



The Messenger

April 2021

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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Sunday on-line worship premieres at 8:30AM on www.gladstonechurch.org.

In-person worship is at 10:30 every Sunday morning.

Holy Week has come round again, with shouts of Hosanna! a meal of belonging, a kiss of betrayal, cries of “Crucify,” the thud of a hammer, the prayer of forgiveness, the promise of paradise, the silence of death ... the waiting and waiting and waiting ... and then the dawn of new life: Resurrection! Easter comes round again, thanks be to God.

Much to my dismay this Holy Week of 2021 looks more like 2020 than I would have wanted. I miss 2019, with the anticipation of moving to Gladstone to be a new pastor, to start a new chapter in my life and ministry. I miss 2018, marking Holy Week for the first time as a chaplain among the Adrian Dominican Sisters, appreciating the deep rootedness of the liturgies in a new way. I miss 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 ... I miss the people I don’t see anymore through distance or death. I miss the places I haven’t been in such a long time. I miss things about myself that don’t seem to be there anymore. I miss so much these days.

And yet, Holy Week has come round again. Signs of spring are overtaking winter and, while life isn’t going to be the way it was, possibilities of new life, fresh starts, and Easter resurrection are sprouting. We will worship together on-line *and* in-person this year on our spiritual journey from Palm Sunday to Easter. It will be somewhat safer to be together with loved ones this holiday. Together we’re learning to look at life, at one another, and at all of God’s creation in fresh ways, perhaps with more appreciation for the common good and the care of others, more attention to what is essential and to what justice for all requires of us.

It’s hard to say what the rest of 2021, or even the month of April will look like. I guess I miss believing I can predict the future about as much as I miss the past. Maybe, though, I’m learning to live a little less anxiously in the present moment. I pray you are too. That’s my hope for this Holy Week of 2021, to live each day of it, walking with Jesus—not lagging behind or leaping forward—taking one step at a time as Jesus makes a way through death to resurrection, from “Hossanna!” through “Crucify!” beyond “It is finished,” to “Christ is Risen!” in each of our lives. May God bless this Holy Week of 2021.



Holy Week Worship

March 28 – Palm Sunday

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

April 1 – Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. In-Person with Holy Communion.

On-line, 40-minute worship experience led by Michigan Area Bishop David Bard.

Remembering Christ's final evening in the Upper Room, Bishop Bard calls upon us to open ourselves to God, acknowledging where we have fallen short, and trusting that God loves us – wholly and completely. Link:

<https://vimeo.com/515770078>

April 2 – Good Friday

7 p.m. In-Person Meditation at the Cross

On-line, 20-minute Meditation at the Cross designed and led by the Rev. Julie Liske. This contemplative Good Friday service faces the crucifixion through art from around the world, accompanied only by piano and scripture texts from Isaiah and John.

Link: <https://vimeo.com/512223239>

April 4 – Easter Sunday

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

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Easter Season Worship Continues with Special Sundays in April

April 11 – Holy Humor Sunday

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

April 18 – Native American Ministries Sunday

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

April 25 – Festival of God's Creation Sunday

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

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.

Hungry for More?

The "Lent" tab on the left side of our webpage www.gladstonechurch.org has wonderful links to music videos, informative videos & articles, and the Lenten Calendar.

Dedicate a Sunday

Easter worship is dedicated by Dennis and Connie Ness in memory of Dennis's mother Lola Ness.

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.

Knitters needed!

A group of dedicated knitters meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 to create items for our bazaars and for various mission projects, locally and far away. Items that they donated include:

- 5 dozen purple baby hats
- 26 kids' blankets
- 87 lap blankets
- 24 cancer hats
- 10 kids' hats

They have a great time fellowshiping while creating beautiful items. If you like to knit or do other crafts, please stop by some Wednesday morning. They would love to have you.

One of their projects is "Warmth for Warriors," knitting caps that go under the soldiers' helmets. If you have been creating "Warmth for Warrior" hats at home, please bring them in by April 25. We will be shipping them off.

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR MEMORIAL CHURCH FAMILY:

Mary and I are uncertain how to begin. I guess the best way is to say THANK YOU!

Thank you for the wonderful grace of God you have been for us. You have made meals for us. You brought groceries. You drove many miles to bring me to appointments. You made lap blankets and a quilt and sent a plant – all beyond beautiful. You sent SO many cards with prayers and encouragement. You call to check on how we are doing. You ask us if there is anything we need. You have been so generous financially – at a time when so many are struggling as well. For your wondrous goodwill we are so grateful. You come to our home in your cars to show love and remind us we have a loving church family and a Holy heavenly Father that binds us together – we are not alone.

At this moment, after 43 radiation treatments, I am still working through a third cycle of chemo and other medications. There is a lot of territory to cover: from the spot where my kidney was removed to my liver, both lungs, and vertebrae in my neck. You have helped us in this journey to keep holding on to God our Father. In that way, we also find our peace.

Our prayer for you is that you feel God's unfailing love and His presence with you, never letting go no matter what happens. His peace is what overwhelms you today as He surrounds you with His mercy and covers you with His grace.

We love you all –
Dave and Mary

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
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4/1 Angela Brunette	4/13 Breanne Johnson
4/3 Jason Jorgensen	Jeff Moore
Christine Morrow	4/14 Alexandra Jorgensen
Thomas Viau	4/15 Carolyn Taylor
4/5 Laura Doneau	4/17 Gabriel Gaudino
Melvin Marlett	4/18 Ryan Juhola
Emma Wyman	Kyra Keeker
4/7 Dorell Kirschner	4/19 Matthew Hampton
Bill Springer	4/20 Kallie Donovan
4/8 Daytona Johnivan	Lillian Wery
Jack Thomas III	4/25 Jack Thomas IV
4/9 Pam Blixt	4/27 Tim King
4/10 Peter Jensen	4/28 Jamie Hoehn
Emily Klotz	Rachel Johnson
4/11 Russell Casey	Janice Watson
4/12 Owen Mattonen	4/29 Bill VanDeVusse
Benjamin Worth	4/30 Joseph Ostlund

“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.

Prayer List

Betsy Anderson	Aiden Christiansen
Ford Kaufman	Family of Jeannine Upton
Mark Bishop	Family of Vickie Britton
Holly Rajala	Family of Bob Darmogray
Lou Martin	Tom Smithson
Chris Vanburen	Vickie Britton
Bonnie Robertson	Karen Herzog
Christe Currie	Barb Lehman
Tracey Harjue	Bud Baltic
Sarah Benson	MaryAnn Brayak
Tom Butch	Janelle Castillo
Ginger Clairmont	Bud & Pat Clark
Tatum Cretan	Chris and Kim Diamond
Debbie Dew	Bernie Erickson
Andy Fase	Dave and Mary Hagen
Caroline Hart	Al Jensen
Alice Jensen	Jon Lohrbach
Marcy Makosky	Rebecca Marchak
Tammy Martin	Chad Mileski
Steve Mrotek	Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
Bev Regts	Debbie Renkin
Marvin Sodermark	Julie Springer
Todd	Al Waeghe
Marianne Watson Milkowski	
Rachel, Seth and Amara Darrison	

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.

I want to thank our church family for the cards we receive - and the prayers mean so much. God Bless,
Pat and Bud Clark

A TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE UPTON

by: Ken and Gail Schell

Jeannine passed away on March 15, 2021; she would have been 92 on July 13th. She was born and raised in the Dayton, OH area. She was married in 1948 to Robert Upton and had (3) children. Jeannine was a homemaker, volunteer, and also worked as a legal secretary. When Bob retired, they moved to several different states before settling in Gladstone around 1995.

Jeannine was the youngest of the (3) girls of her parents, so she became her father's boy, "Pete", and his fishing partner. Although she sometimes didn't want to go on some of her father's expeditions, (some were very scary), Jeannine became an avid Bass fisherman and continued to fish as often as she was able.

When Ken and I were looking at the house next to her, Jeannine said she saw two grey-haired people looking at the house and she wanted someone older to purchase the house so she went out to the road to talk to us. She told us she would like to have us as a neighbor. We became neighbors in 2008. Jeannine was a wonderful neighbor and friend and was so helpful to us during the time between the time of our purchase and actual move some 18 mos. later. She would mow our lawn when we were away, water our plants, etc.

Jeannine was also an avid gardener. She had a large property, which she mowed and took care of herself until she moved into Northwoods in Sept. 2019. She had a vegetable garden and many flower gardens. She was a great cook and baker and we enjoyed many wonderful meals at her home. She was a great storyteller and was very humorous.

Jeannine did much volunteering at Memorial UMC. She worked the pasty sale, cookie bake, and provided a dish for a funeral whenever asked.

In spite of having some memory issues and being confined at Northwoods, she maintained a positive attitude and accepted her situation. We spoke to her almost every day whether at home or Northwoods.

Jeannine was cremated and her ashes, along with her husband's, will be scattered by her family.

We were so saddened at the sudden death of Jeannine, as we were looking forward to the time when Covid regulations would be relaxed so we could take her out from Northwoods and have her to our home for dinner and outings. We are blessed to have known her. We will miss her!

Moment in Missions

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

- **Walk for Warmth:** Over \$400 was given towards heating assistance. Thank you to all who walked and/or donated to this need in our community.
- **3rd Sunday of the month:** Noisy offering
- **Continuation of Book Drive:** See information to the right for the books that are being accepted. There is a bookcase in the church's entrance to drop off your donations.
- **Mission Opportunities:** Check out the link "Young Adult Mission Opportunities" at our website.

On April 18th we will be observing **Native American Ministries** with a special offering. Native American Ministries Sunday was created in 1988 to develop and strengthen Native American ministries. United Methodism boasts 157 Native American congregations, and 53 of the 56 annual conferences have a Committee on Native American Ministries who resources, educates constituents about Native ministries, and distributes the annual conference Native American Ministries Sunday offering to Native ministries. In Michigan there are approximately 10 UMC Native American congregations with one in Zeba, located northeast of L'Anse in the UP. Gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering also provide scholarships for Native American seminarians who will pastor and lead the church. Watch for further information at our website and Facebook page.

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.

Elmer's Community Cares Program

Thank you to all who donate their Elmer's points to Memorial. We are already halfway to yet another \$100 gift card. These can be used to offset grocery costs for projects like the Bay Area Campus Ministry meal. Cards to help you donate are on the long table by the church's front door.

Book Drive for Malawi, Africa

Good friends of Pastor Cathy manage a 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.

There is a bookshelf in the front entryway 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 and/or to purchase additional, much-needed books. A teacher in our congregation can use her teacher discount to purchase books. **Flashcards and Learning Games are also great.**

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

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, Apr. 29**

Church Camps

Memorial UMC has scholarships to help people from Memorial UMC attend Camp Michigamme and other United Methodist Camps. Please let us know if you plan on attending camp.

A Camp Michigamme schedule is on the next page.

Camp Michigamme has a new director: Pete Stahlbrand.

Check out the exciting summer schedule below.



Camp Michigamme 2021 Registration is Open

Youth Camp 2021 - \$350 per week

- June 20-26 - Senior High Camp - Grades 9th-12th
- June 27-July 3 - Science Explorations Camp - Grades 1st-12th
- July 5-10 - Survivor Camp (TV Show) - Grades 1st-9th
- July 11-17 - Water Games Camp - Grades 1st-9th
- July 18-24 - Olympic Games Camp - Grades 1st-9th
- July 25-31 - Narnia Camp - Grades 1st-9th
- August 1-7 - Disney Explosion Camp - Grades 1st-9th
- August 8-14 - Super Heros Camp - Grades 1st-9th



Specialty Youth Camps 2021

- June 25-27 - Scout Camp - Pray: Birds of the Sky - Grades 5th-8th - \$75
- July 31-August 1 - Teddy Bear Camp - Age 4 - Grade 2nd - \$75 per child, \$50 per adult.

Adult Camps 2021

- June 13 - 16 - Quilt Camp 1 - \$200
- June 17 - 20 - Quilt Camp 2 - \$200
- August 26-29 - Harmony Retreat - \$325
- September 16-20 - Men's Emmaus Walk - Inquire for Information
- September 23-27 - Women's Emmaus Walk - Inquire for Information



Family Camps 2021 - \$75 per Adult, \$50 per Child - Inquire if family is 6 persons or more

- Memorial Day Family Camp - May 28-31
- Labor Day Family Camp - September 3-6
- District Wide Confirmation Camp - September 10-12 (Ceremony Day is Free of Charge)
- Fall Family Retreat and Early Halloween Party - October 1-3 - Trick or Treat Party on Saturday Night. \$10 per child if not attending rest of weekend.

Open Gatherings 2021

- Youth and Family Camps Open House Day - June 5
- **Michigamme Day - June 12**

Inquire at director@campmichigamme.org for further information.
Financial Aid Available by Request



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Maundy Th. Service including communion 7:40 Praise Team	<i>2</i> 7:00 Good Friday Service	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> Easter 8:30 Premiere of Online Worship 10:30 Worship in-person	<i>5</i> 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	<i>6</i> 4:30 Piano 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<i>7</i> 9:00 Knit & Quilt	<i>8</i> 2:00 Missions	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 8:30 Premiere of Online Worship 10:30 Worship in-person	<i>12</i> 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	<i>13</i> 4:30 Piano 6:00 TKD 6:30 Finance via ZOOM 8:00 N.A.	<i>14</i> 9:00 Knit & Quilt	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Shower in Narthex
<i>18</i> <i>Noisy Offering, Youth Sunday, & Native American Ministries Sunday</i> 8:30 Premiere of Online Worship 10:30 Worship in-person	<i>19</i> 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	<i>20</i> 4:30 Piano 6:00 TKD 7:00 In-person Church Council 8:00 N.A.	<i>21</i> 9:00 Knit & Quilt	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Shower in Gym
<i>25</i> 8:30 Premiere of Online Worship 10:30 Worship in-person	<i>26</i> 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	<i>27</i> 4:30 Piano 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<i>28</i> 9:00 Knit & Quilt	<i>29</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<i>30</i>	