



The Messenger

May 2021

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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Sunday on-line worship premieres at 8:30AM on www.gladstonechurch.org.

In-person worship is at 10:30 every Sunday morning.

*When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a **dove** and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.” [Matthew 3:16, CEB]*

All four Gospels in the Bible tell the story of Jesus being baptized. And all four accounts describe the Spirit of God coming down like a “dove” to rest on Jesus. A generation ago, Lorna Benson, along with Pastor Joanne Bartelt and the 2003 Confirmation Class, created the doves that grace our sanctuary, representative of God’s Holy Spirit, moving through our worship and in the lives of those who are baptized and confirmed here. Through 2006, Lorna continued to create doves with our confirmands. Then, life happened, and the practice of hanging a dove for each confirmand fell by the way. This year, on Transfiguration Sunday, Feb. 14, we confirmed a new group of 10 young people, and Lorna was moved to take up the task again. With Ken’s help, they already have 10 new doves ready to be placed in the sanctuary. They’ve also repaired a few of the older ones and are working on an additional couple dozen for students confirmed in the intervening years.

On **Sunday, June 6**, we’ll have the entire bevy of doves in flight in our sanctuary, a visible reminder of those lives committed to Christ in this place; a powerful affirmation of God’s Spirit continuing to move among us all, calling us each Sunday to commit ourselves to proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ. We’ll also be hosting an after-worship, outside reception on June 6 for those 10 confirmands and our 2021 high school graduates, celebrating God’s Spirit present in their lives and all they have accomplished. If you were part of any previous confirmation class, you’re welcome as well. With God, we too will affirm those we dearly love and in whom we find happiness and blessing. I hope you’ll mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

Thank you to Lorna, Ken and Pastor Joanne; to our confirmands, their families and mentors through the years; to all who nurture the next generations; and to God’s Holy Spirit, with us.

Pastor Cathy

Worship

Worship for the Month of May

May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 21:1-14 – The Risen Christ helps the disciples fish and serves them breakfast.

A Children's Message from Joy Jorgensen and a celebration of Holy Communion.

May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hebrews 13:1-6, 16; Luke 2:6-7; Luke 23:50-54

– Blanketed in love from cradle to grave and beyond. Celebrating Mother's Day and Church World Services' Blanket Sunday, with help from our youngsters.

May 16 – Ascension Sunday

Luke 24:13-34 – The Risen Christ is recognized in the breaking of bread by two travelers who meet him on the road to Emmaus. Guest Preacher Randy Hildebrandt speaks to us from Tahquamenon Falls, helping us recognize Christ in the ministry of God's Country Cooperative Parish.

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-13 – The Holy Spirit fills the followers of Jesus, birthing the church.

Guest Preacher Wayne Large will help us celebrate Pentecost.

May 30 – Memorial Weekend Sunday

Memorial UMC's newly forming band will make its debut at this in-person service with patriotic music. If you have an instrument that you haven't touched in decades, now is the time to clean it up and start squeaking & squawking and frapping again. If you are a teen in a school band, being a part of the church band will greatly help to keep your lip in shape over the summer. Our goal is to practice together once a week and play for the church service on May 30 and then the third Sunday of the month after that. Contact Lisa in the office or at 420-1311 if you would like to be in the **church band**.

Special music during the summer

Please sign up on the bulletin board or by calling the office.

Pastor Cathy will be away from May 13-25.

During this time, Pastor Elise Low Edwardson from Escanaba Central UMC will handle pastoral emergencies.

June 6th We will recognize the high school graduates and also the youth who were confirmed this year.

Links to worship videos

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 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>

Graduation Party

Dylan Messina is inviting you to celebrate his graduation from Gladstone High School. The celebration is Sunday, May 30, 3-6pm at their home 10026 I Road, Cornell. Please **RSVP by May 19th** with a text to 280-9046 or a phone message to 384-6429. Please include your name and the number of people attending. Thank you!

Live-streaming services

Dylan and Devin Messina have been volunteering *every Sunday* up in the sound room, doing both the sound and the live-streaming. We really appreciate them! Dylan is graduating from high school in 4 weeks. He may not be able to be here every Sunday after that. If you would be willing to be trained on how to do the live-streaming, please see Dylan up in sound room or call the church office.

Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 20 2pm – 7pm

Friday, May 21 8:30am – 2pm

Saturday, May 22 8:30am – 11am

Small items can be put in room 5 now. Large items that are difficult to move can be put in gym right up against the gym wall, far away from the pickleball court.

Scrap Metal Drive

We will have a receptacle here May 21 – 31, but you can start bringing items now and leaving them by the shed.

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

What Memorial UMC people are doing to make a better world

On Saturday, April 24, the Stanek clan planted well over 300 trees! We give a big “thank you” to the Staneks, Buckleys, Naults, and Stammers for helping to replenish the earth. The very next day, Pastor Cathy’s sermon was based off the book *The Man Who Planted Trees*, about a man who planted 100 trees a day for decades.

If you know something that someone from this church is doing to make the world a better place, let us know.

Knitters needed!

A group of dedicated knitters meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 to create items for our bazaars and also for various missions projects, locally and far away. They have a great time fellowshiping while creating beautiful items. If you like to knit or do other crafts, please stop by some Wednesday morning. They would love to have you join them.

One of the projects they work on is “Warmth for Warriors,” knitting caps that go under the soldiers’ helmets. If you have been creating “Warmth for Warrior” hats at home, please bring them in immediately. We will be shipping them off. Questions? Call Lettie Houghton.



Just a small sample of the items knitters here and remotely have created.



Liz Kempher, Lettie Houghton, Joanne Gudwer, and Peggy Richter

Creative Cards have been designed by the Knitting Group for sale for \$2 each. Please check them out in the narthex, by the bulletin board. Proceeds go to the building fund.

Moment in Missions

The Missions Committee would like to share the celebrations of our congregation's giving of time, talent, and offerings for April.

- **Book Drive for Malawi, Africa:** Thank you to all who contributed. Books are packed and ready to be delivered down state with Pastor Cathy. We will continue collecting for another shipment later.
- **Homeless:** A small group met on April 15 to discuss the homeless situation in our community. We will be sharing information with the congregation in the near future as we fulfill our learning experience that deepens understanding of "ministry with" in steps to becoming an Engagem*i* congregation.
- **Native American Ministries:** Jennifer McLeod was our guest speaker and engaged our congregation with insightful answers that were asked by the congregation. A total of \$452 was given in support of this ministry.
- **Heifer International:** A donation of \$250 was given which was **TRIPLED** by a match from some generous donors for a total of \$750!

We have several opportunities to support our community, state, and world this month:

- **May 9:** Church World Service Blankets & Tools program (International Advance) Please watch our website/Facebook page as more information from families within our congregation share information about this offering
- **May 12-** Grace Children's Hospital-online auction-for more information read the article in the newsletter
- **May 16-**Noisy Offering supports Heifer International

- **May 20-22-** Church wide rummage sale with scrap metal drive-50/50 split with general fund/missions
- **May 22-** "Color Your Faith" run/walk-for more information read the article in the newsletter
- **June 3-6-** "Faith in Action" 5K virtual run/walk/ride-for more information you can go the website <https://michiganumc.org/faith-in-action-against-child-hunger>
If interested in supporting this cause, 100% of the funds raised will go to support child hunger relief in Michigan. Registration and entry fee which included a free T-shirt ended April 30 but you do not have to register to participate. Simple collect pledges, participate anytime from June 3-6, turn in your pledges to the church, and the money will be sent to the 2021 Michigan Annual Church Conference.
- **Elmer's Community Cares Program:** Donate points to MUMC and we can use it towards getting a \$100 gift card. This can be used to help offset grocery costs for projects like Bay Area Campus Ministries meal.
- **Mission Opportunities:** Check out the link "Young Adult Mission Opportunities" at our website.

The Salvation Army shared the following: Have you been financially affected by COVID in the following way?:

- Did you get laid off because of COVID?
- Did your work hours get reduced because of COVID?
- Did you have quarantine and not get paid during that time because of COVID?

Then the Salvation Army may be able to help with 1 months rent or utilities you owe. Call the Social Services at 906.786.0590. Please note, you will have to provide documentation; including, but not limited to pay stubs, ID, lease, utilities bills, etc.

Our church is alive and active in our community, our state, our nation, and our world. If God is speaking to you about learning more about missions at MUMC and you would like to be an active member of the mission committee, please contact the church office.



Book Drive for Malawi, Africa

Good friends of Pastor Cathy manage a project, Extend A Hand, that ships books to primary (grades 1-8) and secondary (grades 9-12) schools in Malawi. These schools have absolutely NO books in the classrooms. If you are cleaning out unused kid's books, please donate to the church.

There is a bookshelf in the front entryway to drop off your donations. Pastor Cathy will deliver the books downstate in June so hopefully we will have a nice collection to send.

Monetary donations are also being accepted to help defray the costs for shipping the books to Malawi and/or to purchase additional, much-needed books. A teacher in our congregation can use her teacher discount to purchase books. **Flashcards and Learning Games are also great.**

Appropriate books include:

- Books featuring children of color
- Primary non-fiction: A,B,Cs, animals, colors, shapes, numbers, math, nature
- Secondary non-fiction: biography, history, sports, How-to, nature, math, science, atlas, cultures
- Primary fiction: Beverly Cleary, Magic Schoolbus/Treehouse, and especially I Can Read books
- Secondary fiction: Classics, Harry Potter, Newberry Award winners, Shakespeare, graphic novels
- National Geographic Periodicals

Non-appropriate books include:

- Encyclopedia sets, Outdated books, College textbooks
- Topics to avoid: religion, witches, vampires, supernatural/paranormal, high-school romance, American history, Western holidays (Valentines/Thanksgiving), winter & snow, Disney characters

**newsletter deadline:
Thursday, May 27**

A Haitian Culinary Event and Silent Auction

to benefit Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
This event will be 100% virtual. Join Haitian Executive Chef Damari Grant online as he prepares a Haitian-influenced meal. Cook along in your kitchen (recipes and shopping list will be sent in advance), or just sit back and watch and learn. Complete your evening by taking part in the virtual silent auction and Fund-a-Need, all to benefit Grace Children's Hospital.

Cooking event: May 12 at 6pm (pre-event 5:30). Tickets for the cooking event are available at www.InternationalChildCare.org/cook.

The Silent Auction begins on May 8 and is open to all.

Grace Children's hospital serves nearly 400 children daily for tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, maternal health, eye exams, and general health. Grace never turns a child away for inability to pay.



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| 5/2 Carson Casey | 5/16 Denise Gauthier |
| Jason Johnivan | Justin Johnivan |
| 5/3 Cassandra Tines | Ashlee LaPlant |
| 5/4 Gary Johnson | Michael LaVigne |
| Jeffrey Robinson | Linda Viau |
| 5/6 Kathi Hoehn | 5/20 Bernard Erickson |
| 5/7 Katelyn Demarse | Heather Hoehn |
| Tina Doucette | Lloyd Lessard |
| Carolyn Morrow | 5/21 Lois Boydston |
| 5/9 Camryn Buckley | 5/23 Elijah Balenger |
| Matthew Casey | Michael Keeker |
| 5/11 Scarlett Kuhlman | Cassandra LaMarche |
| 5/13 James Moore | 5/26 William Gilbert |
| Gail Schell | 5/27 Pat Clark |
| 5/15 Susan Hampton | 5/28 Ted Brainard |
| | 5/31 Easton LaVigne |



Saturday, May 22nd, 2021: 9:00a.m.
 at Bethany Lutheran Church
 202 South 11th St, Escanaba

**“Color Your Faith”
 5K Run-Walk**

The youth group from Bethany Lutheran, Bethany Kids Connect, have planned a fun and exciting event to support Tri County Safe Harbor. This fundraiser will be a 5K called "Color Your Faith" and will take place on Saturday, May 22 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 202 S. 11th St, Escanaba. There are many ways to participate. You may run/walk, help at a color station to spray participants as they pass by, or set up a color station from our church to spray runners as they go past. If we have a group interested in setting up a color station, volunteer T-shirts (up to 4 people per station) plus all the colorful powered dye will be provided. The station will need to be set up by the start of the event which will start at 9:00 am and last until the last runners/walkers go past...best guess no later than an hour. Afterwards volunteers along with runners and walkers are invited to Bethany for refreshments plus a “Color Bomb photo” where all participants toss color up in the air. Registration forms are available at MUMC office. You could also obtain a registration form via email to print out yourself. Contact Lisa at the church office. Registrations and checks may be left at MUMC office and will be given to the coordinator in time for the event or sent to Bethany Lutheran Church. The deadline is May 15 if you want a T-shirt in the correct size, otherwise you can sign up the day of the event and there will be a limited supply of shirts and sizes for late applicants. Cost is \$15/student, \$20/adult, and \$30/family which includes T-shirt and color packet. If you have any questions please contact Jeanne Wescott at 906.399.2727.

Scrubbies for Sale for the general budget.
 \$2 each by the bulletin board.

Prayer List

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| Betsy Anderson | Bud Baltic |
| Sarah Benson | Mark Bishop |
| MaryAnn Brayak | Tom Butch |
| Nancy Campbell | Janelle Castillo |
| Ginger Clairmont | Bud & Pat Clark |
| Eileen Collins | Tatum Cretan |
| Debbie Dew | Family of Christy Currie |
| Bernie Erickson | Chris and Kim Diamond |
| Andy Fase | Dave and Mary Hagen |
| Caroline Hart | Dennis Hunter |
| Al Jensen | Alice Jensen |
| Jon Lohrbach | Marcy Makosky |
| Rebecca Marchak | Toni (Marmalick) Marchese |
| Tammy Martin | Chad Mileski |
| Steve Mrotek | Jim Pinar family |
| Bev Regts | Josiah, Sarah, David Pryor |
| Debbie Renkin | Marvin Sodermark |
| Julie Springer | Todd |
| Al Waeghe | Karen Welch |
| Kathy Young | |
| Rachel, Seth and Amara Darrison | |
| Uriah Kuhlman’s mom Anne | |
| Marianne Watson Milkowski | |
| Tracy Jensen’s mother’s husband Dave | |



Easter Flowers given to the Glory of God in Memory of:

- Doris Lessard - - - - - from Lloyd Lessard
- Karan Roberts - - - - -
 - - - from Pam Thorbahn and Chris Jensen
- Mark & Jean Snyder - - - from the Ness families
- Roy & Lola Ness - - - - from the Ness families
- Karl E. Warm - - - - from the Ness families

Easter Flowers given to the Glory of God in Honor of:

- Pastor Cathy for all her extra work this last year
 - - - from Peggy Richter

Camp Michigamme

Worker Bee Day/Weekend

Our Worker Bee weekend is going to be held on May 15th-16th. The open day for any volunteer coming without a specific skill set, or any age, is May 15th from 9am-5pm. We'll be running around clearing trails, and deep cleaning buildings. We can find jobs that are suited for any age or physical ability that would like to volunteer. We will also allow overnight stays for those who travel far and are in need. We'll be providing lunch, and everyone is asked to bring a mask. We are also looking for some skilled laborer volunteers for big projects. Skill sets in Carpentry, Plumbing, Excavation, and Tree Removal are all in high demand for the bigger projects we need to work on, and crews that want to work on those big projects can stay the night and work through the weekend as well. We'll have a service in Hampton Chapel on Sunday for those who stay the whole weekend. Any volunteer organization done at the congregation level would be greatly appreciated. Please let us know also if those skilled laborers would like to donate use of their special equipment and/or construction material donations. The buildings that will be subject to the biggest skill related projects are Lakeside Cabin, and the finishing of the Agape Wigwam.

Registration

I've attached a flyer for the dates of all the camps at Camp Michigamme this summer. All registrations are online right now, but if you have a technology issue, call me at 216-217-5011.

Call for Counselors and Volunteers

If you have members of your congregation that are aged 18-25 that could use a summer job for 9 weeks and would be great camp counselors, please send them my way by having them fill out the online application on the website. If you have adults and teens, aged 16 and up, of any age, who want to volunteer with our kids for shorter periods of time, like 1 or 2 weeks or a few days or a weekend, tell them to fill out the same application and I'll get back to them soon. When it comes to staff we have a great leadership team put together, but will need a few more counselors of both genders. For volunteers we have much enthusiasm for Senior High Camp and that week is full of volunteers, but we could use more volunteers for every other week of camp.

Michigamme Day

Michigamme Day is going to be Saturday June 12th. The big event for Michigamme Day will be dedicating the new Agape Wigwam. We'll have several fun events and ceremonies, and we'll be serving lunch. Covid protocols for that day are not yet certain and more info will come as we get closer. We'll be requiring that everyone brings a mask. Masks will likely not be required as most of the day will be outdoors, but we will likely have separate mask and mask free seating sections (All events will be outdoors), and we will require that if people choose to wear masks, then unmasked persons will be required to put on a mask to approach someone who chooses to wear a mask. Also we'll be having a luggage drive on Michigamme day. More information will come in the next few weeks, but here is the preliminary sparknotes. I'm a foster parent, and children in foster care often have to move in rushed and uncertain conditions. Often when foster children don't own a backpack or a suitcase, the social workers only have a black trash bag to provide the child to gather their things for the move. Actress Tiffany Haddish grew up as a foster child and vowed that as an adult she would do everything she could to make sure kids never had to feel like garbage and she has a charitable foundation called the She Ready Foundation which donates luggage to foster care agencies. With the blessing of her foundation, we will be collecting used or new luggage at Michigamme day to donate to the foster care agencies that operate in the Upper Peninsula. Specifics of what we can collect, and promotional flyers will be developed soon.

Very Respectfully,

Pete Stahlbrand

Camp Michigamme Director

216-217-5011 director@campmichigamme.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 4:30 Piano 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	5 9:00 Knit 9:00 Quilt	6	7 9AM Penzo Spraying - Stay away from church until 2PM <i>May be re-scheduled.</i>	8 10:00 Clean-up Church Yard <i>If this happens, Penzo will be re- scheduled.</i>
9 <i>Blanket Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship 1:00 Piano recital	10	11 6:00 TKD 6:30 Finance 7:30 Praise Team 8:00 N.A.	12 9:00 Knit 9:00 Quilt 7:00 Church Council	13	14 5:00 wedding rehearsal	15 Clean-up day at Camp Michigamme 2:00 wedding
16 <i>Noisy Offering and Youth Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship	17	18 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	19 9:00 Knit 9:00 Quilt	20 Rummage Sale 2:00—7:00	21 Rummage Sale 8:30—2:00 Scrap Metal Drive begins	22 Rummage Sale 8:30—11:00
23 <i>Pentecost</i> 10:30 Worship	24	25 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	26 9:00 Knit 9:00 Quilt	27 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	28	29
30 10:30 Worship	31 Scrap Metal Drive ends					