



# The Messenger

July 2022

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

Memorial United Methodist Church  
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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).***

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people—*

Colossians 1:3-4

Three years ago, I began my first Memorial United Methodist Church newsletter column with those words from the Apostle Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. Back then, I’d only “heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people.” Over these past three years, you’ve given me the opportunity to experience your faith and love from the unique position of being your pastor. For that, I continue to give thanks to God and to you all.

I am so grateful for the ways in which the leadership, staff, and congregation of Memorial UMC welcomed me into your midst. I am thankful for the ways in which we have journeyed together along the Way as disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing our struggles and joys, grieving our losses, and celebrating our gains. For sure, there have been rough patches, plenty of uncertainty, and times of disagreement. Without doubt these have been three incredibly unique years. And yet, together, we have continued to take each next step in faith, confident of God’s Spirit moving with and through us.

As our next steps will now take us in different directions, I am deeply appreciative of our time together. I am also confident that as a congregation, listening carefully to one another and to God’s prompting, you will continue to be a vital presence in this community and a significant congregation in our connectional United Methodist Church. God will provide the next right pastor for the days ahead. The ministry and mission you offer will continue to meet real needs of real people from Gladstone to God’s Country Cooperative Parish to the far reaches of the globe.

I will continue to thank God for you all and to hold you in my prayers as you move forward into God’s future for Memorial United Methodist Church.

Thank You! And may God continue to bless you all.

*Pastor Cathy*

If you need pastoral care after July 9, please call either  
Terri Branstrom 786-8334 or Lisa Myers 428-9311 or 420-1311.

## 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 are singing in worship on July 31 and Aug. 28. Practices are on **Wednesdays at 6:30** on 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.

## Baptism

On June 11, we celebrated the baptism of **Benjamin Allen Coleman**, son of Leslie & Jake Coleman, grandson of Kay and Gerald Shapy. The sponsor was Great-aunt Gail Coleman.

## A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

will begin Wednesday, July 20 at 1:30. The six-week study will use as a resource the book Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation, rev. ed., by Bruce Metzger. He was head of New Testament studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and chair of the committee that translated the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Our study group will be led by Dr. Gary Shiple, one of our former pastors, who had the privilege of studying under Prof. Metzger while at Princeton.

Those who wish to attend the study can register with the church office and, if desired, place their order for the study book which costs \$12. If you wish to have a book, please tell Lisa by July 10.

**newsletter deadline:  
Thursday, July 28**

## Vacation Bible School

**Aug. 1-4 6pm-8pm**

"Thank you!" to all the wonderful volunteers who have already signed up to help with Vacation Bible School. The response has been tremendous! If you have not yet signed up but would like to, of course we could always use an extra set of hands. Just call the church office or sign up on the round table by the display cabinet.

**Our biggest need now is children.** Please invite any and all children age 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. While pre-registration is not mandatory, it is very helpful to the leadership.

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!



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

## Trustees Thank You

We thank John Ettenhofer for weeding the parking lot and Dave Borden for fixing the lights in Pastor's office.

## Participate in Memorial's parade unit

You are welcome to join us in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We are advertising VBS and also the Chicken Dinner on Aug. 6.

Line up is around 10:30 on the far east end of Delta Ave. in Gladstone. We are unit 60.

Try to wear a red top and white or blue bottoms.

Sun screen and water bottles are available.

## From the Finance Committee

I have been asked, "Why do you go to church?" and I have asked myself, "Why do I go to church?" My answer is, "You are never too old to learn!" and "Church reinforces something bigger than me and you."

If we listen and participate, there is something new every week. The last two years have certainly been a challenge. How do businesses and churches and families as well as social groups hold it together?!

Church is every bit as social as bridge, book clubs, and sports. It is a discipline and accountability as well. We learn from each other by listening, talking, reading, sharing, and serving. Sitting in my pj's with my coffee mug was sure easier than being present in our place of worship, but we certainly did not have the community that we've grown with. Our pastor kept the thread going on-line. We are so fortunate to have a pastor that cares about all of us. Thank you.

If you read our newsletter, you will conclude that we are a very active congregation both locally and globally. Without our committees, groups, and work together, we will not be a church. Our dedication and finances hold us together in beliefs and teaching. We have to support our children and adults by being together and keeping our doors open.

Through our financial giving and attending we can keep our church open, pay our staff and keep giving locally and globally. We have an immediate mission to keep our doors open.

I have always believed that I get out of an endeavor what I put into it. Faith needs a flame, and fanning that flame happens when we gather together.

In faith,

Sally Brainard

## Miracle Month

In May, Church Council voted to designate the whole month of July as a "Miracle Month," with the goal of raising \$20,000 in order to help with Memorial's cash flow. We are asking everyone to give an additional gift, above and beyond their general giving. Memorial UMC's leadership has committed to giving the first 10% (\$2,000) of this goal. Please mark your extra gift "Miracle Month." We don't ask lightly for your help, and we are trusting that God will provide through your response.

## Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, August 6, serving from noon until 6

## Meet Up and Eat Up

Free meals are available to children 18 years and younger and to persons up to 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals are available at Jones School, 400 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Gladstone, July 11 – Aug. 18.

Breakfast served 8:00 – 9:00 Monday – Thursday

Lunch served 11:30 – 12:30 Monday - Thursday

## Prayer List

Ukraine	Betsy Anderson
Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta
Dave Bell	Sarah Benson
Dave Bohlen	Family of George Bower
Lois Boydston	Tom Butch
Bud and Pat Clark	Shirley Clark
Eileen Collins	Irving and Bette DeRoeck
John Fisher	Chris and Kim Diamond
Michele Geyer	Todd Green
John Gudwer	Caroline Hart
Al Jensen	Alice and Lloyd Jensen
Dave Landenberger	Susan Lindgren
Marcy Makosky	Rebecca Marchak
Toni Marchese	Jenny Mileski
Zach Nardi	Vickie Ottensman
Pamela	Mike and Diane Oxford
Kristine Paulsen	Cherie Phalen
Emily Shada Polega	Josiah Pryor
Family of Jim Rae	Debbie Renkin
Marv Sodermark	Bill Springer
Julie Springer	Lillian Wery
Donna Wilken	

## Moment in Missions

### Celebrations

- Peace with Justice: Persons who attended church on June 5th were presented with faith and facts about gun violence. Many came forward during service to pick up crosses that were put in the collection plate and later assembled into a dove representing support for taking action to end gun violence, Vacation Bible School, and Ethan Jensen's Eagle Scout project.
- Thank you to all who contributed to the 5K for Child Hunger Relief. Total raised from our church and collections that Nancy Campbell collected were \$492.95. Big shout out to Nancy Campbell, Pastor Cathy, and Ted Brainard for their walking/running to promote this event to address food insecurities for children in Michigan.
- The Volunteers in Missions shared with the congregation a slideshow from their mission trip to God's Country Cooperative Parish. You can view online by going to the church's website, <http://www.gladstonechurch.org/> and clicking on the link for the service on June 26.
- Our church was recognized and received the Engage*mi* 2021 certificate at the annual conference. It is posted on the main bulletin board in the Narthex. The six steps in the process recognizes our commitment in sharing God's love with others, building community, and developing leaders. We continue to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through our learning, giving, and actions.



### 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 give:

- July 17: **Noisy Offering**-supports the purchase of livestock through Heifer International
- **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 for Bay Area Campus Ministry and Hope at the Inn. We recently accrued enough points at Elmer's and received a \$100 gift card! Thank you to all who have generously given points to MUMC.

### 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 proclaim the love of Jesus Christ.



# TAI CHI FOR FALLS PREVENTION

Monday and Thursday  
2:40 PM –3:40 PM EST

July 7th through August  
29, 2022

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To Register or Questions  
email at:

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Instructor Linda Lewandowski

Certification through  
[taichiforhealthinstitute.org](http://taichiforhealthinstitute.org)  
in

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall  
Prevention,  
Seated Tai Chi for Arthritis,  
Tai Chi for Diabetes

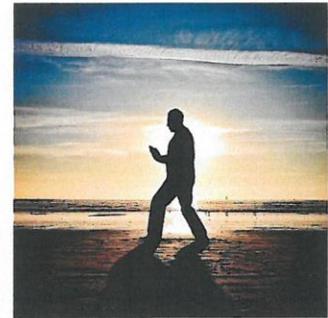


## PROGRAM

### SUMMARY:

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise combining slow movement, deep breathing and focused intention.

- Increases strength
- Increases balance and posture
- Prevents falls
- Improves mind, body, and spirit
- Reduces stress and increases relaxation



Modifications will be provided for those who want to attend seated or standing.

***(Once you register via email you will receive a confirmation email from the instructor.)***

As a volunteer instructor for MSU Extension in Delta County, this class is offered to participants for **FREE!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Men's Breakfast	<b>4</b> 10:30 Parade line-up	<b>5</b> 9:00 Pickleball 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<b>6</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Praise Team	<b>7</b> 2:40 Tai Chi 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	<b>8</b> 10:00 Pickleball	<b>9</b> Gym & Kitchen Rented
<b>10</b> 10:00 Worship Farewell to Pastor Cathy	<b>11</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 2:40 Tai Chi 5:30 Bible study	<b>12</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 6:00 Finance 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	<b>13</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Praise Team	<b>14</b> 2:40 Tai Chi 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	<b>15</b> 10:00 Pickleball	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Noisy Offering 10:00 Worship 3:00 Hike with a Hallelujah	<b>18</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 2:40 Tai Chi 5:30 Bible study	<b>19</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 2:00 Missions 6:00 TKD 6:00 Condo Assoc 6:30 Council 8:00 N.A.	<b>20</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Revelation study 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Jubilee Choir	<b>21</b> 2:40 Tai Chi 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	<b>22</b> 10:00 Pickleball	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>25</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 2:40 Tai Chi 5:30 Bible study	<b>26</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 1:00 Membership 6:00 TKD 6:30 SPRC 8:00 N.A.	<b>27</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Revelation study 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Jubilee Choir	<b>28</b> Newsletter deadline 2:40 Tai Chi 6:00 TKD 7:00 Band	<b>29</b> 10:00 Pickleball	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:00 Worship	<b>Aug. 1</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 2:40 Tai Chi VBS 6pm—8pm	<b>Aug. 2</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance VBS 6pm—8pm 8:00 N.A.	<b>Aug. 3</b> 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 1:30 Revelation study VBS 6pm—8pm	<b>Aug. 4</b> 2:40 Tai Chi VBS 6pm—8pm	<b>Aug. 5</b> 10:00 Pickleball	<b>Aug. 6</b> Chicken Dinner serving 12—6