



# The Messenger

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

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The United Methodist Church “is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit” ([#BeUMC on umc.org](https://www.umbc.org)).

*It's been a long, a long time coming, but I know a change gonna come, oh, yes it will.*

Yep, those are lyrics to another Sam Cooke song: *A Change Is Gonna Come*. I've read the song grew out of Cooke's experience of being turned away from a “whites-only” motel in Louisiana while traveling in the 1960s. Influenced by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s “I Have A Dream” speech, Cooke overcame his previous reluctance to write against the racism and injustice of his day, for fear of losing his large white fan base. Cooke was fatally shot, Dec. 11, 1964, two weeks before the song was released. *A Change Is Gonna Come* went on to become an anthem of the Civil Rights Movement.

Listening to today's news, listening to friends and family, to church and community members, to experts and to God's Spirit, it's obvious to me “a change gonna come,” in our lives today. We are undoubtedly in the midst of some of the most foundational changes of recent decades, maybe centuries. Our institutions, including religious institutions—Christian churches, the United Methodist Church, and our Memorial UMC, are all changing in unprecedented ways. I truly believe, as most of what we understand to be the way the world works isn't working anymore, God is doing a new thing in our time. The ways we gather, seek and are found by Jesus, connect with each other, and grow in grace together as disciples need to change. The ways we express our love for God, for each other, and for others need to change. We, as individuals need to change, need to be transformed by the power of God's Spirit to be the people Jesus is calling us to be. We need to get on board with the new things God is doing, with the future God is creating; and yet, it seems something in us resists making meaningful change happen.

Mark R. Teasdale writes in his book *Evangelism for Non-Evangelists*, “Most people become skittish when confronted with change, even when that change is clearly for the better. Robert Kegan and Lisa Laskow Lahey explain this behavior in their book *Immunity to Change*. They demonstrate that when people are faced with change they weigh four factors: (1) an explanation of why they need to change to honor a certain commitment, (2) a description of what they are currently doing or not doing that works against that change taking place, (3) other commitments they worry they won't be able to fulfill if the change occurs and (4) a 'big assumption' they make that explains why they're safer if they don't change. While the first two factors acknowledge there is good reason to change and recognize what hinders that change from happening, the authors argue that the strength of the last two factors always trumps these. As a result, we do not change. ... The issue is not one of good versus bad commitments, but of conflicting good commitments. Given this, the safest route for most individuals and congregations is to stay the course since they are already fulfilling some good commitments.”

We resist change now, and so we forfeit our future. Still, Jesus is calling us to change, to be transformed by grace and love, to be part of transforming our world, to take the next faithful step forward. Still, “a change gonna come.” May we be part of God's change, God's future, in our ever-changing world. *Pastor Cathy*

## Summer Worship Time

10AM June 12 – Sept. 4.

At its April meeting, Memorial's Church Council voted to have one Sunday morning worship service begin at 10am starting June 12 and running through Labor Day. This will help accommodate people's summer plans of maybe getting an earlier start to daytrips or summer outdoor activities. The Council felt it better to keep everyone together instead of having two services because we have been so separated for so long.

## Links to Worship

Find the Sunday bulletin with announcements, on-line worship links, our current prayer list, and a place to make on-line contributions on the church website: [www.gladstonechurch.org](http://www.gladstonechurch.org). You're welcome to call the office with questions: 428-9311, or email:

[mumc@gladstonechurch.org](mailto:mumc@gladstonechurch.org).

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

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

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

**The Jubilee Choir** is back! They will be singing in worship on June 26, July 31, and Aug. 28. Practices will be on **Wednesdays at 6:30** on June 15 & 22, July 20 & 27, and Aug. 17 & 24. Feel free to join us for whichever of these you can.

**Praise Team** practices Wednesdays at 6.

## Special Music for Summer

Please sign up on the bulletin board or by calling the office to provide special music for worship (vocal or instrumental). We'd appreciate hearing from you, your family, or friends.

## Sign up for 2022

We need Ushers, Readers, Muffins Bakers, Coffee Hosts, and Communion Servers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, if you would be interested in learning how to help with the projection and livestream, please speak with Joy Jorgensen.

## Vacation Bible School

Greetings from your Education Committee!

We are in the midst of planning VBS program "YES!" for the week of Sunday, July 31st through Thursday, August 4th.

If there is a slot you would love to fill in for this Ministry to happen, here they are!

### GATHERING AND CLOSING

MUSIC: \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE PRESENTER: \_\_\_\_\_

### LEADERS FOR CLASSES

GAMES AND ART: \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC AND THEATER: \_\_\_\_\_

SCIENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIA: (STORYTELLING) \_\_\_\_\_

You may choose one or all evenings to volunteer.

We hope these spots fill up quickly! To view the activities you will be leading, check out the curriculum in the church office. None of the activities require expertise!

Please call the church office, 428-9311 or Lorna Benson, 428-2261 with your information or questions!

Thank you for helping make this Ministry happen!

**newsletter deadline:  
Thursday, June 30**

## Trustees Thank You

Dennis Ness cleaned up tree limbs that fell down in a storm.

Carol Borden and Louise Congdon cleaned up the Memorial Garden.

The Girl Scouts helped Jan Johnson pick up the sticks in the church yard so that Bill Buchmiller could use his lawn machine to mulch and clean up the yard.

Laurie has done a phenomenal job coordinating the MARSF dinner, the rummage sale, and the Spring Tea (along with Susan Lagina and Lorna Benson).

Gary Johnson removed the fan covers in the gym. Jim Stammer headed up the scrap metal drive.

Jan Johnson did extensive yard clean-up and headed up the installation of the carpeting. Carter and Jim Stammer removed the heavy things from the offices, and the Staff-Parish Committee put everything back.

## Missions Giving

**Thank you for your generous giving to missions!**

You gave \$32 to Native American Ministries, \$740 to Blanket Sunday, \$110.95 to Heifer Project through the noisy offering, \$230 to the 5K run for Child Hunger, and \$25 + 5 buckets + 4 boxes full of cleaning supplies for the flood buckets!

## Michigan's United Methodist Annual Conference

is being held June 2-4 in Traverse City. Pastor Cathy, MUMC Lay Delegates Laurie de la Garza and Susan Lagina, and Ted Brainard, who serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry are all attending from Memorial UMC. For more information, including a schedule, please visit: [2022.MichiganUMC.org](https://2022.MichiganUMC.org). Conference session will be streaming on this website and the conference [Facebook](#) page.

Dear Memorial United Methodist Church Members,

I am writing to let you know that this summer I will be working on my Eagle Project. Lisa Myers approached me about helping restrain and restore the church gazebo. In my 11 years as a scout, the church has always been a strong supporter of my scouting journey. It is my honor to give back by having my Eagle Project be a way of thanking the church for their many years of support in scouts. On June 12th, I will be sharing my project ideas in front of the congregation. My project will include fixing and restraining the gazebo, putting down fresh mulch in the garden, cleaning up the fire pit, repairing the current picnic table, getting one/two additional picnic tables, and creating firewood storage that will double as an outdoor serving center. Over the next few weeks, I will be going out to local businesses to ask for donations to complete this project. I will also humbly ask for your support whether it be praying for the project, volunteering of your time, or donating money to help make this project be a blessing to our church.

Thank you for your support,  
Ethan Jensen

6/3 Bonnie Oshe  
6/4 Paige Stammer  
6/6 Barbara Hess  
6/7 Petra Lagina  
6/9 Landon Stammer  
6/10 Kay Shapy  
6/12 Jeanne Wescott  
6/13 Eileen Collins  
6/17 Joy Large  
6/18 Emily Jensen



6/19 Thomas Jensen  
6/23 William Morrow  
6/24 Emma Bowden  
Abigail Worth  
6/26 Connie Ness  
Krista Warm  
6/29 Jon Anderson  
Abbygail de la Garza

## Fundraisers

**The MARSP Dinner** was scrumptious and made a profit of \$1,061.65. This large profit was due to church volunteers making and donating the desserts and dinner rolls, and to Connie Ness securing \$250 from Thrivent, which off-set most of our grocery costs. We thank all the people who prepared, served, and cleaned up.

**The rummage sale** was a great success, raising \$1,004.20, and more money is still coming in. “Thank you” to all who donated items and worked.

## Moment in Missions

### 2022 Michigan Annual Conference:

- The Annual Conference is an in-person gathering in Traverse City beginning June 2-June 4. MUMC annually supports missions through the traditional offering which is \$1000. 45% will be donated to Haitian Assets for Peace International (HAPI), 45% to Bishop Judith Craig’s Children’s Village in Liberia, and 10% to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people through UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery.

### Celebrations!

- Pastor Cathy and Ted Brainard will participate in the **5K for Child Hunger Relief** on June 2 at the annual conference. The money raised is used to address food insecurities in Michigan. The money raised from MUMC so far is \$230.
- Collection of Relief Supplies: Flood Bucket Cleaning Kit supplies were collected and sent with Pastor Cathy to the annual conference. Thank you to all who donated to help those in need during devastating natural disasters.



## Prayer List

Ukraine	Betsy Anderson
Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta
Dave Bell	Sarah Benson
Kade Botsford	Tom Butch
Bud and Pat Clark	Shirley Clark
Eileen Collins	Irving and Bette DeRoeck
John Fisher	Chris and Kim Diamond
Todd Green	Michele Geyer
John Gudwer	Caroline Hart
Jim Hubbard	Al Jensen
Clare Klamer	Alice and Lloyd Jensen
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	Shirley Mickey
Zach Nardi	Lincoln Noel
Emily Shada Polega	Josiah Pryor
Debbie Renkin	Debbie Rosen
Marv Sodermark	Bill Springer
Julie Springer	Donna Wilken
Molly and Dave Bohlen	
Mike and “Team Rubicon” in Ukraine	
Family of Mindi Robinson Duguid	

- MUMC received several thank you notes for donations given. You can see the following thank you notes on the mission bulletin located at the entrance to the education wing from: Salvation Army, Lakestate Industries, Bay Cliff Health Camp, and Tri County Safe Harbor.
- Liz Kempher and Jeanne Wescott attended the Bay Area Campus Ministry appreciation meal to honor all the churches in the area who provided meals to the Bay campuses during the 2021-22 school year. Through the efforts of many, approximately 3100 meals were served on the main campus and 1700 meals on the west campus. Thank you to all who helped make this possible and to those who donate their Elmer's Community Care Program points and Gordon Food Service points.
- Native American Ministry special offering was \$32.
- Blanket Sunday special offering was \$740.

#### **Special Awareness Opportunity:**

- MUMC received a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services of Delta, Dickinson, & Menominee County. The letter pertained to the **Community and Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption (CFBI)**. They are seeking to build partnerships with faith leaders, as well as others, to meet the needs of foster and adoptive children and their families, by promoting awareness of the need for quality foster and adoptive parents, and connecting children and youth to supportive resources and relationships. Enclosed in the letter is a document that provides an overview on how anyone can help entitled "All.Many.Few". If you would be interested in more information about this service, you may see the letter on the Mission bulletin board located at the entrance to the education wing. You may also contact Bonnie Harrison (906.399.9269) or Grant Ziems (906.290.2135).

#### **Opportunities to serve:**

- June 22-24: **Volunteers in Mission:** We have a group of 8 that will be headed to Paradise, MI to help out at God's Country Cooperative Parish. It is still not too late if you are interested in joining the team heading there. We will have one more meeting on June 12th before we leave on the trip the following week. If interested, please contact the church office or Jeanne Wescott (906.399.2727) as soon as possible to get your information sent in.

#### **Opportunities to give:**

- June 12: **Peace with Justice-** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9). Peace with Justice Sunday is based on the idea 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.
- June 19: **Noisy Offering:** supports the purchase of livestock through Heifer International
- June 19: Blessing of the **VIM** going to Paradise, MI
- **Elmer's Community Cares Program & GFS:** Donate points to MUMC and we can use it towards getting a \$100 gift card from Elmer's or money off purchases made at GFS. This can be used to help defray costs for meals to serve at Bay Area Campus Ministry meals and Hope at the Inn. We currently have 121,692 points at Elmer's.

#### **Keep Up the Gospel Work!**

Check out the Mission bulletin board located at the entrance to the education wing. Follow our outreach monthly as we live to serve through our gifts, acts, and prayers.

-You heard the call for help and answered it magnificently-

**High need items**

- Towels
- Sheets
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Pull-ups (all sizes)
- Shoes
- Boots
- Jeans for men and children
- We also take donations to purchase these items



**\*Please launder clothing before donating.**  
**\*To avoid damage, please do not ship clothing in hangers.**  
**\*No Polyester**

**Furniture and Household Items**

- Sofas
- Chairs
- Recliners
- End tables
- Lamps
- Dining room table and chair sets
- Bed frames
- Bed railings
- Box spring and mattresses  
(Please contact GCCP about these items)
- Dressers
- Mirrors
- Bookshelves
- Trash cans
- Trash bags 12 gal, 20 gal, etc.
- Cleaning buckets
- Vacuum cleaners
- Dishes
- Pots and pans

**Clothing for Infant, Children, and Adult**

- New underwear- boxer/ boxer briefs
- New or gently used shoes and boots
- Children’s undershirts
- Onesies
- New or gently used coats and jackets
- Snow bibs
- New or gently used sweatshirts and sweat pants  
(for three schools)
- Snowsuits for infants and toddlers
- New or gently used winter boots
- New or gently used clothing for all ages and all seasons  
(Our biggest need is for ages 5-10 years)
- New back packs for school
- School supplies – all ages

**General Items**

- Glasses, cups (no plastics)
- Silverware
- Kitchen utensils
- Dish soap, cloths, and towels
- Dish drainer
- Comforters, blankets, sheets
- New pillows, pillow cases
- Wash cloths, hand towels
- Towels
- Baby lotion, wash, and soap
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent
- Cleaning buckets
- Mops
- Microwave / toaster ovens
- Baking dishes



Thank  
You



## Let Us Know !!

Greetings from your Membership Connection Committee!

We need your input and ideas to plan some fun fellowship events for us to reconnect. Here are some ideas from which to choose.

**Please circle, mark, or highlight the activities that you would attend.**

1. Games outdoors
  - croquet
  - volleyball
  - corn hole / bean bag toss
  - water balloon toss
  - kite flying
  - relay races (3 legged race, spoon race, orange under chin passing)
  - softball game
  - hot dogs, brats, finger food, lemonade, etc.
2. Campfire and fellowship
  - storytelling and s'mores
3. Car show
  - antique vehicles and ice cream
4. Remote car races with sloppy jo's and finger food
5. Arts and Crafts show
  - wood products, crafts, drawings, crocheted items, etc. Can be purchased.
6. Sunday monthly potlucks after church
7. Outdoor hymn sing with light meal afterward
  - Bring your own picnic basket for your family
8. Indoor games
  - Basketball, volleyball, pickleball

**Please write what days of the week / times would work for you. Also, note if there are days/weeks that you're gone.**

Example: weekdays after 6, Sunday afternoons, but not July 1-9.

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| a. During the week     | 1. June      |
| b. Saturdays           | 2. July      |
| c. Sunday after church | 3. August    |
|                        | 4. September |

**Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number who might attend\_\_\_\_\_**

You can bring your response to the church office, reply by email, or call Lorna 428-2261.

***We are really trying to connect with our members and friends. Please respond by June 15. Thank you.***

# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  6:00 Praise Team	<b>2</b> 9:00 Pickleball  6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30 Worship  11:30 Men's Breakfast  3:00 Hike with a Hallelujah	<b>6</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  5:30 Bible study	<b>7</b> 9:00 Pickleball  11:00 Line Dancing  6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<b>8</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  6:00 Praise Team	<b>9</b> 9:00 Pickleball  6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>   3:00 Baptism
<b>12</b> <i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i>  10:00 Worship	<b>13</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  5:30 Bible study	<b>14</b> 9:00 Pickleball  11:00 Line Dancing  6:00 Finance 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<b>15</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Jubilee Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00 Pickleball  6:00 TKD 7:00 Band practice	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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