



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).

I would like to share the words of Susan L. Lenzkes which I found in one of my treasured books.

I searched – but there definitely was not a packet of instructions attached to my children when they arrived. And none has since landed in my mailbox. Lord, show me how to be a good parent. Teach me to correct without crushing, help without hanging on, listen without laughing, surround without smothering, and love without limit---The Way You love me.

This month we celebrate moms. Being a parent is one of the most difficult yet rewarding jobs in the world. There are times when we want to pull our hair out in frustration, but other times our chests burst with pride. I have often wondered how God does it.

I believe the way to raise children is to love them well. Yes, they will mess up; they will try your patience; they will make choices you don't like; they will do outrageous things; and they will make us proud. No matter what they do we need to follow the example of God and love them well like God loves us.

It is my hope that all of you who are moms, grandmas, and great-grandmas and those who take on the roll of mom have a wonderful Mother's Day filled with love and joy.

~ 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/>

Sunday Morning Help

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 run the projection and livestream, or if you would like to help set up communion and fill candles, please speak with Lisa Myers.

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”

The following is information regarding the purpose for the Church Conference on **May 21, 2023, following the worship service.**

The vote is to approve or disapprove disaffiliation of Memorial United Methodist Church from the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

What this vote is about: The current *Book of Discipline* (bylaws of the United Methodist Denomination) prohibits self-avowed practicing homosexuals from being ordained pastors and prohibits homosexual marriages from being performed in United Methodist churches. In 2024, the General Conference of the United Methodist denomination (world-wide assembly of representatives) will vote on this. Most people are predicting that the vote will eliminate this wording about homosexuals, thereby allowing homosexuals to be ordained United Methodist pastors and allowing United Methodist pastors to officiate at same-sex marriages if they so choose.

After self-reflection and personal discernment, do you believe that self-avowed practicing homosexuals should not be ordained and that homosexual marriages should not be performed in the church? If so, vote to disaffiliate.

Or after self-reflection and personal discernment, do you believe that these prohibitions should be removed from the Book of Discipline? If so, vote to remain United Methodist.

Only church members are allowed to vote, and they must be *physically present* to vote. Mail-in ballots are not allowed. If you would like to verify your membership status, call the church office or check the membership list on the trapezoid table in front of the display cabinet.

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Due to so many activities planned for May, the **Tea Party** is on hold until further notice. Thank you for your patience.

Fundraiser: MARSF Dinner – May 2

The Michigan Area Retired School Personnel will have their dinner & meeting here at noon on Tuesday, May 2. This is a good fundraiser for us.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to make & bring a pistachio torte, to help with cooking Tuesday morning, to serve at the dinner, or to clean up.

Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 11 2pm – 7pm

Friday, May 12 8:30am – 2pm

Saturday, May 13 8:30am – 11am

After May 2, items can be put directly in the gym.

Please help SORT CLOTHES for the rummage sale. Much help is needed right now. Please speak with Peggy Richter 260-705-3330.

Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with set-up, clean-up, and the sale itself.

Scrap Metal Drive: May 10 – 18

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

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.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for the use of your church for our Troop lock-in. The night was a success, and all had a blast.

Boy Scout Troop 466

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On May 7, we will recognize the following graduates: David and Dylan Campbell (Bark River H.S.), Ethan Jensen and Devin Messina (Gladstone H.S.), and Andie Balenger (Northern Michigan University). There will be cake & punch, and the Men's Group will provide sloppy joes.

Mother's Day "Blanket Sunday"

May 14 is "Blanket Sunday," when we contribute money to help Church World Service provide blankets and other necessities to comfort victims of disasters (natural and humanmade).

Native American Ministries Sunday

On May 21, we will observe Native American Ministries with a special offering. Native American Ministries Sunday was created in 1988 to develop and strengthen Native American ministries. United Methodism boasts 157 Native American congregations, and 53 of the 56 annual conferences have a Committee on Native American Ministries who resources, educates constituents about Native ministries, and distributes the annual conference Native American Ministries Sunday offering to Native ministries. In Michigan there are approximately 10 UMC Native American congregations with one in Zeba, located northeast of L'Anse in the UP. Gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering also provide scholarships for Native American seminarians who will pastor and lead the church.

Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Monday evenings 5:30 - 6:30, beginning May 1.

Handcart Missing

Do you know where the church's handcart (dolly) is?



Spring Flowers given to the Glory of God in memory of:

Mary & Jay Osterberg and Joan Cook
----- from Kay Shapy

Our parents Irvin & Lydia MacKenzie and
Walter & Mary Houghton
--- from Walt & Lettie Houghton

Mark & Jean Snyder
---- from Dennis & Connie Ness

Karl E. Warm ----- from Dennis & Connie

Roy & Lola Ness ---- from Dennis & Connie

Jack Jorgensen
----- from Joy Jorgensen and family

Cole Possi ----- from Gramma Joy

My grandson Lee Higgins
---- from Wilma Vanderdonck

Spring Flowers given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Paige and Reese's confirmation
---- from Dennis & Cheryl Stanek

Mission Committee

Missions has new leadership and is beginning to get organized. We are working diligently to reach out within our local community as well as to the needs of UMC. We have long-standing projects like the Heifer Project, Clothes Closet and UMC Offerings as well as special project and hopefully some new ones being planned. During the first quarter the following offerings were taken and celebrated:

Heifer Project
UMC Human Relations Offering
UMC General Needs Offering

The upcoming second quarter will continue to be of help where needed.

Bay College Meal – around 60 were served a meal of cottage pie, salad, homemade rolls and cookies, milk, and water.

CWS – Blanket Sunday – 5/14/23

UMC – Native Americans Sunday – 5/21/23

District Missions of the Year – Marquette

Hope elevator maintenance – 6/30/23

Noisy Offering – 5/21/23 and 6/18/23

If you have any questions or ideas for mission projects, please let someone on the committee know.

Co Chairs - Peggy French and Susan Lagina

Secretary – Peggy Richter

Committee Members -- JoAnn Gudwer,

Jeanne Wescott, Laurie de la Garza,

Alice Butch, Liz Kempher

Girl Scouts Recognize Memorial

A certificate of recognition for Community Partnership was presented to us for allowing two Girl Scouts troops to use our facility every week. The certificate is on our bulletin board.

Missions Calendar

January

Noisy Offering 1/15/23

UMC – Human Relations Offering

February

Noisy Offering 2/19/23

March

Noisy Offering 3/19/23

UMC – UMCOR Offering

April

Noisy Offering 4/16/23

May

UMC – CWS – Blanket and Tools 5/14/23

UMC – Native Americans Ministries

Offering 5/21/23

Noisy Offering 5/21/23

June

Noisy Offering 6/18/23

UMC – District Mission of the Year 6/30/23

July

Noisy Offering 7/16/23

August

Noisy Offering 8/20/23

UMC – Peace with Justice Offering 8/27/2.

September

Noisy Offering 9/17/23

God's Country Flannel Shirt Collection

October

UMC - World Communion Sunday 10/1/23

Noisy Offering 10/15/23

November

UMC – Students Offering 11/5/23.

Noisy Offering 11/19/23

December

Noisy Offering 12/17/23

Pastors Discretionary Fund 12/25/23

Christmas Day Community Meal

Christ Tree

Other events

Clothing Closet

Area Food Pantries

Salvation Army Lunch Programs

Walk for Warmth

Michigamme Day – Camp Visit

Bay Area Campus Ministry Meal

Hope at the Inn

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, May 25**



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| 5/2 Carson Casey
Jason Johnivan | 5/16 Denise Gauthier
Justin Johnivan |
| 5/3 Cassandra Tines | Ashlee LaPlant |
| 5/4 Gary Johnson | Michael LaVigne |
| 5/6 Kathi Hoehn | Linda Viau |
| 5/7 Katelyn Demarse
Tina Doucette
Carolyn Morrow | 5/20 Bernard Erickson
Heather Hoehn |
| 5/9 Camryn Buckley | 5/21 Lois Boydston |
| Matthew Casey | 5/23 Elijah Balenger |
| 5/11 Scarlett Kuhlman | Michael Keeker |
| 5/13 James Moore | Cassandra LaMarche |
| Gail Schell | 5/27 Pat Clark |
| 5/15 Susan Hampton | 5/28 Ted Brainard |
| | 5/31 Easton LaVigne |

Prayer List

- Families affected by Blastomycosis
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| Ukraine | Mindy A. |
| Turkey & Syria | Betsy Anderson |
| Mary Anderson | Bud Baltic |
| Lisa Richer Barta | Lorna Benson |
| Sarah Benson | David Bohlen |
| Sally Brainard | Tom Butch |
| Lois Cady | Nancy Campbell |
| Mary Clark | Bud and Pat Clark |
| Shirley Clark | Eileen Collins |
| Chris & Kim Diamond | Bernie Erickson |
| Brian Galvin | Michele Geyer |
| Ian Goldi | Bill Good |
| John Gudwer | Caroline Hart |
| Marilyn Henderson | Mike Hicks and family |
| Melissa Hopper | Al Jensen |
| Alice & Lloyd Jensen | Liz Kempher |
| David & Cheryl LaCarte | |
| Susan Lindgren | Marcy Makosky |
| Toni Marchese | Rebecca Marchak |
| Michael | Rhonda Mulligan |
| Zach Nardi | Vickie Ottensman |
| Emily Shada Polega | Rodney Potvin and family |
| Josiah Pryor | Jordan Rabitoy |
| David & Kathy Siefer | Marv Sodermark |
| Bill Springer | Donna Wilken |

Camp Michigamme Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 20, 9am – 3pm. Lunch provided. Please tell Lisa in the office if you plan to go and would like to carpool.

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.

“Handyman” Needed for the Summer

Camp Michigamme needs a person with general experience in caring for structures and operating lawn equipment. This person could do some maintenance and know when a professional needs to be called.

This could be an ideal summer (10 weeks) getaway for an active retired couple or single person. Work a few days during the week making the camp look good and function well, enjoy the beautiful Michigamme summer, and have the flexibility to be away if needed. This job could also be shared with another person.

For more information, see the small bulletin board in Memorial’s narthex, or you can contact one of the following people:

Phil Lynch phillynch42@gmail.com 786-2396
Scott Harmon sharmon@michiganumc.org 399-3590

Superiorland Emmaus Gathering

noon on May 6 at Woodland UMC. This gathering for those who have participated in an Emmaus Walk is mainly a time to fellowship as a community. Upcoming work dates will be shared at this time, along with info about sponsorship, etc.

Head Start

The Early Childhood Program/Head Start is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 2023, and you are interested in receiving free preschool services, please contact your local Early Childhood Center, or the administrative office at 786-7080 or 1-800-562-9131. We also serve pregnant moms and children up to age 3 in our Early Head Start program.

May 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>4:00 Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30 John Bible Study</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>MARSP dinner</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p>6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p> <p>7:00 Band</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p><i>Graduates recognition</i> 10:30 Worship 11:30 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>2:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p>4:00 Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30 John Bible Study</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance</p> <p>12:00 Coterie</p> <p>12:30 Pickleball</p> <p>Set up for rummage sale</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:00 Knit/Crochet</p> <p>Set up for rummage sale</p> <p>Scrap Metal Drive begins</p> <p>6:00 Bells</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>Rummage Sale 2:00—7:00</p> <p>6:00 Finance</p> <p>7:00 Band</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Rummage Sale 8:30—2:00</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Rummage Sale 8:30—11:00</p>
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<p><i>21</i></p> <p><i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Ascension Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Noisy Offering</i></p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 The Vote</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p>4:00 Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30 John Bible Study</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p> <p><i>Newsletter deadline</i></p> <p>7:00 Band</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p><i>Pentecost</i></p> <p>10:30 Worship</p> <p>2:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p>4:00 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>			<p><i>June 3</i></p> <p>Spruce up the church (inside and out)</p>