



The Messenger

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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).

First of all, let me thank you for the lovely, thoughtful gift I was given for Pastor Appreciation Month. Also, I would like to thank all of you who sent cards and kind words. I am humbled by your words and acts of love.

Next, I would like to share a little about myself for those who don’t know me very well. My husband, Gerald, and I have 4 (yes 4) daughters. Our oldest, Kim, is a nurse who is working at Eastpointe Nursing Home in Marquette. She has 3 children—Ethan, who has a 3 year old son and works for Bugle Construction, Katherine who lives in Ishpeming and works for a construction company, and Ryan who is in the 7th grade and loves sports. Our daughter, Robyn and her husband Corey, live in Florida and they have a 7 year old son, Ashton. Elizabeth, our third daughter, works for Alger-Delta Electric in the office. Our baby girl, Tracy, lives with her husband, Michael, and daughter, Mia, in Texas. Her two sons, Caden and Chase, live with their dad in Colorado.

I am the third of five children born to Glenn and Leona Williams. All of us were born in Newberry, MI and moved to Escanaba when I was 10 years old. My mom still lives in the house that they bought when we moved to Escanaba. My younger sister, Dana, lives with Mom and takes very good care of Mom when she isn’t working at Webster school.

I was baptized in the Newberry UMC and went to Sunday School there until we moved to Escanaba. I was confirmed at Central UMC in Escanaba. I attended UMYF for many years as a teen.

When my girls were in their teens I was active in the District youth with them and also the Conference youth. In addition to that I coached minor league baseball, was a Girl Scout leader, and helped out where I could at their schools.

When I graduated from high school, I attended Bay College where I received my LPN certification. I worked as a charge nurse and then day supervisor at Christian Park until I started having my girls. I went back to college once the girls were teens and I graduated from NMU with a BSW. As a local pastor, I served Salisbury UMC while I attended MTSO (Methodist Theological School of Ohio) and then served the Republic/Woodland UMC’s.

More recently I worked for Big Brothers Big Sisters as a program coordinator until May of this year. In July of this year I was hired to work in the kitchen for the “meals on wheels” program in Gladstone. I work there 5 days a week from 6:00 – 12:00 each day. Now I have the honor and privilege of serving all of you as your pastor here at MUMC. I hope I can be as much of a blessing to you as you have been to me.

~ Pastor Terri Branstrom

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/>

Dedicate a Sunday

The October 30th worship service was dedicated by Sharon Block in memory of **Franklin Block**. Oct. 25th would have been his 90th birthday.

The November 20th worship service has been dedicated by Janet Paine in memory of her sister **Katherine Paine**'s birthday on Nov. 21st.

If you would like to dedicate a Sunday in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a card that is on the small black table by the bulletin board and include \$300. Pictures can be emailed or given to Lisa in advance if you wish to have them on the screen. This is a wonderful way not only to remember those who have passed but also to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lisa in the office.

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.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

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

On Nov. 6th, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday as we remembered loved ones who have gone to their eternal home in these past 12 months:

Steven Block	Jane Peterson
Lawrence "Mike" Esler	Julie Springer Tufnell
William Gilbert	Bill Marchese
Michael F. Oxford	Irving DeRoock
Lloyd Lessard	Kane Cady

We also remember loved ones in whose names the following items were purchased with memorials.

Wax-free Candlelighter: Paul Cole and Joan Cook

Organ Repair: Franklin Block and Myrtle Hite

Banner: Janet Gorton

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the many people who turned in pledge cards for 2023. If you have not yet turned yours in, there are pledge cards along with stewardship letters on the long table just inside the front door.

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, Nov. 24**

Membership Class

Have you been considering joining Memorial UMC? Pastor Terri will be starting a class for those interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the United Methodist denomination, and Memorial UMC in particular. Talk to Pastor Terri or Lisa if interested.

Bay Area Campus Ministry Meal

Denise Messina is heading up the Bay Area Campus Ministry Meal on Nov. 14. She is looking for the following food donations or equivalent in cash donations. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

3 bags - **Beef Meatballs \$14.99 ea GFS item code 465761**

Meatballs, Pure Beef, 1 Ounce, Cooked, Frozen, 5 Lb Bag

3 bags - **Potato Pearls \$9.99 ea GFS item code 613738**

Potatoes, Mashed, Dried, Shelf-Stable, 28 Oz Bag

1 - **Iceberg & Romaine Lettuce Blend GFS item code 600504**

Salad Blend, 50/50, Fresh Cut, 5 Lb Bag **\$14.49 ea**

7 - 32oz ctn Beef Broth \$2.50 ea

3# - Butter

3# - onions

1 - Garlic Powder

1 - Cornstarch

1 - Italian Dressing

5 - 16oz Cool Whip

prefer homemade if possible

3 - Apple Pies

3 - Cherry or Blueberry Pies

3 - Banana Cream Pies w/ graham crust

2 gallons milk 1%

2 cases water

24 pk Mountain Dew

24 pk Diet Dew

24 pk Root Beer

Thanks Denise

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 help with pasties and get all your family and church friends to help with pasties, we will be done before the meeting.

Prayer List

Ukraine	Mindy A.
Betsy Anderson	Bud Baltic
Barb	Lisa Richer Barta
Dave Bell	Lorna Benson
Sarah Benson	Sally Brainard
Jeff Bratonia	Tom Butch
Nancy Campbell	Bud and Pat Clark
Shirley Clark	Chris and Kim Diamond
Eileen Collins	Dona and John Durham
Bernie Erickson	Michele Geyer
John Gudwer	Family of Todd Green
Caroline Hart	Al Jensen
Susan Lindgren	Alice and Lloyd Jensen
Marcy Makosky	David & Cheryl LaCarte
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Rhonda Mulligan	Zach Nardi
Vickie Ottensman	Emily Shada Polega
Josiah Pryor	Jordan Rabitoy
Kris Rabitoy	David and Kathy Siefer
Marv Sodermark	Bill Springer
Donna Wilken	
Mary and Jeff Moore and family	
Pastor Terri's sister-in-law Judy	



11/2 Shepard Gaudino	11/18 Sylvia Nault
11/3 Katherine Juhola	11/19 Reese Buckley
11/5 Jax de la Garza	11/23 Stashia Wery
Terry Hampton	11/24 Larry Kirschner
11/6 Lisa Lancour	Dennis Stanek
11/9 Meredith Marlett	11/26 Al Jensen
11/13 Gary LaMarche	Ethan Juhola
11/14 Valerie Johnson	Virginia Petersen
Ryan Oshe	Grace Taylor
Laura Webber	11/29 Sandra Keeker
11/15 Joanne Hill	Marlene Maulding
11/16 Nancy Campbell	11/30 William Morrow

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

Venison Project

Hunters interested in donating their deer to help feed hungry people can take their skinned & field dressed deer to Viau's in Escanaba or the Garden Mini Mart. Both of these will process the meat for free. The meat is then donated to local food pantries.

We need volunteers to help with this great project started by Barb Nemacheck, which encourages hunters who do not want to keep the meat to donate their deer to hungry people in our community. Could you help with:

- putting up prepared flyers around the county with the help of a junior high school student who did this last year,
- promoting the venison project via the newspaper, radio station, and local TV station,
- and picking up the processed meat and distributing to local food pantries in December.

If you are able to help, please contact Lisa at the church office or talk to Jeanne Wescott 399-2727.

Readers to Leaders Appeal

The mission committee is encouraging our congregation to support scholarships for children in Liberia and Michigan Conference Freedom Schools. If each church in Michigan supports this campaign, we could help 100 Liberian students attend school from kindergarten through graduation and provide 100 children to attend multiple years of Freedom Schools.

Goal: \$600 by May 1, 2023

Collected: \$250

Donations may be made by check or online.

Thank you, everyone, for the Clothes Closet donations! Your donations filled in some of the "gaps" we had in certain items.

Mission of the Year: Camp

Michigamme Funds collected so far are \$270 for construction of a new, centrally located shower house with individual shower stalls. The project cost is estimated at \$40,000. Please give as you are able through the remainder of the year to support this year's mission. Make sure to mark on your envelope or check "MOY-Camp Michigamme" or select the tab online to contribute.

Education Offering-November 27

We will have a special offering for education that will be split between three conference and church wide special offerings. They are:

Christian Education which is a conference special offering that supports the faith development of the children and youth of the Michigan Conference in two ways. The first way is by supporting Conference leadership in the area of Children's Ministry by funding workshops, consultations and other resources. The second way is that this offering helps support faith development by sending children and youth to camps through the MI Area Camping programs.

Africa University is a conference special offering that empowers the students to leave the university skilled in their fields with a desire to contribute to their nations.

United Methodist Student is a church wide special offering that provides scholarship funds for United Methodist College, university and graduate students.

If you would like to support, please mark on your envelope or check Education Offering.



Celebrations!

- As of 9/30, we have collected an additional \$75 towards the Mission of the Year which is a shower house at Camp Michigamme. The total collected so far is \$270. We will continue to support this campaign to the end of the year.
- The Salvation Army was sent \$125 to use towards their noon lunch program.
- How awesome! \$250 has been collected for our goal of \$600 for the Readers to Leaders Campaign. We will continue to take donations until May 2023. We are almost halfway there. Every dollar helps so please support.

Opportunities to give:

- November 14: **Bay Area Campus Meal**
- November 20: **Noisy Offering-** supports the purchase of livestock through Heifer International
- November 27: **Education Offering**
- **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.
- We continue to support:
 - **Mission of the Year:** Shower House for Camp Michigamme
 - **Readers to Leaders**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 live to serve through our gifts, acts, and prayers.

Christmas Pageant and Dinner:

You are invited to Memorial's Christmas Pageant on **Saturday, December 17, at 5pm.** The children and youth will present the Christmas story, and both the children's bell choir and the adult bell choir will play. The pageant will be followed by a scrumptious Christmas Dinner prepared by Pastor Terri and her extended family as their gift to you.

Please contact Joy Jorgensen 428-9011 or Connie Ness 280-7558 if you have a child or grandchild who could participate. We also welcome special music (instrumental or vocal) at this pageant or at the 4:30 Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve at Memorial

4:30pm Family-oriented service.

Please tell Joy Jorgensen if you have a child or teen who would like to do a vocal or instrumental piece at the 4:30 service.

9:00pm Candlelight service

Community Christmas Concerts

Bay de Noc Choral Society

Sunday, December 4, at 1:30

at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba.

A freewill offering will be taken.

The Remnants and Menominee River Chorus

Saturday, December 17, at Immanuel Lutheran

Life Line Screening will be doing preventive health screenings here at Memorial Church on Thursday, December 8. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women.

In order to register for this event and to receive a discount, visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HS or call **1-800-324-1851**.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 6:30 SPRC	2 9:00 Knit & Quilt 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir	3 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	4 Pasty prep cook 9:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Pickleball 6:00 Pasty Dough	5 Hope at the Inn training 1:00 at All Saints Pasty Sale 5:30 Church Conference
6 All Saints Sunday 10:30 Worship 11:30 Men's Breakfast	7 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study	8 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 6:30 Girls Scouts	9 9:00 Knit & Quilt 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 5:00 Worship Committee 6:00 Bells	10 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 6:00 Finance 7:00 Band	11 9:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Pickleball	12
13 10:30 Worship	14 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts BACM meal 5:30 Bible Study	15 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 2:00 Missions	16 9:00 Knit & Quilt 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6:00 Bells	17 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball 6:30 Council 7:00 Band	18 9:30 Tai Chi 10:00 Pickleball	19
20 <i>Noisy Offering and Youth Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship Bells playing Band playing	21 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Bible Study	22 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 1:00 Membership	23 9:00 Knit & Quilt 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 7:00 Choir	24 <i>Give Thanks to God</i>	25	26
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