

Oct. 27 Bill Springer

Communion Servers: Allison and Kole Desotelle

Counters:

Oct. 6 Nancy Peterson and Susan Lagina

Oct. 13 Chris Morrow and Sharon Block

Oct. 20 Nancy Peterson and Barb Hess

Oct. 27 Chris Morrow and Allison Desotelle

Greeters (first service):

Oct. 6 Al and Chris Jensen

Oct. 13

Oct. 20

Oct. 27 Nannette Martin

Greeters (second service):

Oct. 6 Lorna Benson

Oct. 13 Gloria Herod

Oct. 20 Larry and Dorell Kirschner

Oct. 27

Muffins:

Oct. 13 Gloria Herod

Oct. 20 Nancy Campbell

Oct. 27 Helen Palo

Pianists:

Oct. 6 Joy Large

Oct. 13 Deborah Hubbard

Oct. 20 Joy Large

Oct. 27 Kathy Young

Readers:

Oct. 6 Allie Livingston

Oct. 13 Susan Lagina

Oct. 20 youth

Oct. 27 Willy Mannisto

Ushers: Gary and Jan Johnson

Bay Area Campus Ministry Meal

Thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve for the Bay Area Campus Ministry meal. They fed over 90 hungry students a delicious, nourishing supper of meatballs, vegetables, and dessert.

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. Proceeds go to the building fund.

Prayer List

Bernie & Norma Erickson	Ray Young
Eleanor VanHouten	Julie Bishop
Sarah Guidotti and family	John Rudenberg
Family of Betsy Haddock	Brandon Bowden
Family of Mike Hanson	Nancy Haskin
Family of Randy Roeske	Bill Sauter family
Family of Phil Deneau	Detken family
Family of Cheryl Drysdale	Cheryl LaCarte
Family of Char Denome	
Family of Mike Gorton (Pastor Cathy's cousin).	
Those with dementia and their caregivers.	
Rebecca Benson, Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor	
Dave Lewis	Emily
Harry Nelson	Pam King
Kristee Arndt	Allie
Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Donna Becker	Barb
Baby Bennett	Shelby Jean Boris
Jim & Lois Boydston	Chloe Borish
Lori Branstrom	Tom Butch
Ginger Clairmont	Dan
Chris & Kim Diamond	Debbie Dehlin
Sylvia Dye	Alana Etko
John Gudwer	Sue Halloran
John Hansen	Caroline Hart
Mary Ann Heubler	Callan Hughes
Walt and Lettie Houghton	Alice Jensen
Dick Johnson	Chris Jensen
Karen Johnson	Tom Jensen
Katy and Brian	Krissy
Molly Kurtis	Krista
Susan Lindgren	Jon Lohrbach
Marcy Makosky	John Marchak
Billie Marmalick	Rebecca Marchak
Cheryl McIntyre	Larry Martin
Heather Lynn Plimpton	Bev Regts
Mason Robitaille and mom	Tammy Reser
Marianne Watson Milkowski	Ethan Winling
Tom Watson of Seattle	Dorothy Wagner
Dennis and Doreen Summach	Marvin Sodermark
Wayne Waeghe	Kenny Wilson

Halloween Carnival Sat., Oct.26 1pm – 3pm

This free event is a major outreach to the community. Sign up sheets are in the narthex to:

- Decorate on Friday, Oct. 25 6pm-8pm
- Hand out candy outside with your decorated vehicle trunk 12:30-2:00
- Hand out candy inside 12:30-2:00
- Kitchen helpers 12:30-3:00
- Staff carnival games 12:30-3:00
- Donate 2 dozen cupcakes
- Donate candy
- Clean up

To all Altar Guild Members:

We are going to have a fall meeting at Gloria Herod's home on October 7. We will meet at the church at 5 o'clock and caravan to her home in Nahma. It will be a potluck supper like we used to have at Nehi's. I will have the schedule ready for you to sign up for the 2020 year. For those of you who work we can make sure that someone could ride with you to show you the way. I would just need to know if you would be able to join us a little late. That would not be a problem. Please RSVP to the church office by October 4th.

If you would be interested in joining Altar Guild in 2020, please call the church office 428-9311.

Movie Night

Our free movie night with Feature Films 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.

Licensing requirements prevent us from publicly advertising the movie titles, but they're well-known feature films. (Call the office for details.)

Fun and Fellowship

We thank Phil and Virginia Petersen for hosting the September bonfires. What a relaxing way to get to know people!

We also thank Dennis and Connie Ness for all their work on mapping out the Color Tour and Jon and Betsy Anderson for hosting the potluck at Timberdoodle after the Color Tour. There was even a hayride!

Someplace Special:

There are so many dedicated people in the life of Memorial! It takes a lot of hands to do the task needed to maintain the ministries of a church our size. Any day of the week if you were to stop in at church you will see people shining handbells, watering plants, cleaning the kitchen, repairing the things that need our attention, working on the bulletin boards, and much more. Did you ever think “how do these people get so involved?” Do you want to help? What are your gifts you can share when needed? We all have something to share; challenge yourself to step out; contact the office if you know you can help out. Time and Talent sheets will be coming out shortly; please consider making it a part of your commitment to help out where you feel most comfortable and knowledgeable. Nothing feels better than being a part of God’s work. Thank you!

Virginia



10/2 Laura LaMarche Ken Schell	10/16 Wanda LaCosse Eric Nault
10/4 Ruth Anne Harmes Dave Lewis	10/18 Rylee Doucette Tracy Jensen
10/6 Timothy Worth	10/19 WilmaVanderdonck
10/7 Sharon Block Brooke Buckley	10/21 Bobbie Haase 10/22 Andie Balenger
10/12 Elizabeth Kempfer James Stammer	10/24 Terri Branstrom Patti Multerer
10/13 Ty Waeghe	10/28 Mary Clark
10/14 Sarah Mattonen	Karl Warm
10/15 Walter Houghton	10/30 Trudy Broman

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 Location 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.

Trustees Report for Memorial UMC Charge Conference Report

Since last Fall much has happened with the Trustees. The building projects are moving ahead. The following is what has happened:

- Lamps have been replaced with LEDs – 82% savings – all donated – new overhead lights in the drive thru.
- Pews have been repaired.
- Outdrains that have been freezing have been cleared.
- Exterior walls weather coated down choir room hallway – and rest of church this month.
- Library book shelves fixed to the wall to prevent more leaning.
- Boiler leak and flooding – boiler repaired as well as the overflow valve repaired.
- New networking throughout the church – a wonderful gift!
- Beginning of pickleball approved, contracts renewed for outside activities.
- Plans made and carried out for kitchen floor to be replaced and kitchen cleaned and painted & new ceiling – finished.
- \$ donated to paint sanctuary – finished.
- Issue with old rented parsonage addressed. New parsonage found and rented for new pastor.
- Changed locks and keys on church.
- For security, back door will be locked especially during Sunday morning services.
- Volunteers put new cork in all the cork board strips in the Education hallway.
- The two bathrooms in the Education wing will soon have floor tiles replaced – waiting to hear the dates.

As in our homes, there are constant repair issues and upkeep. We have an on-going list of issues and needs, and we are always working on them.

Thanks to all who contribute monetarily and those who volunteer with hands-on work. This is “our Church Home.”

Trustees

An exchange student from Spain who is attending the Gladstone High School needs a welcoming family from Nov. 1 through the end of the school year. Info. on bulletin board.

~ Melissa Carpenter 241-6539

A special thank you for helping the Sisters of Stean to complete the lap blankets for the Sept 2019 Honor Flight. It takes many hands to complete 80 blankets in a 3-month period. Thank you for volunteering your time to make it possible. ~ Sisters of Stean

Creating Confident Caregivers

Deb Hubbard highly recommends this workshop for caregivers of people with dementia. This will be the last time this workshop will be led by the current instructor, who Deb says is very good. It will be Wednesdays 2-4 from Oct. 9 – Nov. 13. Registration is required. More information is on the bulletin board.

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.

Lost jacket A light-weight, light green jacket was lost at church Sept.18. Please call the church office if you find it.

Life Line Screening will be at Memorial on Nov. 22 to do non-invasive and painless health screenings.. The screenings scan for problems related to blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, and a bone density screening. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Members of Memorial United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the students of James T. Jones Elementary School, I would like to share my deepest thanks for the donation of school supplies. Your thoughtfulness and generosity assisted many of our students. Thank you!

Kristina M. Hansen, principal