



# The Messenger

July 2023

*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).***

When I left the ministry after serving for 7 years at Salisbury UMC in Ishpeming and 3 years at the Republic/Woodland two-point charge, I thought I was done being a pastor. But, God has a sense of humor like I said a few weeks ago.

When I received a phone call from Dennis Stanek and Rev. Scott Harmon back in September asking me if I would be willing to serve as a part-time interim pastor at MUMC until a pastor could be appointed, I was not expecting it. God almost knocked me out of my chair telling me to follow the voice of the shepherd, our Lord, and take the opportunity to be in ministry with the people of MUMC.

Then, once again I received a call from Dennis Stanek and Rev. Scott Harmon asking me if I would consider being appointed as the full-time pastor at MUMC. Once again God laughed and here I am the newly appointed full-time pastor of MUMC.

I can’t remember a time when God has not been a part of my life. God has been there through the thick and thin of life, sometimes having to carry me, other times dancing with me, but always there.

I learned early on to listen to the small quiet voice that has never steered me wrong. It is my prayer that as we move forward together you will join with me in listening to that small quiet voice of God.

The Bible tells us that we are like sheep. (That’s not a bad thing.) We know the voice of our shepherd and we obey.

Psalm 23 written by David says: *The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.* The faithful shepherd keeps his flock from harm, watching them, caring for them, and giving them what they need. We may want many different things, but our shepherd gives us what we need.

I was certainly not looking to be in full-time ministry but here we are. It is my belief that God has placed me here for a reason. I’m not sure what that may be. It is my hope that together we can be in ministry together as we make disciples for Jesus Christ together. And, maybe along the way we can dance with the joy of the Lord.

May God bless us as we bring the love of Jesus Christ to those around us.

Shalom, Pastor Terri

**newsletter deadline:  
Thursday, July 27**

## 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](http://www.gladstonechurch.org). You're welcome to call the office with questions: 428-9311, or email: [mumc@gladstonechurch.org](mailto: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/>

**Mary Gladstone Highland** is donating her time and gas to come all the way up here on **July 23** to lead a special seminar that she has created for churches that have undergone conflict. After worship and lunch together, we invite everyone to stay for this.

## Projection and Livestream

Do you enjoy having the projection & livestream? Then help us run it. Come up to the sound booth any Sunday and begin learning how to be an assistant.

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

## Time and Talent Sheets

**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 the table by the front door to tell us which gifts you are willing to use to help Memorial.

## 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.

**Semi-annual Giving Statements** are near the display cabinet in the narthex.

## Pastoral Care

Pastor Terri is at Lake Louise, one of our UM campgrounds, being a counselor at Choir Camp July 1-8. If you need pastoral care July 1-4, please contact Pastor Wayne Large 420-0995. Should a need arise July 5-8, please contact Pastor Chris Bergquist 241-7158.

Thank you for the quilt! It is so warm and pretty, and I know it will be cherished. The gesture was so kind and I know I am loved!  
~ Devin Messina

**Vacation Bible School** will be after worship until about 2:00 the four Sundays in August. It will include lunch. If you are interested in helping or bringing children, please contact Val Johnson 280-0048, Lorna Benson 428-2261, or Jeanne Wescott 399-2727.

**Rummage Sale** items may be placed in room 5. The sale is on July 14 and 15, from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, or during the rummage sale, please talk with either Peggy Richter 260-705-3330 or Laurie Kaufman 428-4623.

## Spruce Up the Church

A huge "thank you" goes to the following people for all their hard work on June 3<sup>rd</sup> –

**Nannette Martin & her grandson Tyler** for washing all the pews and chairs in the sanctuary with Murphey's oil soap.

**Denise and Dylan Messina and Lisa Myers** for washing all 72 windows inside & out and washing the screens and trim.

**Bill Buchmiller** for bringing and using all his great lawn equipment to clean up the yard and haul the rubbish away.

**Jeanne Wescott, Carol Borden, Andie & Brenda Balenger** for raking and blowing leaves, hauling branches, and weeding.

**Lorna & Ken Benson** for planting more flowers in the pots by the front door.

**Diane Oxford and Sally Hampton** for tending to the Memorial Garden.

## Prayer List

Ukraine	Turkey & Syria
Mindy A.	Betsy Anderson
Scott Balenger	Bud Baltic
Lisa Richer Barta	Lorna Benson
Sarah Benson	Mark Bishop
David Bohlen	Sally Brainard
Tom Butch	Lois Cady
Nancy Campbell	Mary Clark
Bud and Pat Clark	Shirley Clark
Eileen Collins	Chris and Kim Diamond
Brian Galvin	Michele Geyer
Ian Goldi	John Gudwer
Caroline Hart	Melissa Hopper
Al Jensen	Alice and Lloyd Jensen
Liz Kempher	David & Cheryl LaCarte
Wanda LaCosse	Susan Lindgren
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak	Rhonda Mulligan
Zach Nardi	Michelle Ottensman
Vickie Ottensman	Emily Shada Polega
Josiah Pryor	Rodney Potvin and family
Jordan Rabitoy	Family of Laurie Rasmussen
Marv Sodermark	Bill Springer
Irene White	Donna Wilken

## 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.



7/1 Eric Leonoff	7/18 Mary Bastian
Denise Messina	Sierra Possi
7/3 Philip Clark	7/19 Emily Johnson
Payton Nault	7/21 Allie Ettenhofer
Chad Polfus	7/23 Isaac Campbell
7/7 Lettie Houghton	Jody Harrison
7/8 John Ettenhofer	Michael Viau
James Klotz	7/25 Karah Webber
7/9 Emily Marlett	7/26 James Hubbard
7/11 Brenda Balenger	Marcella Makosky
7/15 Dan Johnson	7/27 Jodi Possi
Nadine Waeghe	7/28 Kingston Johnson
7/16 Nathan Moore	Gordon Peterson
Patricia Thomas	7/29 Alex Leonoff
7/17 Laurie de la Garza	7/31 Axel Hueneman



You may have seen the street & drain repairs throughout Gladstone and heard that the property owners are being charged. Memorial UMC may be charged \$5,000. The work on Minneapolis Ave. will happen mainly in August.

**Life Line Screening** will offer non-invasive and painless health screenings at Memorial on Monday, August 14, 2023.

### Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

### Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

### Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

### Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://llsa.social/HC>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> <b>10:30 Worship with communion</b>	<b>3</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball  6:00 Condo Assoc	<b>7</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> <i>Noisy Offering</i> <b>10:30 Worship</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball  <b>2:00 Missions</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball  <b>6:30 Church Council</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>10:30 Worship</b>  <b>Lunch</b>  <b>Training with Mary Gladstone Highland</b>	<b>24</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>5:30 Bible study</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball  <b>6:00 Band</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball  <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	<b>28</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball	<b>29</b>
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