



The Messenger

October 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).

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/>

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. We also need more people to learn how to do projection and livestream.

All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 6

You are invited to submit names of special people in your life who have gone home to God in the past 12 months. Please submit these names **by Wednesday, Nov. 2** to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The stewardship campaign is in full swing, and everyone should have received an envelope with a letter and pledge card. Envelopes were mailed to those who did not pick one up at church this past Sunday. If you have not received your envelope, please contact the church office. We ask you fill out your pledge card and return it in person or by mail by Sunday, October 9th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be meeting Tuesday, October 11th at 5pm **NOT** 6pm for their regular meeting. The Stewardship Campaign will be part of the agenda. Thank you.

Memorial United Methodist Family,

I just want to say thank you for your help and support during my Eagle Project. Thursday, September 29th, I was officially granted the rank of Eagle Scout. I couldn't have done this without your support!

~ Ethan Jensen



Fun & Fellowship in October

We have several great opportunities for fun and fellowship this month. We hope that you will join us for one or more of these:

Bonfire behind our church in the area newly re-done by Eagle Scout Ethan Jensen. Snacks optional. Wednesday, October 5, from 7pm until ???.

Color Tour after worship on October 9. For more information, talk to Connie Ness 280-7558.

Chili Party and Game Night Saturday, October 22 5pm-8pm

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29, 1pm - 2pm.

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| 10/2 Laura LaMarche | Ken Schell | 10/16 Eric Nault |
| 10/4 Ruth Anne Harmes | Dave Lewis | 10/18 Rylee Doucette
Tracy Jensen |
| 10/6 Timothy Worth | Brooke Buckley | 10/19 WilmaVanderdonck |
| 10/7 Sharon Block | James Stammer | 10/21 Bobbie Haase |
| 10/12 Elizabeth Kempher | Ty Waeghe | 10/22 Andie Balenger |
| | Sarah Mattonen | 10/24 Terri Branstrom
Patti Multerer |
| | Walter Houghton | 10/28 Mary Clark
Karl Warm |
| | | 10/30 Trudy Broman |

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, Oct. 27**

The Clothes Closet needs winter kids' clothes, especially coats and jeans. We also need boots, all sizes. We need adults winter jackets, men's jeans, and metal hangers. Thank you!

Prayer List

The women who attended the Walk to Emmaus

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| Ukraine | Betsy Anderson |
| Bud Baltic | Lisa Richer Barta |
| Dave Bell | Lorna Benson |
| Sarah Benson | Larry Besaw |
| Kade Botsford | Ava Boucher |
| Tom Butch | Carrie |
| Bud and Pat Clark | Mary Clark |
| Shirley Clark | Eileen Collins |
| Dick | Chris & Kim Diamond |
| Bernie Erickson | Sandy Gallecke |
| Todd Green | Michele Geyer |
| John Gudwer | Dennis Harrison |
| Caroline Hart | Baby Leo Humpula |
| Jan and Cheryl | Jason |
| Al Jensen | Alice and Lloyd Jensen |
| Susan Lindgren | David and Cheryl LaCarte |
| Marcy Makosky | Toni Marchese |
| Rebecca Marchak | Rhonda Mulligan |
| Zach Nardi | Vickie Ottensman |
| Cherie Phalen | Emily Shada Polega |
| Josiah Pryor | David and Kathy Siefer |
| Debbie Renkin | Harry and Jan Stropich |
| Marv Sodermark | Family of Lloyd Lessard |
| Bill Springer | Family of Irving DeRoeck |
| Leroux Strom | Family of Cindy Brock |
| Tammy | Family of Kane Cady |
| Donna Wilken | Family of Jane Peterson |
| | Family of Julie (Springer) Tufnell |

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. 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.

Scrap Metal Drive

The receptacle will be by the shed until full. Please do NOT pile higher than the sides.

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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Free Tai Chi for Diabetes Classes will be offered in Room 6 on Fridays at 9:30am, starting on October 7. Registration required. YMCA members, please sign up through the YMCA. All others sign up at lindalew52@gmail.com.



Celebrations!

- As of 8/31, we have collected \$195 for the Mission of the Year: Shower house at Camp Michigamme.
- \$500 was sent to Heifer International from our noisy offering. That donation was TRIPLE matched!
- Denise Messina has offered to coordinate the Bay Area Campus Meal this semester. She has picked **Monday, November 14** for our turn to bring a meal to the campus. Please watch for upcoming information as to how you may help.
- The Mission Committee has allocated \$1000 towards an apportionment payment from its undesignated fund.
- October 16th is Disability Awareness Sunday as deemed by the MI Conference. We at MUMC actively support persons with differing abilities who face daily challenges. We have financially supported Lakestate Industries and Bay Cliff Health Camp this year, and thank you notes can be found on the Mission bulletin board.

Opportunities to give:

- October 2: World Communion Sunday
- October 16: **Noisy Offering**- supports the purchase of livestock for Heifer International
- **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 or Hope at the Inn.
- We continue to support:
 - **Mission of the Year:** Shower House for Camp Michigamme
 - **Readers to Leaders**
 - **MCHS Family of Services**

Watch for updates in the November newsletter as to what we have collected for the three special offerings. You may donate online or with a check/envelope marked with your designation.

-----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 serve through gifts, acts, and prayers.

Memorial’s 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.

Readers to Leaders



This conference-wide appeal encourages 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”.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Men's Breakfast	3 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study	4 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance	5 9:00 Knit 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 5:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Fun bonfire	6 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	7 9:30 Tai Chi in room 6 10:00 Pickleball	8
9 10:30 Worship Color Tour after worship	10 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study	11 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 5:00 Finance 6:30 Girl Scouts	12 9:00 Knit 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball Hope at the Inn using kitchen 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	13 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	14 9:30 Tai Chi in room 6 10:00 Pickleball	15
16 <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship	17 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study 6:30 Discussion in narthex	18 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 2:00 Missions 6:30 Church Council	19 9:00 Knit 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	20 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	21 9:30 Tai Chi in room 6 10:00 Pickleball	22 5:00 Chili party and game night
23 10:30 Worship	24 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study	25 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance Hope at the Inn using kitchen 1:00 Membership Connection	26 9:00 Knit 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	27 Newsletter deadline 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	28 9:30 Tai Chi in room 6 10:00 Pickleball	29 Trunk or Treat 1:00—2:00
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