



# The Messenger

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*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).***

For the past 25 years over the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>, I have been a counselor for a choir camp. When I started as a counselor, the camp was held at the Judson Collins Camp by Adrian, MI. I was quite happy when they chose to hold choir camp at Lake Louise which is about 10 miles north of Gaylord.

I have seen many changes come and go but the one thing that is always present at camp is the love of God. As staff we are very intentional about sharing the love of God with all the campers.

At camp my day starts at 6:30. I get up, put my coffee on (I take a coffee pot with me so I can have it in my cabin), get dressed, grab my coffee and cd player, and head to the Fire Bowl where some of the campers and I gather to watch the sun come up over the lake and listen to some meditative music.

This is followed by breakfast, Morning Praise, choir practice, and contract classes. You may be wondering what a contract class is. Each Counselor conducts one class per day. They share one of their passions with the campers. It can be singing Broadway tunes, learning to knit, coloring mandalas by the beach, doing arts and crafts, tie dying t-shirts, or playing in the band. I introduce the campers to my homeland—the U.P. They learn facts about the U.P. ( Did you know there are 1,700 miles of coastland in the U.P.?) I also treat them with some of the finest food the U.P. has to offer – pasties, saffron bread, cardamom bread, corn fritters, Saykilly’s Yooper bars, and real maple syrup.

Morning contract class is followed by lunch and then one of my favorite times of the day—“H Hour” or better known as rest hour. After rest hour we have cabin devotions, afternoon choir practice, contract classes, supervised activity time –the campers can pick what they want to do, such as swimming, playing games, reading, singing, etc.... This is followed by supper, free expression which is a time when you can share a talent you have with the camp and then a planned evening activity which could be a scavenger hunt, singing to the cottagers around the lake, or helping the staff with a special project. Our evening concludes with evening vespers.

Each week has an overall theme which is broken down into segments for the days of the week. This year the week’s theme was “Living Intentionally.” We looked at Jesus’ life from birth, to baptism, to choices. They remembered their baptism by having a water balloon fight.

On Saturday, the last day of camp, the campers put on a concert for their family and friends. The youth choir and the elementary choir perform as does the praise band.

When I arrive home on Saturday afternoon from spending a week at choir camp, I am physically exhausted, but I am on a spiritual high. It is always a week of being in the presence of God and I am totally blessed.

PS—Come into my office sometime and see the beautiful painting I was given this year to mark my counseling for 25 years.

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](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/>

## 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.

## July 30 is "Sundae Sunday."

After worship you can enjoy Pastor Terri's special hot fudge sundae, or you can choose from one of the other available flavors. A freewill offering bucket will be out to cover grocery costs.

## Rummage Sale

The July rummage sale made \$451.60. "Thank you" to the following people for all their hour of help: Peggy Richter, Jeanne Wescott, Peggy French, Christina Myers, Lettie Houghton, Susan Lagina, Laurie Kaufman, Lisa Myers, Nannette Martin, and Bonnie Oshe.

**Vacation Bible School** kicks off August 6 and runs for the four Sundays in August from 11:30-2.

You can help by contributing to pay expenses for the lunch that will be provided and materials

used. Please mark 'VBS' on check, envelope or donate online at the church website.

You could also donate the inside roll from paper towels and toilet paper.

**Please invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors.**

**Pre-register children on the yellow forms by the front door.**



**Mary Gladstone Highland and Christina Wichert** did a great job leading our workshop last Sunday. There will be a follow-up ZOOM session with them at the church on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 6:30 – 8:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend this exciting visioning session.

**Cotton sheets** (white or beige) are needed for our Quilters.

**newsletter deadline:  
Thursday, Aug. 31**

Dear Memorial United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt for my high school graduation. I will use it at college in the fall. I plan on studying sports management and playing on the football team. When I use it, I will remember all the love, support, and prayers back home.

A special thanks to Peggy Lewis and Liz Kempher for all their time and skills put into my quilt.

~ Ethan Jensen

## Simplified Leadership Structure

We have been talking for several years now about going to the “simplified leadership structure” and are most likely going to move into this in January. To fully explain this new organization of our committees, we invite you to a presentation on Thursday, Aug. 10, from 9:30 – 12:00. Beverages will be available. Please bring a snack to share. It will be a fun time of fellowship. If you are interested in watching this but can’t attend in person, there is a ZOOM sign-up.



8/5 Betty Nyquist	8/17 Emma Jensen
8/6 Baylie LaVigne	Joy Jorgensen
8/7 Adele Ostlund	Leslie Nault
8/8 Jeffrey Donovan	8/18 Jamie Doneau
8/10 Klaudia Warm	8/19 Kathy Young
Piper Stevens	8/20 Brienne LaVigne
8/11 Ricky Campbell	8/21 Fredrick Hoehn
David Campbell	8/22 Sally Brainard
Dylan Campbell	8/25 Wyatt Jorgensen
Dick Johnson	8/26 Andy Fase
8/14 Samuel Jensen	8/27 Megan Skjolaas
8/15 Nancy Peterson	8/31 Ashlee Johnson



You may have seen the street & drain repairs throughout Gladstone and heard that the property owners are being charged. Memorial UMC was going to be charged \$5,000. However, Dennis Harrison remembered that way back in 1997, Dave Nemacheck had negotiated and received a letter from the City of Gladstone stating that we would never be assessed for street repairs on Minneapolis Ave. since we gave them the land to put Minneapolis Ave. through. Dennis Harrison had been chair of Trustees at the time. Gary Shiplett was the pastor then, and he also remembered the letter, as did Tom Butch. The 1997 letter was found, and Dennis Harrison persistently contacted the city over these last number of weeks until they agreed to honor the letter and not assess us.

## Rev. Faith Fowler is speaking at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain.



Rev. Faith Fowler is the pastor of Cass Community United Methodist Church and the Executive Director of Cass Community Social Services, a nonprofit agency that provides food, housing, medical/mental health, and employment programs for people living in areas of concentrated poverty. Come listen to this gifted woman.



When: August 20, 2023

Time: 10:30 AM worship  
12 noon luncheon  
1:00 PM Rev. Faith Fowler

Where: 808 Carpenter Ave  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Prayer List

Ukraine	Mindy A.
Betsy Anderson	Scott Balenger
Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta
Mary Bastian	Lorna Benson
Sarah Benson	David Bohlen
Sally Brainard	Tom Butch
Lois Cady	Nancy Campbell
Mary Clark	Bud and Pat Clark
Shirley Clark	Steve and Cindy Cowen
Eileen Collins	Family of Timothy DeClaire
Brian Galvin	Chris and Kim Diamond
Michele Geyer	Ian Goldi
John Gudwer	Caroline Hart
Al Jensen	Dennis Johnivan
Liz Kempfer	David & Cheryl LaCarte
Susan Lindgren	Marcy Makosky
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Rhonda Mulligan	Zach Nardi
Michelle Ottensman	Vickie Ottensman
Josiah Pryor	Family of Becky Phalen
Jordan Rabbitoy	Emily Shada Polega
Bill Springer	Brandon Sodermark
Donna Wilken	Marv Sodermark

## A Bit of Local History

Occasionally someone comes in doing genealogy research or wanting to know other information that requires me to go deep into the historical files of our church. On one of these searches, I discovered the membership books and records of the Masonville Methodist Episcopal Church, which apparently folded in 1908 and whose records we inherited and are now safe-keeping. This triggered my curiosity to surf the internet in search of anything I might find about the Masonville Methodist Episcopal Church, including if perchance the old structure might still be standing or at least there might still be a graveyard next to where the church once stood. I did not find anything, but in typing in the words 1908 and Methodist Episcopal Church, the following cool article cropped up.

### The 1908 Social Creed of the Methodist Episcopal Church

The Methodist Episcopal Church, a predecessor of The United Methodist Church, adopted a Social Creed that called for an end to child labor, a fair wage and safety standards.

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The Methodist Episcopal Church stands –

For equal rights and complete justice for all (people) in all stations of life.

For the principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions.

For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries and mortality.

For the abolition of child labor.

For such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safe guard the physical and moral health of the community.

For the suppression of the “sweating system.”

For the gradual and reasonable reduction of hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life.

For a release from employment one day in seven.

For a living wage in every industry.

For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised.

For the recognition of the Golden Rule and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills.

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**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://lisa.social/HC>

## **MISSION COMMITTEE SUMMER UPDATE**

**Hello** – Summer is speeding by and fall planning has begun. Summer support has gone to the following missions – District Mission; Noisy offering; Bay Cliff and Lake State Industries.

**MISSION SUNDAYS:** August will be a busy month of offerings and the Mission Committee is looking forward to supporting these missions. NOTE: Donations can also be made online through the Memorial United Methodist Church web page and the Vanco link. **THANK YOU!** to all Church members who continue to support Missions with your donations and time.

**Native American Ministries Offering – August 13, 2023**

**Noisy Offering – August 20, 2023**

**Peace with Justice Offering – August 27, 2023**

### **FALL PLANS**

- 1. God's Country Cooperative Parish, Newberry** - Flannel shirt collection – Look for a clothes tree donation location in the Narthex during the month of September. Donations will be delivered to GCCP the beginning of October.
- 2. Gladstone/Rapid River Kiwanis Club** - Once again MUMC will be supporting their ongoing backpack program. A donation backpack will be available on the first Sunday of the month prior to communion. This program provides students in both districts with a source of meals.
- 3. Readers to Leaders** – this program will continue throughout the year. This program is a mission of the Michigan Conference and is used to support two ministries focused on education.
- 4. Alternative Holiday Bazaar** – November 25, 2023. This will be opportunity for non-profits in the local community to promote themselves and has the potential to help them fundraise. Mission Committee will be supporting Women at Risk. The object is to provide members of the community the opportunity to purchase alternative gifts and support a non-profit. Non-Profits in the Delta County region will be contacted to participate. If you have ideas of non-profits we should contact, please let Peggy French know at [pdfrench19@yahoo.com](mailto:pdfrench19@yahoo.com). PLEASE provide name of contact person.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Looking for a way to participate more in the ministries of MUMC? Check out the Mission Committee, we are active in the Church, Community, UMC and Internationally. We might be your perfect fit!

Co Chairs - Peggy French and Susan Lagina; Secretary – Peggy Richter; Jeanne Wescott; Laurie Kaufman de la Garza; Liz Kempfer

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>July 30</i></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship</b> <b>11:30 Sundaes!</b></p>	<p><i>July 31</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>5:30 Bible study</b></p>	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p><b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>6:00 Band</b></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>5</i></p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship</b> <b>11:30 Men's Breakfast</b></p> <p><b>VBS 11:30—2</b></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>5:30 Bible study</b></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p><b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>6:00 Band</b></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>9:30-12 Seminar on Simplified Leadership</b></p> <p><b>6:30 Church Council</b></p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>
<p><i>13</i></p> <p><i>Native American Ministries Sunday</i></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship</b></p> <p><b>VBS 11:30—2</b></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Lifeline Screening in the gym 9am — 6pm</p> <p><b>5:30 Bible study</b></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p><b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>6:00 Band</b></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>
<p><i>20</i></p> <p><i>Noisy Offering</i></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship</b></p> <p><b>VBS 11:30—2</b></p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>5:30 Bible study</b></p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p><b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>6:30 Follow-up with Christina Wichert and Mary Gladstone Highland</b></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>
<p><i>27</i></p> <p><i>Peace with Justice Sunday</i></p> <p><b>10:30 Worship</b></p> <p><b>VBS 11:30—2</b></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>5:30 Bible study</b></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Line Dance 12:30 Pickleball</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p><b>9:00 Knit/Crochet</b> 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>6:00 Band</b></p>	<p><i>31</i></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball 11:00 Pickleball</p> <p><b>Newsletter deadline</b></p>		