



# The Messenger

January 2020

*We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!*

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**Please join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings**

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another* (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Together we do amazing things. Off the top of my head, here are a few recent things:

Together with one another we have just experienced a joy-filled Advent and Christmas season of worship. Together with one another we raised over \$500 on our Christ Tree to help two families from among us experience a bit more joy in their own celebrations too.

Together with our community we hosted the Christmas Day Dinner, feeding nearly 500 people and sharing the blessings of being in community with volunteers and diners. Together with our community we are participating in Hope at the Inn, and preparing for our turn to host January 26 to February 2. Together with our community we support food pantries and school children.

Together with the Northern Skies District, Michigan Conference, and our United Methodist denomination we reach out through God's Country Cooperative Parish in the Upper Peninsula, support Camp Michigamme, respond to disasters, help refugees, provide education from preschool through seminary, and fund the infrastructure to make ministry happen around the world.

Together with God we celebrate the sacraments of baptism (two since I've arrived in July and at least a couple more in the planning) and holy communion (the first Sunday of every month in worship). Together with God we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ every day in untold ways.

Together with God, our denomination, our community, and one another, we do these amazing things and so much more. It is an amazing blessing to be in ministry together with you all and God.

As we move into this new year together, I'm inviting us to take up the challenge of EngageMI offered by the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church. EngageMI is similar to what you may have known as being a Spotlight Church, something Memorial UMC achieved for many, many years.

EngageMI challenges congregations to comprehensive missional learning, giving and action with the goal of encouraging congregations to shift from offering "ministry to" others to a more relational way of being in "ministry with" vulnerable people and communities. Ministry with is grounded in Jesus' practice of ministry, and our Wesleyan heritage. You can dig deeper into this now at <https://michiganumc.org/missions/engage-mi/>, or just come along with us this year as we learn, give, and act together.

We'll be starting in January by learning all we do together already to be in ministry with local schools and students. We have an opportunity to watch a webinar together on January 22 to learn how others are engaging with local schools and students. Then, together we can give and act in the best way possible, with schools and students, each other, and God. That's just one example of how EngageMI is intended to work.

I'm looking forward to giving it a try together with you all and with God.

May this be a year full of God's blessings, of learning, giving, and acting to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ, together.

Pastor Cathy

## Sunday Morning Worship

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

### Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 5

*No first service or Sunday School*

10:30 Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Please help take down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary before or after Men's Breakfast after worship.**

### Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 12

8:30 Worship with Communion

9:30 *Watch this space for what's next in 2020*

10:30 Worship with Communion

### January Worship Series: Prayers for the New Year

- Jan. 12: A Prayer for Our Mind featuring  
The Apostles' Creed and what we believe  
Jan. 19: A Prayer for Our Hands featuring  
The Prayer of St. Francis and what we do  
Jan. 26: A Prayer for Our Hearts featuring  
The Lord's Prayer and how we relate

### Dedicate a Sunday

The worship services on December 29<sup>th</sup> were dedicated by Jerry Hampton in memory of late wife **Kay Hampton**, who went home to heaven 15 years ago to the day.

If you would like 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.

### Back to the Normal Schedule

We hope that you are having a *joyful* Christmas season! Most of the regularly scheduled church activities resume after Epiphany (Jan. 6).

- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 9am Knitting and Quilting  
6pm Glory Ringers practice  
7pm Jubilee Choir practice

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 10am Thursday Bible study

**Pickleball** – Call the office to find out when open and beginning groups play.

### Saturday Lunch – Jan. 11

Jan. 11 and Mar. 14 are Memorial's turns to prepare and serve lunch at Salvation Army's Friendship Kitchen. If you would be willing to help on either of those dates, please contact Alice Butch 428-9371 or Chris Jensen 428-3423.

### Eat for Heat – Jan. 19

Every year the Missions Committee cooks a wonderful meal to raise money to help neighbors-in-need stay warm. This year's Eat for Heat meal will be on Sunday, **Jan. 19**, after the second service.

***Cooks are needed the day before, on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Please call Chris Jensen or the church office if you can help.***

### Human Relations Day – Jan. 26

The United Methodist Church has 6 Special Sundays every year to focus on a certain cause and invite people to give to that cause. The first Special Sunday of 2020 is Human Relations Day, which we will celebrate on Jan. 26. Your gift helps to overcome injustice and empowers those struggling to survive.

U.M. Community Development Program 57%

U.M. Voluntary Services Program 33%

Young Offender Rehabilitation Program 10%

### Hope at the Inn (Jan. 26 – Feb. 2)

We will be hosting the rotating homeless shelter the last week of January. There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please consider helping by providing supper or by staffing one of the following shifts on any day that week:

Intake 5:30pm – 10:30pm

Second 10:30pm – 3am

Third 3am – 8am

If you would like to staff one of the shifts and have not yet been trained, please try to attend the next **training on Thurs., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Harbor Lights Church, 612 Second Ave. South, Escanaba.**

### Clothes Closet

We now have enough clothing and are only taking coats. We need to first fold/hang before asking for more. Please contact the office if you can volunteer.

## Movie Night—Jan. 18

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. Last month we had a family of 17 join us after their family Christmas party!

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.)



	1/15 Connie Breitzman
	Samuel Taylor
	1/16 Mark Demarse
1/4 Marilee Demarse	1/19 Preston Adydan
Willy Mannisto	Leslie Coleman
1/8 Susan Lagina	Joyce Rabitoy
Dave Landenberger	1/20 Al Waeghe
Marvin Sodermark	1/21 JoAnn Gudwer
1/9 Kamryn LaVigne	1/22 Pat Sodermark
1/10 Uriah Kuhlman	1/23 Kevin Warm
1/11 Dominic Joslin	1/25 Becky Landenberger
1/14 Bonnie Buchmiller	Devyn Waeghe
Cole Possi	1/27 Dennis Ness
Sandy St. Aubin	1/31 Aeden Creten

## Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Emily Johnson on Sunday, Jan. 5, 1:00 – 3:00 at the UAW on Sheridan Rd., Escanaba. The baby's name will be Sofia.

## College Students' Addresses

The Membership Care Committee will be sending out care packages to college students. Please give updated addresses to the church office for college students who are members of Memorial UMC.

**newsletter deadline:  
Thursday, Jan. 30**

**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.

## Sign-up sheets by bulletin board

It's a new year with tons of new opportunities. Please take a moment to check over the sign-up sheets by the bulletin board. Interested in other activities? Contact the church office 428-9311.

## Sunday Morning Volunteers

*To volunteer, sign up on bulletin board or call office.*

**Acolytes:** Claire Marlett and Allie Livingston

**Altar Guild:** Virginia Petersen and Pam Thorbahn

### Coffee:

Jan. 5 MEN'S BREAKFAST

Jan. 12

Jan. 19 EAT FOR HEAT

Jan. 26

**Communion Servers:** \_\_\_\_\_, Ted & Sally Brainard

### Counters:

Jan. 5 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Susan Lagina

Jan. 12 Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Allison Desotelle

Jan. 19 Nancy Peterson and Sharon Block

Jan. 26 Nancy Peterson and Allison Desotelle

### Greeters (first service):

Jan. 5 NO FIRST SERVICE

Jan. 12

Jan. 19

Jan. 26 Nannette Martin

### Greeters (second service):

Jan. 5

Jan. 12

Jan. 19 youth

Jan. 26

### Muffins:

Jan. 5 MEN'S BREAKFAST

Jan. 12

Jan. 19 EAT FOR HEAT

Jan. 26

### Pianists:

Jan. 5 NO FIRST SERVICE

Jan. 12 Kathy Young

Jan. 19 Deborah Hubbard

Jan. 26 Kathy Young

### Readers:

Jan. 5 Alice Butch, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Jan. 12

Jan. 19 youth

Jan. 26

**Ushers:** Allison Desotelle and Kole Desotelle

## Prayer List

The people who already have ice shacks on the ice.

Family of Warren Hubbard

Family of Bruce Goodman

Family of Sharon Martin

Family of Tom Watson in Seattle

Family of Jennie (Meach) Lewis in Kingsley

Family of Tony Fittante

Sue Cole's sister Linda and Sue's grandson Brandon.

Lana St. John and the family donating a kidney to her.

Virginia Petersen

Lola Ness and family

Trisha Heider

Joy's uncle Hank Koetje

The Weaver family

Isaac, Petra, Courtney Lagina

Ray Young

Terry Hampton

Bernie Erickson

Bud & Pat Clark

Guy LaPorte

Mickey Garber

Florence King

Ginny Kilmer

Vicki Finlan

Geri Nelson

Marc

Bruce Goodman

Allie

Kristee Arndt

Julie Backlund

Bud Baltic

Barb

Donna Becker

Baby Bennett

Lorna Benson

Rebecca Benson

Shelby Jean Boris

Chloe Borish

Jim & Lois Boydston

Lori Branstrom

Tom Butch

Ginger Clairmont

Dan

Debbie Dehlin

Chris & Kim Diamond

Sylvia Dye

Alana Etko

Bernie Fackety

John Gudwer

Sue Halloran

Caroline Hart

Mary Ann Heubler

Walt and Lettie Houghton

Callan Hughes

Alice Jensen

Chris Jensen

Tom Jensen

Dick Johnson

Karen Johnson

Katy and Brian

Krissy

Krista

Molly Kurtis

Susan Lindgren

Jon Lohrbach

Marcy Makosky

John Marchak

Rebecca Marchak

Larry Martin

Cheryl McIntyre

Heather Lynn Plimpton

Bev Regts

Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor

Tammy Reser

Mason Robitaille and mom

Dorothy Wagner

Ethan Winling

Marvin Sodermark

Dennis & Doreen Summach

Wayne Waeghe

Kenny Wilson

Marianne Watson Milkowski

## Partnering with Local Schools

EngageMI, the mission challenge of the United Methodist Church, is offering a webinar about engaging with the local school. People from Memorial will gather at 6:30 on Wed., Jan. 22, to participate together in this 7pm webinar. Alternately, you could register yourself and participate on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 10am. The companion resource to this webinar is Jake McCluthin's book *The Mission-Minded Guide to Church & School Partnerships*.

## From Pastor Caroline Hart

There are two letters and a Christmas card from Pastor Caroline Hart on the bulletin board.

**Giving Statements** will be available for pick-up after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Statements not picked up will be mailed out at the end of January.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are now available by the ushers' table. If you like to use offering envelopes, take a box and *write the number of the box next to your name*. You do not need to take a box in order to receive a giving statement at the end of the year. The Financial Secretary keeps track of all donations that are identifiable, i.e. a check, an electronic donation through Vanco or the Square Reader, or cash in any envelope marked with your name or your official box number.

**Cards needed** If you have un-used thinking of you, sympathy, or get well cards, please give them to Nancy Campbell. This will help supplement the ones she makes and sends out to our church family.

**Puzzles:** If you enjoy working jigsaw puzzles, there are puzzles in the church library. Take one home, enjoy working it and return when finished. There will be new ones added on a regular basis. Our winters are long — hope you enjoy working them as much as we do.

## Contacting Pastor Cathy

I am glad to be here at Memorial UMC to serve as your pastor, and I 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: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

I'll be at the church and generally available to meet with whoever drops by. (I'm glad to meet 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 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, who generally knows where I am if I'm not in the office. If you leave a message on the office answering machine, either Lisa or I will respond as soon as possible. I do 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 an urgent need to contact me. Between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., I'd prefer it be a serious need that cannot wait. Anytime you call and I don't answer, please leave a voice message. I will listen to the message and return the call as soon as possible, usually in a few minutes and seldom longer than an hour.

### Facebook:

I use this only at the office and I'm new to it, so it's not a reliable way to contact me for something urgent or important. I often "schedule" posts for the church page, so new posts don't always mean I'm working right then. That's it for me and social media, so if you're using anything else, I won't know it.

If you have questions or concerns, please talk it over with me directly. If you have preferred ways of being contacted, please let me know. Thanks so much, Pastor Cathy



## Christmas Poinsettias

### Poinsettias donated in Memory of:

Our parents Ron & Eunice Watson and Lillian & Earl Johnson, also our aunt Genevieve Watson and our brother Tom Watson

~ from Dave & Berta Johnson

Our parents Irvin & Lydia MacKenzie and Walt & Mary Houghton

~ from Walt & Lettie Houghton

Billie Marmalick ~ from Bette & Irv DeRoek

Our parents Ed & Gerry Papas

~ from Judy Tochterman and Joanne Hill

Our parents Lawrence & Marge Johnson and Ray & Jean Waeghe

~ from Gary and Jan Johnson

Loved Ones ~ from The Quick's

Jack Jorgensen and my parents Sietse & Anna Vanderwal

~ from Joy Jorgensen and family

Karl Warm, Roy Ness, and Mark & Jean Snyder

~ from Dennis & Connie Ness

Marilyn & Stewart Hager and Warren Hubbard

~ from the Hubbard family

Our parents, our sister Stephanie, our brother Allen, and our nephew Dylan

~ from Dennis & Cheryl Stanek

### Poinsettia donated in Honor of:

MaryAnn Hubbard ~ from the Hubbard family