



The Messenger

July 2021

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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*In-person worship is at 10:30 every Sunday morning,
with livestreaming on Facebook and Youtube.*

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom.

Galatians 5:13-14 *The Message* translation

Many Americans begin this month of July by celebrating freedom. They celebrate being set free as colonists from the tyranny of British rule. And, they celebrate having the freedom to create a new nation that would live up to the ideals of the Declaration of Independence. That's how freedom works. We are set free from something, *and* we are set free for something.

Not quite a century later, the Emancipation Proclamation proposed to set free enslaved people from what had, until then, been a nationally endorsed system of enslavement, *and* to provide the freedom for these people to fully share in the bounty and opportunities of this nation they had labored to create. That's how freedom works. We are set free from something, *and* we are set free for something.

This year, some of us may be celebrating a newfound freedom from many of the Covid-related health precautions we've been living with for so long. I encourage you in this as well, to realize we may be set free from many restrictions, but it is a freedom that comes with the responsibility to continue to show loving care and concern for the well-being of others. "Don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom." Rather, I pray we will let God's Spirit guide us to use our freedom for proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ in ways that help us live together into the abundant lives God intends for all of God's creation.

As Christians, we gather every week to worship, to celebrate our freedom in Jesus Christ. In Christ we are set free from the tyranny of sin, we are no longer enslaved by death. That's something to celebrate! *And*, we are set free "to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows." That is something to live our lives by. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Cathy

Worship for the Month of July

10:30 a.m. In-person in the Sanctuary and
Livestreaming

July 4 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:1-13 Praise Team
Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 11 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Praise Team
2021 Northern Skies District Mission of the
Year Offering

July 18 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 5:13-16 Church Band
3rd Sunday “Noisy Offering” for Heifer Project

July 25 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations
Special music:
Kristy Chamberlain and Wayne Large

To provide **Special music during the summer**, please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office.

Links to worship

You can find an up-to-date schedule for activities and links to on-line worship resources and current prayer list on the church website: www.gladstonechurch.org. You're welcome to call the office with questions: 428-9311, or email: mumc@gladstonechurch.org.

Worship information, links, livestreaming, and videos are also on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/Memorial-United-Methodist-Church-of-Gladstone-MI-117593394926699/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBY-ZTh99gQBtHG3n2kbyuQ>

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, July 29**

We're Back, and We Need You!

With more folks returning to in person worship each week, we have more opportunities for volunteers to serve:

- Help with livestreaming, projection, and sound in the booth. If you have experience, that's great. If not, we'll train you. Each task is easy to learn if you have some basic computer skills.
- Make a joyful noise with our Praise Team, *new* Church Band, or by providing your own special music (or volunteering your talented children or grandchildren).
- Read the Bible passages or other parts of worship.
- Greet, Usher, Serve Communion, or Acolyte (light the candles).
- Provide original artwork or photos we can use with the projection slides.

We are also looking for volunteers interested in helping to re-ignite ministry with our children and youth this summer. Background checks and training are available for adult volunteers. Please contact the church office, 428-9311, for details and to volunteer your service. Thanks!

Everyone, please copy John Ettenhofer

Sign-up sheets for ushers, readers, coffee hosts, muffin bakers, communion servers, and projectionists are on the bulletin board. Everyone wants worship to “get back to normal.” We need you to accomplish that. So far, the only person who has signed up is John Ettenhofer. Peggy Richter also volunteered that I can call her to read anytime. So, what would you like to do? Please sign up on the bulletin board or call or email Lisa. Thank you!

Semi-annual Giving Statements are near the display cabinet in the narthex. Please pick yours up.

Communicating with Pastor Cathy

For immediate concerns, call or text my cell phone: (734) 646-6922. For day-to-day contact, email works well: pastor@gladstonechurch.org and the office phone: (906) 428-9311.

Facebook is *not* a favorite! I only use Facebook on the office computer and don't use the messenger feature much at all. I receive tons of spammy messages, links and friend requests that I typically ignore. I strongly recommend you call, text, or email if you really want to contact me. *We do appreciate your "likes" and comments on our posts and when you share church posts.*

Homebound Communion and Visits

If you are unable to attend Sunday worship in person, our Member Care team, headed up by Susan Lagina and Gail Johnivan, are resuming their service of bringing Holy Communion to you. We celebrate the sacrament on the first Sunday of each month and will visit you with the consecrated bread and juice to share on that Sunday afternoon or following Monday. Pastor Cathy is also visiting again in homes and other facilities (as permitted). Please contact the church office 428-9311 to request communion or a pastoral visit.

“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 through August 20.

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 the Mokawk-Ahmeek U.M.C., the northern-most U.M. church in our conference. Please watch for flyers and envelopes in the July 11th bulletin and on the table by the front entrance, or donate online through the contributions tab on our website: www.gladstonechurch.org.

Scrubbies for Sale for the general budget. \$2 each by the bulletin board.

Dear book donors at Memorial United Methodist Church in Gladstone, Hello! Recently, your pastor, Reverend Cathy Rafferty, visited us in Howell, MI to deliver a carload full of books for our family's Extend A Hand project in Malawi. My husband, Roy Schwarz, and I were so happy to receive these and we want to thank all the volunteers at your church who worked so hard to collect them for students in Malawi. We are currently providing books and locally-crafted bookshelves to one elementary school, Manthimba, and one high school, Mpenda, in a rural area just south of the major city of Blantyre. These schools did not have a single book of any kind prior to our first delivery of books.

~ Joann Schmidt

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.



7/1 Eric Leonoff	7/18 Mary Bastian
Denise Messina	Sierra Possi
7/3 Philip Clark	7/19 Emily Johnson
Payton Nault	7/21 Allie Ettenhofer
Chad Polfus	7/23 Isaac Campbell
7/7 Lettie Houghton	Jody Harrison
7/8 John Ettenhofer	Michael Viau
James Klotz	7/25 Karah Webber
Sharon Gilbert	7/26 James Hubbard
7/9 Emily Marlett	Marcella Makosky
7/11 Brenda Balenger	7/27 Jodi Possi
7/15 Dan Johnson	7/28 Kingston Johnson
Nadine Waeghe	Gordon Peterson
7/16 Nathan Moore	7/29 Alex Leonoff
Patricia Thomas	7/30 L.J. Chouinard
7/17 Laurie de la Garza	

Prayer List

Family of Pam Blixt
Family of Dave Hagen
Family of Dale Skogman
Family of Anne Kuhlman
Wanda LaCosse
Ed Rouse Phyllis and Dennis
Betsy Anderson Bud Baltic
Sarah Benson Mark Bishop
MaryAnn Brayak Tom Butch
Nancy Campbell Janelle Castillo
Ginger Clairmont Bud & Pat Clark
Eileen Collins Chris and Kim Diamond
Debbie Dew Bernie Erickson
Andy Fase Caroline Hart
Al Jensen Alice Jensen
Jon Lohrbach Marcy Makosky
Rebecca Marchak Tammy Martin
Chad Mileski Zach Nardi
Bev Regts Debbie Renkin
Marvin Sodermark Julie Springer
Todd Al Waeghe
Rachel, Seth and Amara Darrison
Marianne Watson Milkowski
Josiah, Sarah, and David Pryor

Greetings Northern Skies District,

I am reaching out to all our district friends today seeking expertise. The Trustees of Camp Michigamme are looking to sell three travel trailers that have been used for a few years as temporary housing. They are being stored on camping pads needed for volunteers (work crews, travelers, and adult counselors) bringing their own campers.

The Trustees are looking for an individual knowledgeable about travel trailers willing to serve as the camp's agent in their advertisement and sale. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to give of your expertise please contact the District Office, or Superintendent Scott Harmon directly.

Thank you for helping Camp Michigamme get the word out.

Blessings for a beautiful summer,
Scott Harmon

Northern Skies District Office
Phone: 906-228-4644, x4241
dbyar@michiganumc.org

Dear M.U.M.C.,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt and honoring us graduates. It sure made for a special day. God bless.

Love,
Payton Nault

Church Camp

If you are going to Camp Michigamme or one of the other U.M. camps in Michigan, let us know. We have scholarships available.

Camp Michigamme's up-coming camps:

July 5-10 Survivor Camp (1st – 9th grade)
July 11-17 Water Games (1st – 9th grade)
July 18-24 Olympic Games (1st – 9th grade)
July 25-31 Narnia (1st – 9th grade)
July 31 – Aug. 1 Teddy Bear (age 4 – 2nd grade)
Aug. 1-7 Disney Explosion (1st – 9th grade)
Aug. 8-14 Super Heros (1st – 9th grade)
Aug. 26-29 Harmony Retreat (adults)
Sept. 3-6 Family Camp
Sept. 10-12 Confirmation Camp
Sept. 16-20 Men's Emmaus Walk
Sept. 23-27 Women's Emmaus Walk
Oct. 1-3 Fall Family Retreat & Halloween Party

Camp Counselors Needed

Camp Michigamme could use 1 or 2 more female counselors July 11-17. There is even the possibility of getting paid.

Also, they would like to hire 1 more male counselor and 1 more female counselor for the rest of the summer. Ask Lisa 428-9311 to forward the full email to you.

Dear Quilting Group,

Thank you so much for the graduation gift of the quilt! The quilt was beautiful and looks lovely on my bed. I look forward to bringing the quilt with me to nursing school and then into my own home.

Thank you again,
Teresa Myers

Moment in Missions

The Missions Committee would like to share the celebrations of our congregation's giving of time, talent, and offerings for June.

- On June 22 a crew of eight set out for God's Country Cooperative Parish in Newberry for a day-long mission trip. The group included Lisa, Teresa, and Sarah Myers, Laurie Kaufman de la Garza, Dennis and Connie Ness, Pastor Cathy Rafferty, and Jeanne Wescott. They visited the Dunlap Ministry Center where they met with Randy Hildebrant, our supported church and community missionary assigned to GCCP. His enthusiasm for the mission he supports there is contagious as the group also met many volunteers and one summer intern. If there are any college students looking for an internship that includes a stipend, lodging, and food, there is great need for your service.



The Dunlap Ministry provides a plethora of services to meet the needs for the seven churches that make up God's Country Cooperative Parish. It is spread over 250 square miles in the eastern part of the UP where the seven churches combine their resources, share their faith, and actively work to bring self-esteem, hope, and the love of God to all throughout the parish. It is truly humbling to see the work and service that is done there.

A Fall weekend mission trip is being looked at so if you would be interested in learning more and participating in actively serving our brothers and sisters in Christ in the eastern UP, please contact the church office and watch for future announcements.

- Peace with Justice offerings totaled \$380. Thank you! \$729.10 (half the profits from the rummage sale and metal drive) went to our Missions Fund. From that fund we made the following contributions:
- Donation to support missionary within the Michigan Annual Conference: Randy Hildebrant- \$225. Randy is a church and community worker assigned to God's Country Cooperative Parish.
- Donation to support missionary beyond the Michigan Annual Conference: Jose Roberto Pena-\$225. Jose Roberto Pena-Nazario serves as pastor at Danli Central UMC in Honduras and is responsible for developing new churches and leadership, and assisting people in the community to improve their living conditions. Honduras is one of the countries from which many people are fleeing due to gang violence and other fears or economic hardships. The UMC in Honduras helps to create a safer, more stable environment for folks to remain in their home country.
- Mission of Hope-\$200 This event is happening August 8 in Ludington Park.

We have several opportunities to support our community, state, and world this month:

- **July 11-25:** Northern Skies District Mission of the Year: Mohawk-Ahmeek United Methodist Church. In the summer of 2020 the church had major roof issues that needed immediate repair. The cost of that unforeseen project affected their finances. The current project has a proposed total cost of \$16,500.00. They need to repair and repaint the frames around the stained glass windows, replace rotting siding in areas, tuck point the old sandstone lower level windows frames, and if possible paint the exterior of the church.
- **July 18:** Noisy Offering supports Heifer International
Elmer's Community Cares Program: Donate points to MUMC and we can use it towards getting a \$100 gift card. This can be used to help offset grocery costs for projects like Bay Area Campus Ministries meal. We are currently at 66,344 points. We need 100,000 points to receive a \$100 gift card.
Mission Opportunities: Check out the link "Young Adult Mission Opportunities" at our website.

Our church is alive and active in our community, our state, our nation, and our world. If God is speaking to you about learning more about missions at MUMC and you would like to be an active member of the mission committee, please contact the church office.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	2	3 11:00—1:00 Shower 2:00 Visitation 3:00 Funeral for Pam Blixt
4 10:30 Worship and Communion	5 10:00 Visitation 12:00 Memorial service for Wayne and Ford Kaufman 6:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship Committee	6 6:00 Trustees 6:00 TKD 7:00 Praise Team 8:00 N.A.	7 9:00 Knit & Quilt	8 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	9	10
11 "Mission of the Year" offering 10:30 Worship	12 6:00 We Make the Road	13 6:00 TKD 6:30 Finance Committee 8:00 N.A.	14 9:00 Knit & Quilt	15 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	16	17
18 Noisy Offering and Youth Sunday 10:30 Worship	19 6:00 We Make the Road	20 2:00 Missions Committee 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	21 9:00 Knit & Quilt	22 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	23	24
25 10:30 Worship	26 6:00 We Make the Road	27 6:00 Condo Assoc 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	28 9:00 Knit & Quilt	29 Newsletter deadline 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	30	31