



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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Worship online is available on Memorial United Methodist Church of Gladstone MI Facebook page and YouTube channel, and on our website www.gladstonechurch.org, at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

March is Women’s History month, when I take time to reflect on the women who have come before me, helping to make a way for me into the ministry I am a part of today. So, I share something here with you shared by our former Michigan Area Bishop, the Rev. Deborah Kiesey.

“Since coming to Michigan, I have shared the following words in each of our Annual Conference sessions. ... They come from the 2008 Global Young People’s Convocation and Legislative Assembly of the United Methodist Church, and they offer guidelines for how we, as Christians, can be in healthy conversations with those with whom we disagree. ... Listen to the voices of our young people.”



- ***Every person is a child of God.*** Always speak respectfully. One can disagree without being disagreeable.
- As you patiently listen and observe the behavior of others, ***be open to the possibility that God can change the views of any or all parties*** in the discussion.
- ***Listen patiently*** before formulating responses.
- ***Strive to understand the experience out of which others have arrived at their views.***
- ***Be careful in how you express personal offense at differing opinions.*** Otherwise, dialogue may be inhibited.
- ***Accurately reflect the views of others*** when speaking. This is especially important when you disagree with that position.
- ***Avoid using inflammatory words, derogatory names, or an excited and angry voice.***
- ***Avoid making generalizations*** about individuals and groups. Make your point with specific evidence and examples.
- ***Remember that people are defined, ultimately, by their relationship with God***—not by the flaws we discover, or think we discover, in their views and actions.

Wise words from our wise youth and young adults.

Excerpted from “Sticks and Stones” (Sept. 21, 2015)
Bishop Deborah Kiesey

Worship for the Month of March

8:30 On-Line Premiere; 10:30 In-Person

Mar. 7 – Third Sunday of Lent

Worship with Holy Communion
A Samaritan Woman Talks with Jesus (John 4:7-29, 39)

Mar. 14 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

A Woman Caught in Adultery Talks with Jesus (John 8:2-11)

Mar. 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Youth Sunday and Noisy Offering
A Woman with an Alabaster Jar Talks with Jesus (Mark 14:1-11)

Mar. 28 – Palm Sunday

Links to worship videos

You can find an up-to-date schedule for activities and links to on-line worship resources including worship guides and a current prayer list on the church website: www.gladstonechurch.org. You're welcome to call the office with questions: (906) 428-9311, or email: mumc@gladstonechurch.org.

Worship information, links, and videos will also be on Facebook and YouTube:

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

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

Lent-Easter Offering

This year, all our special Lent-Easter offerings will be split 50-50 between Memorial's general budget and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), which offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. You may use any specially marked envelope for Lent or Easter, or you may choose the "Lent-Easter" option on our website contribution page.

Confirmation

On February 14 at the 10:30 worship service, the following ten youth confirmed their baptismal vows:

Camryn Buckley	Owen Mattonen
Maggie Buckley	Nate Moore
Allie Ettenhofer	Sylvia Nault
Claire Marlett	Carter Stammer
Caiden Mattonen	Landon Stammer

We also welcomed Dylan and Devin Messina, who transferred their membership from Grace UMC in Houghton. Thank you, Confirmands, your families, and your mentors.

“We Make the Road by Walking”

This on-going study meets on Mondays at 6pm on ZOOM. Please let Lisa know if you would like to participate, and she can send a link to you. If you do not have internet, you are welcome to come to the church and use our equipment.

We will have a **Rummage Sale** May 20-22. Please start saving items for it now.

Scrap Metal Drive

The price of scrap metal has gone up, so Jim Stammer is organizing a scrap metal drive like we did 2 years ago. Start saving your metal now. We will have a receptacle here May 21 – 31. They even take **strings of Christmas lights** that don't work!

Acceptable Items Include:

- Stoves, Dryers, Appliances, etc.
Not TVs or refrigerators though.
- Lawn equipment (lawn mowers, snowblowers, tillers)
- Metal piping, sheet metal, siding
- Car parts (i.e. rotors/springs/doors)
- Filing cabinets, metal desks
- Steel doors, garage doors, & metal tracks
- Copper piping/fixtures
- Brass doorknobs/household items
- Air fittings
- Aluminum
 - o Cast
 - o Extruded
 - o Sheet
 - o Soffit & Fascia
- Bronze
- Strings of Christmas lights

Free Lenten Devotionals are available on the round table by the office.

Prayer List

Julie Backlund	Bud Baltic
Sarah Benson	Mark and Julie Bishop
MaryAnn Brayak	Tom Butch
Janelle Castillo	Aiden Christianson
Ginger Clairmont	Bud & Pat Clark
Tatum Cretan	Rachel, Seth, Amara Darrison
Debbie Dew	Chris and Kim Diamond
Bernie Erickson	Andy Fase
Caroline Hart	Dave and Mary Hagen
Al Jensen	Alice Jensen
Jon Lohrbach	Marcy Makosky
Rebecca Marchak	Tammy Martin
Mrs. McKeen	Chad Mileski
Steve Mrotek	Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
Bev Regts	Debbie Renkin
Julie Springer	Marianne Watson Milkowski
Leroux Strom	Family of DJ Burns
Todd	Family of Jim Boydston
Al Waeghe	Family of Darrell Osborn
Gabriel Benson	Family of Lori Branstrom

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.

Virtual Grief Group

OSF HealthCare is offering a virtual grief group on the 4th Wednesday of the month 1:00 – 2:00. To register, call 786-3915 and ask to be connected to the Escanaba office. A flyer is on the church bulletin board.

2021 Offering Envelopes are now available on the black table by the bulletin boards. 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.

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, Mar. 25**

Bay Area Campus Ministry meal

We give a hearty “thank you” to **Jeanne Wescott** and **Laurie Kaufman de la Garza** for preparing the meal for Bay Area Campus Ministry. They fed 40 hungry college students.



3/1 Jessica Stock	3/16 Nicole Bratonia
3/2 John Gudwer	Lois Johnson
Beverly Plowman	3/17 Dorothy McIntyre
3/3 Kristine Jensen	3/20 Jason Viau
3/7 Diane Bishop	3/21 Steven Block
Lucy Frizzell	David Maskart
3/8 Jonathan Mattonen	3/22 Devin Messina
Justin Mattonen	3/25 Chris LaMarche
3/9 Dylan Messina	Teresa Myers
Ashley Thomas	Kaleb Warm
3/10 Alice Butch	3/26 Frank Landenberger
3/11 Sadie LaLonde	3/27 Sara Goodman
3/12 Maggie Buckley	3/29 Lorna Benson
3/14 Sophia Trotter	3/30 Cheryl LaCarte
3/15 Jan Goodman	3/31 Alex Chenier, Jr.
Tyler LaFond	Michael Keeker, Jr.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

To volunteer, call the office 428-9311.

Altar Guild: Pat Waeghe and Tracy Jensen

Communion Servers:

Readers:

Mar. 7
Mar. 14
Mar. 21 youth
Mar. 28

Volunteer Receptionists Needed

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteer receptionists. Main duties include answering phone, taking messages and directing calls.

Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Shifts are 9AM – 12 and 1:00 – 3:30PM.

If you are able to help out, even for a partial shift, please call Merry at 786-0590.

Moment in Missions

The Missions Committee would like to share the various concerns and needs that were addressed in February.

- **Bay Area Campus Ministries:** 40 students were provided with a dinner on February 22nd
- **Walk for Warmth:** The Church gym was opened on February 23rd & 25th for walkers to walk in support of fundraising for the annual Walk for Warmth campaign.
- **Noisy Offering:** The noisy offering has resumed with face to face church services. Just a reminder the cans will be out on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- **Venison Project:** Approximately 800 pounds of venison was distributed between three local food pantries.

The Mission Committee was made aware of a need in Malawi Africa. The following is some information about a children's book drive that the Mission Committee has voted on to support. It was sent by good friends of Pastor Cathy who are Joann Schmidt and Roy Schwarz. There will be a box by the entrance to the coat room to drop off your donations. Pastor Cathy will deliver the books downstate in June so hopefully we will have a nice collection to send. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help defray the costs for shipping the books to Malawi so this would be another way to support the book drive if you don't have books.

BOOK DONATION REQUEST-FOR SHIPMENT TO MALAWI, AFRICA

We manage a family project, Extend A Hand, that ships books to primary (grades 1-8) and secondary (grades 9-12) schools in Malawi. These schools have absolutely NO books in the classrooms. If you are cleaning out unused kid's books please donate to the church.

Appropriate books include:

Books featuring children of color

Primary non-fiction: A,B,Cs, animals, colors, shapes, numbers, math, nature

Secondary non-fiction: biography, history, sports, How-to, nature, math, science, atlas, cultures

Primary fiction: Beverly Cleary, Magic Schoolbus/Treehouse, and especially I Can Read books

Secondary fiction: Classics, Harry Potter, Newberry Award winners, Shakespeare, graphic novels

National Geographic Periodicals

Non-appropriate books include:

Encyclopedia sets, Outdated books, College textbooks

Topics to avoid: religion, witches, vampires, supernatural/paranormal, high-school romance, American history, Western holidays (Valentines/Thanksgiving), winter & snow, Disney characters

If you are interested in donating points earned from Elmer's County Market in their Rewards program, please contact Lisa at the church office and she can give you the church's code and some information on how to do that. When we receive enough points, we get a \$100 gift card which we can use to purchase food.

Our church is alive and active in our community, the UP, 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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Walk for Warmth Participants:

Jeanne Wescott and
Isaac and Susan Laguna



Spring Flowers



*If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with spring flowers, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the office **by Wednesday, Mar. 31.** Then order your flowers from whichever florist you want and bring them to church before Easter.*

IN HONOR OF: _____

FROM: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

FROM: _____
