



The Messenger

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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.

“Like You Want It”

A while back, our granddaughters were visiting us. On this one particular visit, the girls taught us a game they invented. I don't remember if they gave it a name or what the rules of the game were. I do remember that at one point, it was my turn, and I was required to do a dance move they called a “shimmy”. Well, I'm no dancer, but I tried to shimmy. And my effort came across to our youngest one, Ava, as rather half-hearted. I think she believed I “phoned-in” my shimmy. Ava, who was about six years old at the time, walked right up to where I was sitting on the floor, got in my face, put her little hands on my shoulders and told me, “Grandpa, shimmy like you want it!” Mary and I can see Ava becoming a motivational speaker.

Let's shift gears for a moment and apply my granddaughter's advice to me regarding worship – “Worship like you want it!” What would our experience in worship be if we worshiped “like we want it”? Or as some advertisers have phrased it, “Worship like you mean it.” Or like this: “Worship like your life depends on it.” Or: “Worship as if you couldn't last a day without it.”

Try to picture what our worship experience would be like if we spoke liturgies like we meant it. If we sang hymns like our very lives depended on it. If we listened to the pastor's message as if we couldn't last another moment without hearing the Gospel. Some of the psalm writers knew what that kind of worship looks like and feels like:

As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When can I go and meet with God?

--Psalm 42:1-2, NIV—

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,

for the courts of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

--Psalm 84:1-2, NIV—

Whether you come to worship in person or online, picture God standing before you, holding your face in His hands, looking into your eyes, calling you by name, and saying, “I'm here with you, and you're here now. Worship like you want it.”

~ Dave Hagen

Worship for the Month of June

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

June 6 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 4:14-22 – A celebration of Holy Communion and time to recognize our high school graduates, along with the Peace with Justice special offering. (A reception outside after worship for the 2021 Graduates and Confirmands.)

The youth who were confirmed on Feb. 14 are Landon and Carter Stammer, Sylvia Nault, Nate Moore, Claire Marlett, Owen and Caiden Mattonen, Allie Ettenhofer, Maggie and Camryn Buckley.

Our high school graduates are Sam Jensen, Breanne Johnson, Jonathan Mattonen, Dylan Messina, Teresa Myers, and Payton Nault.



June 13 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalms 100; Hebrews 10:19-25 – Worship 101, Pastor and Praise Team will walk us through the order of worship, exploring why we do what we do, and rejoicing in our opportunities to do it together. (Looking for guitarists, drummers, and singers to join the Praise Team.)

June 20 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day

Guest Preacher: Chris Bergquist, retired UMC Pastor from Bark River. Our Church Band will be back to provide music. (Band rehearses 7 p.m. Thursdays if you'd like to join in—call Lisa in the church office for details and music.) Remember, it's the Noisy Offering for Heifer Project too.

June 27 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher: Gary Shiple, retired former Pastor here at Memorial UMC, wraps up the month of June.

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>

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!

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, June 24**

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.

Books on Their Way to Malawi

Pastor Cathy delivered a very full carload of books downstate to her friends at "Extend-A-Hand," who are getting them ready for the next shipment to Malawi, probably later this summer. Thanks to everyone who contributed! If you still have books to donate, please drop them by the church before Wednesday, June 16. We have a few more boxes that Pastor Cathy will be delivering later this month. (Please check the website for a list of appropriate books.)

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

What Memorial UMC people are doing to make a better world

In addition to being an active Trustee at Memorial various times over the decades and in addition to now taking over the church lawn maintenance from Al Jensen, Bill Buchmiller has also been a softball coach for over 45 years in our community. There was a great article about him in the Daily Press sports section on May 28. It's wonderful to see people from Memorial being active not only at church but also out in the community, making a positive impact!

Check the church bulletin board by the Education hallway for more news items about folks from our congregation, and please tell us if you know of someone making a difference in the world.

Thank you so much for the lovely afghan for my Dad, Richard Ostrander, a resident at Lakeview Assisted Living. I was recently up in the U.P. visiting him and he loved to show off the camo afghan. What a very thoughtful gift. It really warms my heart to know that there is such a caring church organization that reaches out to those in the assisted living facility. It had been over a year since I had been up to see my dad due to Covid.

Thank you again - and my dad and I wanted to make a small donation to your church to help with this mission/organization. My mom was a member of a Prayer Shawl group in Flat Rock.

Sincerely,

Ann Evans and Richard Ostrander

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.

Church Yard Clean-Up

We thank the following people who cleaned up the church yard on May 6th and 8th: Carol and Dave Borden, Bill and Bonnie Buchmiller, Jan Johnson, Susan Lagina, Becky Landenberger and her two sons Howie and Franklin, Devin and Dylan Messina, Mary Moore and her son Nate, and Lisa Myers.

We are also very appreciative to Al Jensen for having mown the church lawn for years and years. We thank Bill Buchmiller for now stepping forward to take Al's spot.



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| 6/3 Bonnie Oshe | 6/19 Thomas Jensen |
| 6/4 Paige Stammer | 6/23 William Morrow |
| 6/6 Barbara Hess | 6/24 Emma Bowden |
| 6/7 Petra Lagina | Abigail Worth |
| 6/9 Landon Stammer | 6/26 Connie Ness |
| 6/10 Kay Shapy | Krista Warm |
| 6/12 Jeanne Johnson | 6/29 Jon Anderson |
| 6/13 Eileen Collins | Abbygail de la Garza |
| 6/17 Joy Large | |
| 6/18 Emily Jensen | |

Prayer List

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| Anne Kuhlman | Roger Jyekema |
| Dave and Mary Hagen | Adam |
| Betsy Anderson | Bud Baltic |
| Sarah Benson | Mark Bishop |
| MaryAnn Brayak | Tom Butch |
| Nancy Campbell | Janelle Castillo |
| Ginger Clairmont | Bud & Pat Clark |
| Eileen Collins | Tatum Cretan |
| Debbie Dew | Bernie Erickson |
| Andy Fase | Caroline Hart |
| Dennis Hunter | Al Jensen |
| Alice Jensen | Jon Lohrbach |
| Marcy Makosky | Rebecca Marchak |
| Tammy Martin | Chad Mileski |
| Zach Nardi | Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor |
| Bev Regts | Debbie Renkin |
| Marvin Sodermark | Julie Springer |
| Todd | Al Waeghe |
| Marianne Watson Milkowski | |
| Rachel, Seth and Amara Darrison | |
| Chris and Kim Diamond | |
| People in Palestine and Israel | |

A Thank You from Warmth for Warriors

Dear Knitters and Crocheters,

We want to say how grateful we are for the lovely box that you sent to us and for picking our group as part of your 2020-2021 project. We feel very honored and blessed that we were selected. They will certainly find their way to service men and women, and they will keep them nice and warm and safe.

Thank you so much again as it is most appreciated!

God Bless the Group!
Chari Fischer

Camp Michigamme

Registration

Camp Michigamme registrations are online, but if you have a technology issue, call me at 216-217-5011.

Call for Counselors and Volunteers

If you have members of your congregation that are aged 18-25 that could use a summer job for 9 weeks and would be great camp counselors, please send them my way by having them fill out the online application on the website. If you have adults and teens, aged 16 and up, of any age, who want to volunteer with our kids for shorter periods of time, like 1 or 2 weeks or a few days or a weekend, tell them to fill out the same application and I'll get back to them soon. When it comes to staff we have a great leadership team put together, but will need a few more counselors of both genders. For volunteers we have much enthusiasm for Senior High Camp and that week is full of volunteers, but we could use more volunteers for every other week of camp.

If you have luggage (backpacks or suitcases) for the luggage drive for foster children, please let Pastor Cathy know so she can bring it on June 12 to Camp Michigamme Day.

Moment in Missions

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

- Church World Service Blankets program (International Advance) offering: \$500.00
- Church wide rummage sale with scrap metal drive: Many people participated with giving of items to sell, helping set up, helping during the 3 day sale, packing items left to send to St Vincent de Paul, and/or giving to the metal collection. The rummage sale netted \$849.80 which will be split between the general fund and missions. The amount earned from the scrap metal drive will be shared in the next newsletter.
 - The committee has sent \$1000 from undesignated missions giving to the Michigan Annual Church Conference which will be split between 45%-Haitian Assets for Peace International, 45%-Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village, and 10%-Child Hunger Relief-all districts in MI.

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

- **June 3-6:** "Faith in Action" 5K virtual run/walk/ride-for more information you can go to the website <https://michiganumc.org/faith-in-action-against-child-hunger>. If interested in supporting this cause, 100% of the funds raised will go to support child hunger relief in Michigan. Registration and entry fee which included a free T-shirt ended April 30 but you do not have to register to participate. Simply collect pledges, participate anytime from June 3-6, turn in your pledges to the church, and the money will be sent to the 2021 Michigan Annual Church Conference.
- **June 6:** Peace with Justice offering- Peace with Justice Sunday is based on the ideas that the way to stand for justice is to simultaneously create pathways for peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. It is a day to take action by funding peace with justice programs in our communities. You may find out more about this special offering at <https://michiganumc.org/peace-with-justice-offering-may-30/>
- **June:** Mission trip to God's Country Cooperative Parish. If interested, contact the church office or sign up on the sheet located on a table at the entrance to the church.
- **June 20:** 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. In May we had 16,500 points donated. 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 8:00 N.A.	2 9AM Knitters	3 4:30 Visitation 5:30 Memorial service for Jim Boydston 7:00 Band practice	4	5
6 10:30 Worship with communion, recognition of confirmands and graduates	7 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	8 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	9 9AM Knitters and Quilters	10 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	11	12 10:00 - 3:00 Camp Michigamme Day
13 10:30 Worship	14 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	15 2:00 Missions in-person (zoom available) 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	16 9AM Knitters and Quilters	17 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	18	19
20 <i>Noisy Offering and Youth Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship	21 6:00 We Make the Road by Walking	22 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	23 9AM Knitters and Quilters	24 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	25	26
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