



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).

The Death of Moses: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

34 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, 2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, 3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. 4 Then the Lord said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”

5 And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. 6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. 7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. 8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 who did all those signs and wonders the Lord sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. 12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

I would like to share with you a devotion written by Pastor Juanita Campbell Rasmus about this scripture from Deuteronomy.

I can see now, Moses standing atop Mount Nebo one hundred and twenty years old, still bright-eyed and agile enough to make the climb. What a legacy the great leader standing before the majesty of the promise of God manifests after forty long years of managing a nation. Moses had accepted God’s challenge to help God’s people understand the spiritual formation needed for God’s glory and their good.

As a Pastor I often feel stretched as I try to hear God’s word and then implement what I hear, knowing that God is forming me and our congregation for the ultimate: a life with God. I can see Moses standing with a panoramic view of the future home of God’s people and hearing that he will not enter into that future. I wonder why he doesn’t put up a fight or at least a “could you let this cup pass” because I’m still capable and fit for the job. The scripture records none of that. Moses, the servant of the Lord, dies and is buried in an unmarked spot. Today’s scripture eulogizes Moses: “Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled.”

Today’s passage serves as a strong reminder that I am not being shaped only to face my future, however long or short that might be. I am being formed to face the Lord for all eternity. All my life experiences – my joys and sorrows, my sins and successes—are forming me to live in the presence of divine love forever. We are all being formed to live face to face with God and enjoy God forever.

Being a servant of God is not an easy road to travel. Sometimes the road is smooth, and we glide along. Other times it’s filled with potholes and mud. In whatever circumstance, we learn as we go. But, with God by our side we can move forward into the ministry that we are called to. May God travel this road with us as we work together to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Amen.

~ Pastor Terri

Links to Worship

Find an up-to-date schedule for activities, links to on-line worship, and our current prayer list 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/>

Worship on June 4

Dr. Rev. Gary Shiplett will preach, lead worship, and officiate at communion on Sunday, June 4, while Pastor Terri is at Annual Conference.

Communion

We thank Nancy Campbell for her donation of enough grape juice for the next 4 months or more of communion. Now we just need more people to help prepare the communion. Would you consider signing up for a month or two?

Traveling Communion Servers are needed to help take communion to homebound people from our congregation. Please speak to Susan Lagina or Lorna Benson.

"The Vote"

On May 21 this year, 124 members of Memorial UMC voted on whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The results were:

50 voted to disaffiliate

72 voted to remain UMC

2 abstained.

We thank everyone for the prayers and consideration each put into this. Memorial will remain a United Methodist Church and will continue "full steam ahead" doing ministry. If you have ideas for ministry that you would like to do with us, please speak with Pastor Terri or Laurie Kaufman de la Garza or members of the appropriate committee.

Fundraisers

We thank the many hard-working people who made the **MARSP Dinner** and **Rummage Sale** happen. A special thank you goes to Laurie Kaufman de la Garza for organizing these two events. The MARSP Dinner netted a profit of \$1,308. The rummage sale brought in \$889.45. The money from these two events will be split 90% to our general fund and 10% to missions.

The **Scrap Metal Drive** will be ending on Memorial Day. One large bin has already been hauled away, and another is quickly filling. A heavy-duty "thank you" goes to Jim Stammer for once again initiating this fundraiser.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You for your help with the clothing for the Rummage Sale. To: Gary Johnson and Dave and Peggy Lewis for moving the clothes racks to and from the gym.

To: Georgiana and Emmalynn Johnson for sorting bins of clothing.

To: JoAnn Gudwer, Lettie Houghton, Liz Kempher, and Peggy Lewis for sorting and marking pants.

To: Pickle Ball players Ann, Debbie W., Barb, and Maggie for your help setting up and helping during the sale.

Thanks to all of you, the clothes were displayed as if they were in a store. I received many compliments from people who shopped regarding the appearance of the clothes and that was because of all your HELP!!

Peggy Richter

Another Rummage Sale!

Did you go in your basement the day after Memorial's rummage and realize, "Oh, no, I meant to donate that"? Do not despair; MUMC will be participating in the Gladstone City-wide Sale July 14 and 15. Please bring your unwanted items and put them in Room 5.

Dear Family of MUMC:

We have so much LOVE to give the world. We have a great opportunity to run the race that has been prepared for us: to rebuild our membership, to continue to be a force for good in our community, AND to begin new ministries!

When we join the church we vow to support it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and service. Here is a golden opportunity to do just that!

I am hoping we will all think deeply about how God may be calling us to serve...big, small, somewhere in between, and use our gifts which each of us has to do so!

If you see a real need in our community or anywhere for that matter, please call Pastor Terri and share it!

When Covid hit us so hard, we got accustomed to going to church online, or maybe not at all. But we all need fellowship with one another, and we all have some gift we can share to make our church stronger, healthier and exciting! But it will take a lot of commitment from each of us if we are to succeed!

I do hope we will again realize the importance of coming to church to worship each Sunday. I miss all of you so much, as I have had many physical problems that have kept me from attending too!

We need a good hug fest!

We need to share our ideas for ministry over coffee!

Maybe this is the time that God is urging all of us to join a Bible study. Do you have some ideas for VBS possibilities, Sunday school, youth fellowship ideas, children's ministry ideas, or other other needs in our area not being addressed?

We need one another to make a real positive effort to "grow" MUMC! The harvest needs many hands to bring it to fruition! We will need chairs and co-chairs on our committees and active participants in Education, Finance, Trustees, Staff/Parish, Missions, Nominations, Worship, Membership, Church Council, and Altar Guild!

We will need ALL of us to not just keep the doors open, but to build up the membership into an exciting, healthy, loving community, so people remark how we love one another.

We just cannot fail! Our church was founded in 1887. Let us work toward keeping it vital and alive for the next 100 years! The world needs us more than ever!

So, let's make an investment in our church by "Showing up, Helping out, & Loving like Jesus!"

'Love and peace'

Lorna B



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 Finley Stevens
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

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

newsletter deadline:
Thursday, June 29

Attend Church Camp

Flyers about all the week-long camps this summer at Camp Michigamme are posted on the small bulletin board across from the name tags. There are opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Please ask the church office about camp scholarships.

Mission Committee

MISSION SUNDAYS:

Noisy Offering – June 18 the May offering exceeded expectations. By combining the Heifer account balance with the May noisy offering and a Missions Committee boost up to the next hundred, MUMC was able to send \$300.00. There is currently a **10X match!** That means that our \$300.00 increased to \$3000.00!! We purchased 10 goats, 10 pigs and 30 flocks of chicks. WAY TO GO MUMC!

Northern Skies District Mission of the Year – June 25 this year's Mission of the Year is to modernize the elevator at **Marquette Hope UMC First Campus, Marquette**, a United Methodist Multi-Site Faith Community. This elevator provides crucial assistance to the congregation and community members.

Native American Ministries – Due to an illness, our speaker was not able to attend. Native American Ministries Sunday will be postponed until July.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The Missions Committee is always in need of members. Are you interested in supporting the Mission outreach of MUMC locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally? Contact any member for more information. Our upcoming next two meetings will be July 18 and September 19!!

THANK YOU! to all the people who supported the following endeavors – Bay Campus Ministries, the MARSP meal, the Rummage Sale and all of our special offering Sundays!

Co Chairs - Peggy French and Susan Lagina
Secretary – Peggy Richter
Committee Members: JoAnn Gudwer; Jeanne Wescott; Laurie de la Garza; Liz Kempher

Spruce Up the Church Saturday, June 3

Show up any time between 9am and 3pm. You could do outdoor work like bagging up leaves, hauling leaves away, trimming bushes, or weeding the Memorial Garden ... Or you could wash the inside and outside of windows & screens ... Or you could do some special cleaning job inside. Bring your own equipment or check with the church to make sure we have the correct supplies/equipment.

Prayer List

Breanne Johnson & Trevor Hueneman and their new baby girl.

Ukraine	Turkey & Syria
Mindy A.	Betsy Anderson
Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta
Lorna Benson	Sarah Benson
David Bohlen	Sally Brainard
David Branstrom	Tom Butch
Lois Cady	Nancy Campbell
Karen Caswell	Mary Clark
Bud and Pat Clark	Shirley Clark
Chris and Kim Diamond	Eileen Collins
Brian Galvin	Michele Geyer
Ian Goldi	John Gudwer
Mike Hicks and family	Caroline Hart
Melissa Hopper	Zach Hueneman
Jim Hubbard	Al Jensen
Alice and Lloyd Jensen	Liz Kempher
David & Cheryl LaCarte	Susan Lindgren
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	Rhonda Mulligan
Zach Nardi	Vickie Ottensman
Emily Shada Polega	Josiah Pryor
Rodney Potvin and family	Jordan Rabitoy
Marv Sodermark	Bill Springer
Cheryl Stanek	Pat Waeghe
Donna Wilken	Matt

You are GIFTED, and we need you. God's Spirit has given each one of us a unique set of gifts. Please fill out a Time & Talent sheet found on p. 5-6 to tell us which gifts you are willing to use to help Memorial.

Called and Gifted to Serve

This survey is intended to help you find where your gifts, skills and curiosity connect to the ministry needs of our congregation. By completing the survey, you also help our church leadership match volunteers to ministry tasks. In other words, we'll know who to call for what. We do the survey every year, so you can reaffirm your choices or choose something new.

Name: _____ *(please fill out one form per person)*

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Other: _____

I. Worship

- _____ Reader (reads the scripture)
- _____ Usher / Greeter (welcomes worshippers and receives offering)
- _____ Communion Server (adults and youth over 8 to serve during communion)
- _____ Lay speaker/preacher to provide Sunday message
- _____ Sound/Projection/Live-stream Tech
- _____ Prepare communion and fill candles
- _____ Drama Actor (occasional skits for worship or VBS)
- _____ Altar Design
- _____ Seasonal Decorating

II. Education for Various Ages (Working with Children/Youth requires background check)

- _____ Lead children's faith formation classes/groups (preferred age-level: _____)
- _____ Vacation Bible School Director
- _____ Vacation Bible School Assistant (crafts, stories, dramas, music, activities, etc.)
- _____ Youth activities helper (chaperone for lock-in, mission trip, fundraisers)
- _____ Children activities helper (Halloween Carnival, movie night, other events)
- _____ Facilitator for adult studies or small groups
- _____ Other short-term educational/discipleship/faith formation experiences

III. Music

- _____ Vocal Choir Member (rehearse weekly, sing once a month)
- _____ Bell Choir Member (rehearse weekly, play once a month)
- _____ Band Member (rehearse weekly, play once a month)
- _____ Provide special music for worship (vocal or instrumental)
- _____ Organist/Pianist
- _____ Direct children/youth or other music group

IV. Congregational Care

- _____ Visit homebound or hospitalized members
- _____ Take communion to those who can't get to worship
- _____ Send cards, make phone contact with shut-ins or others as needed
- _____ Prayer Chain Member (pray for those on weekly prayer list)
- _____ Meals for people coming home from hospital, new mothers, death in family
- _____ Make phone calls for special events/projects (funerals, pasty sale, cookie bake)

V. Property Care

- Gardening and Lawn care
- Non-typical cleaning projects
- Custodial work in case of emergencies or when Custodian is away
- Electrical repairs
- Carpentry needs
- Plumbing needs
- Odd jobs
- Bulletin boards
- Indoor plant care

VI. Office Help

- Special mailings
- Office assistant, especially when Administrative Assistant is away
- Social Media (Website/Facebook, Video, Photos)

VII. Meals/Kitchen

- Funerals – set up, serve, or clean up
- Other meals – prepare food
- Other meals – set up, serve, or clean up
- Coordinate receptions or potlucks

VIII. Fellowship

- Coffee after worship (prepare and clean up)
- Provide muffins or some such refreshment for after worship
- Host a specific fellowship event, the event suggested is _____

IX. Committees (generally 3-year terms starting in January)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations & Leadership Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Parish |

X. Beyond our congregation / Missions

- Driving people to appointments/for special events
- Community Projects (examples: shoveling, mowing, construction)
- Mission Trip
- Volunteering for: ___ Hope at the Inn ___ Clothes Closet
 ___ Bay College Ministry meal ___ Christmas Dinner

XI. Fundraising

- Coordinate a specific fundraising event such as a scrap metal drive, pasty bake, rummage sale, MARSP Dinner, etc.) Your idea: _____

XII. Other – If you have other talents, expertise or interests to offer, please let us know.



Become a **REST** companionTM



Respite Education and Support Tools is a unique interactive training program where you will receive the education & tools needed to be successful in providing respite care to individuals across the lifespan.

Wednesday, June 21 st

9:00am-4:00pm EST

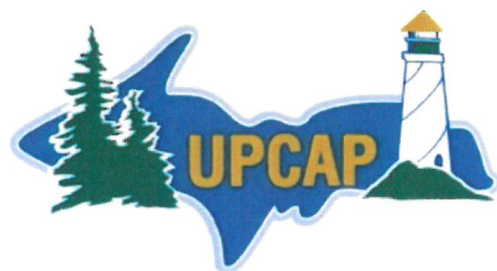
There is no charge to attend this class

Class size is limited.
Registration ends Monday, May 12th.

Lunch will be provided

register online at
www.upcap.org or dial 2-1-1
for assistance

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