



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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If you were to turn in your hymnal to page 607 you would find *A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition*. It says:

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

You may have noticed that the last couple of weeks I have been put to suffering and laid aside because I have been sick. The doctor says I have pneumonia. She gave me antibiotics and told me to get lots of rest and drink plenty of water. I have tried to fulfill her instructions, but it has been difficult because there is so much I want to do but don't have the energy to do. I even gave up coming into the church office and have only worked at home in my office.

My wonderful husband has been doing most of the cooking and running errands. Poor Lisa, our church's wonderful secretary, has been covering for me in the office, and many of you have stepped up to help the church run smoothly. I thank all of you for your love, support, and prayers during this time. It is my hope and prayer that I will be back to my energetic self and able to serve our church in all the ways I want to. In the meantime, God bless each of you, and may God keep you all healthy.

Shalom, Pastor Terri

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, Feb. 28**

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/>

January Financial Report

Our giving for the general fund through the 3rd Sunday of January has totaled \$9,475.

Our month's goal is \$13,616. We have one more Sunday in January, so please give regularly so that all commitments can be met that we are responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Wescott.

MISSION OUTREACH

There is currently a great need for toiletries in the Bay College Pantry. MUMC will be conducting a Toiletry Collection through the month of February. New donated items can be placed in the shopping cart found in the Narthax. Reminder: needs are for men and women, and students of great diversity.

Suggested items:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Lotions
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Body wash
- Razors and blades
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- And any items you believe would be useful.

Thanks once again for supporting the needs of our community.



Birthdays

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| 2/3 Bud Clark | 2/20 Jeffrey Donovan, Jr. |
| Kim Branstrom | Courtney Lagina |
| 2/8 David Johnson | 2/22 Carol Borden |
| 2/9 Gina Buchmiller | Patsy Waeghe |
| Megann Hubbard | 2/23 Kaden Possi |
| Ethan Jensen | 2/24 David Webber |
| Roberta Johnson | 2/25 Dennis Carlyon |
| 2/10 Benjamin Coleman | Adam Konrad |
| 2/12 Justyn Doucette | 2/26 Betsy Anderson |
| 2/14 Kelsey DeMarse | Wayne Large |
| 2/16 Kaylee Possi | Sandra St. John |
| Rebecca Worth | Pamela Thorbahn |
| 2/17 Earl Possi | 2/27 Dennis Harrison |
| 2/19 Andrew Jensen | Christine Jensen |

FACEBOOK - SHARE THE NEWS

If you are a social media user, hopefully you have noticed that MUMC is now posting more about who we are and what we are doing. BUT to make this work to the best of our ability we need you to LIKE, COMMENT and SHARE!! The more you do the more who see our page and the more people learn about who we are!

Prayer List

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| Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine | Mindy A. |
| Beth and Sarah Benson | Lorna Benson |
| Blixt family | Kade Botsford |
| Pastor Terri Branstrom | Tom Butch |
| Nancy Campbell | Bud and Pat Clark |
| Eileen Collins | Bette DeRoeck |
| Family of Tara Gluski | Ian Goldi |
| Nancy Grondine | Paul Hammond |
| Nancy Harger | Caroline Hart |
| Walt Houghton | Jim Hubbard |
| Jess | Liz Kempher |
| Dorell Kirschner | Cheryl LaCarte |
| Timothy Lehtikangas | Marcy Makosky |
| Toni Marchese | Rebecca Marchak |
| Chad Mileski | Helen Palo |
| Rodney Potvin and family | Josiah Pryor |
| Pthong family | Jordan R. |
| Marv and Pat Sodermark | Debbie Rosen |
| Durene and Mike VanRite | Erv Vetter |
| Marian Wescott | Gary LaPlant |

Our Lenten Soup Suppers and Special Speaker Series begins on February 21 and runs for 5 Wednesdays. There will be a simple soup supper at 5:00 and either a special speaker or a devotional at 5:30.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to teach during the 2nd half of worship for one or more Sundays. Curriculum is available, or you can use your own ideas.

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Please sign up on the purple sheet to be a Reader, Usher/Greeter, Coffee Host, Muffins (or other snack) Provider, or Communion Server. Also, just below that purple sign-up is a list of the Altar Guild. All the months are filled EXCEPT March. If you could prepare communion and fill candles in March, please speak with Lisa.

Christmas? Now???

Why not? . . . There's more snow on the ground now than there was at Christmas.

A new Bible study will be starting this Monday at 5:30 based on Adam Hamilton's book *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*. They will meet in the youth room so that they can use the large screen tv for the video. Everyone welcome!!



. . . and while we're on the subject of Christmas, we are bringing back the **Ecumenical Christmas Dinner** this coming December! If you are interested in helping, please speak with Peggy French or Denise Messina.

~ ~ In the Community ~ ~

Voter Information Event: Learn how to vote early. Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m. at Bay College – JHUC 952.

Presented by Delta County League of Women Voters along with Delta County Clerk and some Board of Election Canvassers.

For more information, call Molly Campbell at (906)217-4067.

“Youth Mental Health First Aid”

Thursday, Feb. 8, 9:00 – 3:30 at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD, 2525 3rd Ave. S., Escanaba. This workshop will help you identify and respond to a youth who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Information on bulletin board. **Register by Feb. 1.**

“Stewardship of Animals” seminar at First Lutheran Church, Gladstone.

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8, 15, 22. This class will touch on several religions and their beliefs and actions regarding animals from ancient history, on through the Middle Ages, and current situations. There will be guest speakers to talk about their experiences of dog stewardship.

Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2024. They are seeking camp counselors, lifeguards, leadership staff, professional and support staff. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.baycliff.org. Dates of employment for most roles are June 7-August 5, 2024.

Lenten Breakfast and Musical Program

at Immanuel Lutheran Church
600 South Lincoln Rd., Escanaba

Saturday, February 10th

Breakfast: 9:15. Program: 10:00

Theme: “Find Your Mission”

Our program will include The Remnants,
Macy Neumeier, and Kim Webb.

A portion of the free-will offering will go toward
Dream Weaver Children's Museum.

RSVP by Feb. 5 at 786-6771 or 280-4938.

The church is handicap accessible. .

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