



The Messenger

September 2022

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).

If you need pastoral care, please call either Terri Branstrom 280-2993 or Lisa Myers 428-9311 or 420-1311.

Someone missing?

If you notice someone missing from worship or other church activities, please give that person a call. S/he may really need to hear from you.

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. 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 YouTube and Facebook:

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

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

Preaching Schedule:

Sept. 4 Dr. Gary Shiplett

Sept. 11 Terri Branstrom

Sept. 18 Dr. Gary Shiplett

Sept. 25 Sherry Parker Lewis from the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan

After coffee hour on Sept. 25, our special speaker will lead an informative workshop on planned giving.

Participate in Our Music Ministries

Glory Ringers bell choir practices Wednesdays at 6, followed by the Jubilee Choir at 7.

The Band practices Thursdays at 7.

Sign up for 2022

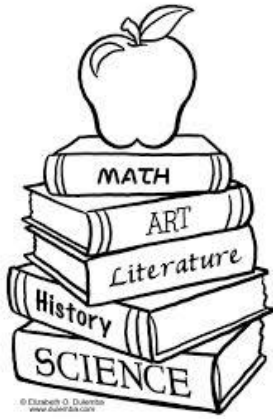
We need Ushers, Readers, Muffins Bakers, Coffee Hosts, and Communion Servers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, if you would be interested in learning how to help with the projection and livestream, please speak with Joy Jorgensen.



9/1 Luis de la Garza	9/14 Patrick Morrow
Claire Marlett	9/16 Gerald Branstrom
9/4 Becky Leonoff	9/17 Deborah Hubbard
Phil Petersen	9/20 Maycee Kuhlman
9/6 Suzan Jorgensen	9/21 Karen Donovan
9/7 Marc Viau	Kevin Sodermark
9/8 Dennis Johnivan	9/24 Holly Stammer
Bruce St. Aubin	9/25 Bette DeRoek
9/10 Peggy Carlyon	9/28 Melissa Casey
David Palo	Helen Palo
9/11 Peggy Lewis	9/30 David Jensen
	Diane Oxford

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

Back to School: Readers to Leaders Appeal-August 28 Special Offering



We are kicking off back to school with the Readers to Leaders conference wide appeal that was supported at the annual MI Conference in June. The mission committee is encouraging our congregation to support scholarships for children in Liberia and Michigan Conference Freedom Schools. If each church in Michigan can meet the

goal of **donating \$600 over the next year**, United Methodists in Michigan can support 100 Liberian students attending school from kindergarten through graduation and provide 100 children to attend multiple years of Freedom Schools. Lisa Batten, Coordinator of Young Adult Initiatives for The Michigan Conference, says, "The CDF Freedom Schools enhance children's motivation to read and help connect their families with resources in the community." Freedom Schools offer cultural learning as well as reading and tutoring, two meals a day, and a book for each student to take home every week. Batten says, "Many children actually make gains in learning over the summer, rather than summer learning loss." Ashnee Young adds, "The Freedom Schools offer a community-centered program which cultivates esteem and encourages diverse representation in learning and literature to help the children discover their best learning potential." Please donate as you are able on August 28 or throughout the year. Make sure to mark on your envelope or check "Readers to Leaders".

Church Conference, which is the annual meeting for all members of Memorial UMC with the District Superintendent, will be Saturday, Nov. 5, at 5:30pm at Memorial. (This is a slight change in time and location from what was announced last month.) Yes, this is the same date as the pasty bake, but if YOU sign up to help with pasties and get all your family and church friends to help with pasties, we will be done before the meeting.

Moment in Missions

Celebrations!

- Thank you notes were received from St Vincent de Paul, UMCOR, and The Salvation Army. The notes are posted on the mission bulletin board located at the entrance to the education wing.

Opportunities to give:

- September 11: **Rural Life Sunday**- celebrates and recognizes the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the world today. More information can be found in the article in the newsletter.
- September 18: **Noisy Offering**- supports the purchase of livestock through Heifer International
- September 25: **MCHS Family of Services**- supports the community through foster care, adoption, and residential treatment. More information can be found in the article in the newsletter.
- **Elmer's Community Cares Program & GFS**: Donate your 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 may be used to help defray costs for meals to serve for Bay Area Campus Ministry and/or Hope at the Inn.
- Newsletters from Midwest Mission Distribution Center and Henderson Hollers are located on the mission bulletin board for you to read through and support financially if you wish.

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.

Chicken Dinner

To all who helped in any way with the chicken dinner on Saturday, August 6th, we thank you SO much! It was a great success and that wouldn't have happened without so many of you giving of your time and effort. We have such great support at MUMC whenever we have special events. God bless you all!

~ Men's Fellowship Group



The mission committee has decided to support MCHS Family of Services, which is one of the six projects supported in the Michigan Conference through the Golden Cross special offering. The service provides individualized treatment, care, advocacy, and permanency to children and families impacted by childhood trauma. Through residential, transitional living, foster care, and adoption programs, as well as educational and clinical services, MCHS provides for advocates on behalf of victims of child abuse and neglect. Two of our pastors that served our congregation over the years were adopted from MCHS. This service holds a special connection to our church and benefits we have reaped from the service of Pastor Joanne Bartelt and Pastor Cathy Rafferty. An informational newsletter can be found on the mission bulletin board. If you would like to support, please mark on your envelope/check "MCHS" or you may donate online by selecting the designated tab.

Prayer List

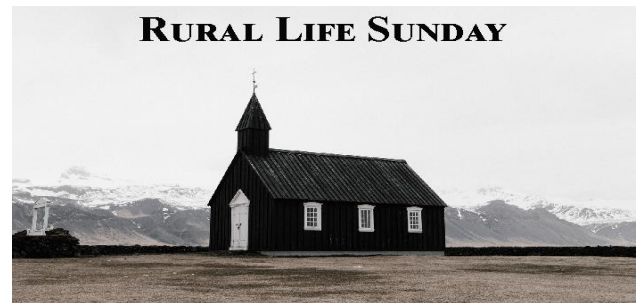
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| Ukraine | Teachers and all school personnel |
| Bud Baltic | Betsy Anderson |
| Dave Bell | Lisa Richer Barta |
| Lorna Benson | Sarah Benson |
| Dave Bohlen | Tom Butch |
| Shirley Clark | Bud and Pat Clark |
| Eileen Collins | Irving and Bette DeRoek |
| Bernie Erickson | Chris and Kim Diamond |
| Todd Green | Michele Geyer |
| John Gudwer | Caroline Hart |
| Al Jensen | Alice and Lloyd Jensen |
| Susan Lindgren | The Madden family |
| Marcy Makosky | Toni Marchese |
| Rebecca Marchak | Rhonda Mulligan |
| Zach Nardi | Vickie Ottensman |
| Josiah Pryor | Emily Shada Polega |
| Debbie Renkin | David and Kathy Siefer |
| Bill Springer | Marv Sodermark |
| Julie Springer | Family of Wayne Christoff |
| Donna Wilken | Family of Wayne Miller |

Finance Committee

The month of July was designated by the Finance Committee to a Miracle Offering. The Finance Committee would like to "thank" everyone who contributed. We have a grand total of \$9315. We did not reach the goal of \$20,000 but every dollar helps us keep our bills paid and every penny is appreciated.

The Finance Committee reminds everyone even though you may not be attending church but watching it on video, please remember to be timely on your giving. One can always use the electronic giving on the website if not attending church.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.
 The Finance Committee
 Virginia Petersen, Chairperson



Rural Life Sunday is one of United Methodist's five special Sundays providing opportunities for annual conference offerings. Rural Life Sunday calls us to celebrate the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church, to recognize the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the world today and to affirm the interdependence of rural and urban communities. If you would like to support this special offering please mark on your check/envelope "Rural Life Sunday" or you may donate at the MUMC website by selecting the tab for this offering.

Our 100 year Anniversary
 Celebration is just around the corner

**The Community
 of Christ Church**

1022 Wisconsin Avenue - Gladstone

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 1:30
A presentation of local history and how our area churches were an important part of that history. Presented by Anne Jousma-Miller. Followed by a pie and ice cream social, gathering with friends and viewing the displays.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
 10:00 - Fellowship with coffee and cookies
 10:30 - Worship Service with Apostle Lack McCay as guest speaker.
 Theme "Thankful for our heritage and Blessings for our future."

Questions/RSVP: Pastor Donna Ritchie
 803-609-2026

