



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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Worship online is available on Memorial United Methodist Church of Gladstone MI Facebook page and YouTube channel, and on our website www.gladstonechurch.org, at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Two Distinct Worship Opportunities

Prayer Services are now being held outside under the shade tree next to parking lot **every Sunday morning at 10:30**. Since these services are not live-streamed and are more intimate, participants can feel comfortable lifting up concerns that they may not wish to broadcast to the entire world. Each week we have a different prayer theme.

Aug. 30 Prayers for Back to School

Sept. 6 Prayers for Workers

Sept. 13 Prayers for Grandparents

Worship Videos including music, sermon, scripture, liturgies, and prayers premiere every Sunday morning at 8:30 and then continue to be available. The themes from now until late November are based on Brian McLaren's book *We Make the Way by Walking*. The worship video experience can be greatly enhanced by participating in a **Learning Circle**. Each week the learning circles read a short devotional and then discuss questions which begin the pondering process for the up-coming Sunday's sermon. Pastor Cathy is leading a small group on Mondays at 6pm. You can sign up by calling/emailing the church office. Alternately, you can form your own group (possibly with family members or others that you are already associating with). Books with the weekly devotional & questions are available. If you have a group but no one who feels comfortable leading, please contact the church office. To see more about McLaren's book, go to <https://brianmclaren.net/we-make-the-road-by-walking-2/>

Worship Themes in September

On-line, available any time after 8:30 a.m. Sundays

“We Make the Road by Walking”

Part 1: Alive in the Story of Creation

August 30 – Awe and Wonder

Gen. 1:1 – 2:3 Psalm 19:1-4 Matt. 6:25-34

Sept. 6 – Being Human

Genesis 2:4-25 Psalm 8 Mark 3:1-6

Sept. 13 – A World of Meaning

Psalm 145:1-16 Proverbs 8:1-36 John 1:1-17

Sept. 20 – The Drama of Desire

Gen. 3:1-13 Psalm 32 Philippians 2:3-11

Sept. 27 – In Over Our Heads

Genesis 4:1-17, 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 8:1, 9:7-17

Psalm 51 James 4:1-8

*If you would like to be a **Reader** or do **Special Music**, contact the office 428-9311, and we will figure out the technology.*

Links to worship videos on next page →

You can find an up-to-date schedule for activities and links to on-line worship resources including worship guides and a current prayer list on the church website:

www.gladstonechurch.org, You're welcome to call the office with any questions: (906) 428-9311, or email: mumc@gladstonechurch.org.

Worship information, links, and videos will also be on Facebook and YouTube:

<https://www.facebook.com/Memorial-United-Methodist-Church-of-Gladstone-MI-117593394926699/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBY-ZTh99gQBtHG3n2kbyuQ>

Thank you for your ongoing flexibility and faithfulness as we seek the well-being of our congregation and community while working to offer accessible, authentic worship.

The Nominations Committee is beginning to fill out the committees for 2021. If you or someone you know would like to serve on a particular committee or would like more information about the committees, please contact one of the following people: Pastor Cathy, Laurie Kaufman de la Garza, Lorna Benson, or Virginia Petersen.

Pictorial Directory

Did you miss getting your picture taken for the directory? You can still submit a picture. The best way is to send it via email to the church. However, you can also bring in an actual picture, and we will do our best to scan it here. The company charges us \$10 per picture not taken by them, so we will ask for a \$10 donation from you to submit your picture unless you live far away or were homebound and completely unable to come in.

If you are not 100% certain that the church has your correct address, phone number, and email address, please call the church at 428-9311, or you can email that information to mumc@gladstonechurch.org.

“Backpack Buddies”

The money that we used to collect in the red backpack on the first Sunday of the money was for “Backpack Buddies,” a program that feeds local children on the weekends when they are not in school. This program continues and still needs our support. Even though we no longer have the red backpack out, you can still send in an extra donation marked “Backpack Buddies” any time.

Calendaring

Sundays 8:30am Worship Video premiere
10:30am Outdoor Prayer Service

Mondays 6pm Learning Circle with Pastor Cathy
“We Make the Road by Walking”

Wednesdays 9am – Knitting group
1:30 Psalms study -- Gary Shiplett

Oct. 20 6:30 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee
7:30 pm Charge Conference

Nov. 6-7 Pasty Sale (tentative)

Dec. 5 Lifeline Screening (preventative health tests)

Thank you!

We thank **Al Jensen** for mowing the church lawn all summer for us again. It is much appreciated.

We also thank **Gary Johnson** for repairing the church sign. We were thinking at first that we might have to purchase a new sign (which would have cost many thousands of dollars), but Gary was able to fix our existing sign. Lisa is very happy!

Drivers Needed

Dave Hagen must travel to Marquette Hospital Monday through Friday usually mornings from Sept. 2 through Oct. 9. He will know exact times the Friday before each week. If you would like to drive some of those days, please call or email the church office.

College Students

Did you send students off to college? Where? Please let the church office know.

Ray Young donated 1,500 beer bottles to the church youth group!

Yes, they were empty, and no, Ray did not drink all that. They were from his campground, collected over a long time. After Ray and Kathy brought them to the church (which took 2 runs), we piled them all in Brian Hanson’s truck, pictured below. Brian took them to Johnson’s Distributing, where Andy Johnson gave us \$200 for the youth group. (Andy threw in an extra \$50.) “Thank you” to Andy, Brian, and especially Ray and Kathy Young!

Any time that you have a few cans & bottles for the youth group, there is a container right next to the recycling container in the kitchen, or you can call Lisa if you have more than a bin-full. Thanks!



Prayer List

- Family of Kay Alko
- Family of Janet Gorton (Pastor Cathy’s mom)
- Family of Lois Hultquist (Dave Johnson’s sister)
- Family of Jan Gerish
- Jan Johnson Delta Co. Animal Shelter
- Andy Fase Grandpa Peacock
- Pat Clark Tammy Butch
- Lendri Marks Debbie Larson Renken
- James Magoon Eric Anderson
- Bud Baltic Frank and Marilyn Bastian
- Sarah Benson Mark and Julie Bishop
- DJ Burns Nancy Campbell
- Ginger Clairmont Bud & Pat Clark
- Debbie Dew Chris and Kim Diamond
- Bernie Erickson Stephen Gruber
- Caroline Hart Dave and Mary Hagen
- Alice Jensen Jon Lohrbach
- Marcy Makosky Rebecca Marchak
- Bev Regts Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor
- Leroux Strom Marvin Sodermark
- Todd Al Waeghe
- Rebecca Worth Ray Young
- Marianne Watson Milkowski

“Thank you” to Wilma Vanderdonck, Brian Hanson, and Dave & Carol Borden for helping with the **Feeding America** truck on Aug. 12 at Salvation Army.

Charge Conference Tuesday, October 20

6:30 Staff-Parish with District Superintendent
 7:30 Charge Conference

Usually we have a *Church* Conference where we encourage all Church members to attend. However, in the interest of limiting crowd size, the District Superintendent is calling instead a *Charge* Conference at 7:30, which involves the District Superintendent, Pastor, Church Council members, and any retired UM clergy at Memorial UMC. The Charge Conference will cover just required agenda items: pastoral compensation, membership report, election of leadership, and recommendation of candidates for ministry. The plan is to meet in-person but, should a ZOOM meeting be necessary, that will be easier with a smaller group of people.

Painting Figurines

If you like art projects, we have some ceramic figurines that need painting. We even have some paint to go with them. They are free for the taking. Come in the church office to see a sample.



- 9/1 Luis de la Garza 9/14 Patrick Morrow
- Claire Marlett 9/16 Gerald Branstrom
- 9/4 Becky Leonoff 9/17 Deborah Hubbard
- Phillip Petersen 9/20 Maycee Kuhlman
- 9/6 Suzan Jorgensen 9/21 Karen Donovan
- 9/7 Marc Viau Kevin Sodermark
- 9/8 Dennis Johnivan 9/24 Holly Stammer
- Bruce St. Aubin 9/25 Bette DeRoeck
- 9/10 Peggy Carlyon 9/28 Melissa Casey
- David Palo Helen Palo
- 9/11 Peggy Lewis 9/30 David Jensen
- Diane Oxford

Life Line Screening will be doing preventive health screenings here at Memorial Church on Saturday, December 5. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Register online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or call 1-866-229-0469 to receive your discount and preferred appointment time.