



The Messenger

April 2022

We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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Jesus asked his disciples, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” — Mark 8:29 (CEB)

And what about you? Who do you say that Jesus is? That’s the question we’ve been asking in worship throughout this season of Lent. Each week we’ve been exploring an image of who Jesus is in our lives: Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, and Bread of Life. With Holy Week nearly upon us, we’ll have four more opportunities to worship and wonder. We’ll walk with Jesus from the Palm Sunday procession into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper, out into the Garden of Gethsemane, witnessing his betrayal and arrest on Maundy Thursday. Then we’ll go on through the brutal realities of Good Friday’s crucifixion, Jesus death and burial, until we finally reach the empty tomb of Easter Resurrection. On our Holy Week journey, we’ll consider who this is, this Jesus who is the Way of Palm Sunday, the Vine of Maundy Thursday, the Crucified One of Good Friday, and the Risen One of Easter. I do hope that you will be a part of Holy Week at Memorial United Methodist Church. Grace and Peace, *Pastor Cathy*

April 3: This Is Jesus, the Bread of Life

John 6:22-51

Celebrating Holy Communion

April 10: This Is Jesus, the Way

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

Luke 19:28-40; John 14:6

April 14: This Is Jesus, the Vine

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

John 15:1-12

April 15: This Is Jesus, Crucified

7 p.m. Good Friday

Luke 22:63-23:56

April 17: This Is Jesus, Risen!

10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Celebration

Luke 24:1-12

April 24: Celebrating God’s Creation



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/>

Baptism

On Sunday, March 20, we celebrated the baptism of **Brantlee Thomas Marklin**, son of Ashlee Johnson and Tyler Marklin, grandson of Dan and Val Johnson. The sponsors were Emily Johnson and Alex Trotter.

Sign up for 2022

We need Ushers, Readers, Muffins Bakers, Coffee Hosts, and Communion Servers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, if you would be interested in learning how to run the projection and livestream, please speak with Joy Jorgensen.

Lenten Soup Suppers and Speakers

Supper at 5:30 and a speaker at 6:00 on Wednesday. The speakers are:

Apr. 6 Randy Hildebrant
– God's Country Cooperative Parish
Apr. 13 Erik Paad – Caregiver Incentive Program
www.the-cip.com

We received the following thank you note from our first week speakers:

On behalf of the Delta County League of Women Voters, I want to thank you for the invitation to share voter and election information at your Soup Supper on March 9. The three members that participated that evening were pleased with the good questions and interaction of the attendees.

Sue Scheeneman
President DCLWV

Starting Over with the Prayer List

Every year or two, I like to wipe the prayer list clean and start over because sometimes names are submitted but never taken off after the need has passed. I ask you to look over the prayer list by **Easter** and **re-submit names that should be on there**. Please make a special note next to names that should stay on the long-term list. Prayer requests are generally left on for 2 – 3 weeks unless you tell me to leave them on longer. Thank you!

Prayer List

Ukraine	Betsy Anderson
Sister Ann Catherine	Bud Baltic
Sarah Benson	Lorna Benson
Mark Bishop	Lois Boydston
Skylar Bittner's mom	Tom Butch
Nancy Campbell	Ginger Clairmont
Shirley Clark	Bud & Pat Clark
Eileen Collins	Sharon Davis
Irving & Bette DeRoeck	Debbie Dew
Chris and Kim Diamond	Bernie Erickson
John Fisher	Todd Green
Nancy Harger	Caroline Hart
Beckie and Ron Hess	Barb Ingram
Al Jensen	Alice Jensen
Jeff Lancour	Susan Lingren
Marcy Makosky	Rebecca Marchak
Toni Marchese	Tammy Martin
Chad Mileski	Zach Nardi
Lincoln Noel	Emile Shada Polega
Josiah and David Pryor	Bev Regts
Debbie Renkin	Margaret Richard
Eve Richmond	Emily Shada
Marvin Sodermark	Bill Springer
Julie Springer	Alice Staver
Todd	Michelle Voelkker
Al Waeghe	Donna Wilken
Rick Wilson	Donna Yelle
Marianne Watson Milkowski	
Family of Travis Hebert	
Family of Nancy Goodman	
Family of Russ Poma	

Prayer Ministry – we maintain an up-to-date prayer list on our website: www.gladstonechurch.org and include the current list in Sunday's worship bulletin. If you would like to receive email updates each time a prayer request is added, please contact Lisa in the office: mumc@gladstonechurch.org. And thank you for your ongoing prayer support.

newsletter deadline:
Thursday, Apr. 28

Potluck Salad Luncheon

Palm Sunday, April 10th, after worship
Bring your favorite salad to share.
Come for food and fellowship

Game Night

Build Your Own Taco

Saturday, April 30 5pm – 8pm

Please R.S.V.P. to the church and tell us which one of the following items you can bring to share: tomatoes, lettuce, green onions, black olives, shredded cheese, tortilla chips (for those who want to make a taco salad), sour cream, taco sauce, . . . ?

Care Packages to College Students

The following college students received care packages from the Memorial's Membership Connection Committee:

Elijah and Andie Balenger
Dylan Messina
Joshua and Teresa Myers
Grace Taylor



4/1 Angela Brunette	4/13 Breanne Johnson
4/3 Jason Jorgensen	Jeff Moore
Christine Morrow	4/14 Alexandra Jorgensen
Thomas Viau	4/15 Carolyn Taylor
4/5 Laura Doneau	4/17 Gabriel Gaudino
Melvin Marlett	4/18 Ryan Juhola
Emma Wyman	Kyra Keeker
4/7 Dorell Kirschner	4/19 Matthew Hampton
Bill Springer	4/20 Kallie Donovan
4/8 Daytona Johnivan	Lillian Wery
Jack Thomas III	4/25 Jack Thomas IV
4/10 Peter Jensen	4/27 Tim King
Emily Klotz	4/28 Jamie Hoehn
4/11 Russell Casey	Rachel Johnson
4/12 Owen Mattonen	Janice Watson
Benjamin Worth	4/30 Joseph Ostlund

Updated FAQ sheet

An updated Frequently Asked Questions sheet about the future of the United Methodist denomination titled "Blessing One Another Mar., 22" is on our webpage gladstonechurch.org under the "resources" tab.

Easter Lily

If you would like to honor or remember someone this Easter with a lily, please fill out a pink form from the table by the front door and turn it in to the office by **Wednesday, Apr. 13.**

Fundraiser: MARSP Dinner

The Michigan Area Retired School Personnel will have their dinner & meeting here at noon on Tuesday, May 3. This is a good fundraiser for us. Many hands are needed in the kitchen on the evening of May 2 and in the morning & afternoon of May 3. Please mark your calendar if you can help for some of those times.

We will have a **Rummage Sale** May 19-21. Please start saving items for it now.

The **Scrap Metal Drive** will be May 20 – 31.

Scrap Metal Drive

Start saving your metal now. We will have a receptacle here May 20 – 31.

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

"The Gift Box"

Want to recognize someone or share a celebration with the church? Place a check (any amount) written out to Memorial UMC in the gift box in the narthex. Then, if you want, send an acknowledgment card from next to the gift box to the person and/or pin an acknowledgment card up on the bulletin board. Thank you.

Ukraine

If you wish to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people, you can contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

To donate, mail or bring in a gift marked "Ukraine." Checks should be made out to Memorial UMC but clearly marked for Ukraine. You could also donate through our website: www.gladstonechurch.org.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause. The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

Two Different Offerings

What comes in marked "Ukraine" or "UMCOR Disaster Response" is 100% for the current crisis in Ukraine. (See article above.) Conversely, as previously voted on, special offerings for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are to be split 50% to the General fund and 50% to UMCOR Sunday, which underwrites the overhead costs for UMCOR for the rest of the year so that 100% of your other UMCOR offerings can go directly to the designated project.

Camp Michigamme is currently hiring

a Facilities Manager for the 2022 season and beyond. The job description, qualifications and other details are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Numerous summer job positions at Camp Michigamme are also posted.

Bay Cliff Health Camp

in Big Bay is now hiring for all positions for summer 2022. We are seeking camp counselors, activities instructors, leadership staff, and professional and support staff. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.baycliff.org. Dates of employment for most roles are June 12-August 7, 2022.

Financial Audits within the UMC

According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the responsibility of auditing church financial records is assigned to the committee on finance. A "Local Church Audit Guide" is provided by the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA), which prescribes a fairly detailed audit process to be followed with some alterations for large congregations versus smaller ones. With respect to larger churches, external auditors are generally recommended, normally from an auditing firm. Smaller churches are allowed to use internal auditors, usually those persons who have an auditing or accounting background.

Auditors are responsible to independently verify the financial reports of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Various accounts are randomly selected, tested and verified according to a variety of standardized accounting principles, albeit not as rigorous as a school or governmental agency. Tests are conducted for the purposes of determining accuracy, accountability and legality. Most important are verification and recording of revenues, e.g. Sunday collections, misc. donations, fund raisers, dedicated funds vs non-dedicated, etc. Also of significant importance is the verification of expenditures, collection of receipts for reimbursement, review of invoices for accuracy, recording of transactions to the proper accounts, payroll and W-2 verifications, etc.

Other miscellaneous auditing includes verification of proper authority for designated check signators, insurance coverage, reconciliation of bill payments, computer backup procedures, etc. Rules for the Sunday collection counters (2 people, non-related), depositing of monies collected, inventory of church equipment, and minutes of various committees, are also reviewed. Besides the General Fund, our Church owns five (5) investment accounts, all with various rules for expenditure distribution.

Approximately 12 hours are expended to complete the entire process. This process would be much longer if it wasn't for the preparation and professional dedication of the Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Finance Chair. In addition, I would like to thank Connie Ness for her assistance throughout this process.

In today's world of economics, we are constantly approached by a variety of organizations to make donations. It is our hope and prayer that when these decisions are made that you remember Our Lord's House, that He is the One who provides us with what we have.

Dennis J. Stanek

Moment in Missions

Celebrations!

- Heifer International Living Gifts received \$377.55 that was triple matched by a group of generous donors. The money sent is used where needed most in helping to purchase livestock such as pigs, goats, chicks, cows, and honeybees. Our noisy offering collected on the 3rd Sunday of each month really makes a difference!
- Love Beyond Borders campaign has received \$37. That will provide COVID vaccines for 10 people!
- Donations of \$1351 have been received towards humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people.
- \$50 was received that was designated to the Salvation Army noon lunch program.
- We have an update from our January Human Relations Sunday offering. The total money collected was \$151. This gift will help to overcome injustice and empower those struggling to survive.

Opportunities to give:

- The *Love Beyond Borders* campaign aims to raise funds for the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines around the world. The initiative has emerged from First United Methodist Church, Boise, ID and seeks to engage The United Methodist Church in supporting COVAX alongside UNICEF, the key vaccine delivery partner.

All funds raised will be sent to UNICEF for this project. A donation of \$37 will provide 10 people with two doses of the vaccine. If interested in donating, make your check payable to the church and mark in the memo *Love Beyond Borders*. Or you can go to the link and donate there.

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/unicef>

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- April 20: Noisy Offering
- Elmer's Community Cares Program & GFS: Donate points to MUMC and we can use it towards getting a \$100 gift card from Elmer's or money off purchases made at GFS. This can be used to help for meals to serve to Bay College Campus Ministry meals and Hope at the Inn. We currently have 102,266 points at Elmer's.

Keep Up the Gospel Work!

Check out the Mission bulletin board located at the entrance to the education wing. Follow our outreach monthly as we live to serve through our gifts, acts, and prayers.

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The Community of Christ Church is celebrating 100 years in Gladstone

1022 Wisconsin Ave., Gladstone

September 10-11

- Guest Ministry, Apostle Lach McCay
- 100 years of local history with Ann Miller
- Pie Social
- Gathering with friends

Home Plate 2022

A Pre-Game Program with the Detroit Tigers
at Comerica Park

Date: Saturday, May 14

Time: 1:00 Program and 4:10 Game

Players from the Tigers and Orioles like Michael Fulmer, Jeimer Candelario, retired Tigers Andy Dirks and Frank Tanana will share about their careers in sports and faith in Jesus Christ. More information is on the church bulletin board.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 Peter study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Men's Breakfast 2:00 Daisy Scouts 3:00 Hike with a Hallelujah	4 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Peter study	5 9:00 Pickleball 6:00 TKD 8:00 N.A.	6 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Speaker 7:00 Bells	7 9:00 Pickleball 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Band	8 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball	9
10 9:30 Peter study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Salad Potluck 2:00 Daisy Scouts	11 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts	12 9:00 Pickleball 6:00 TKD 6:00 Finance 8:00 N.A.	13 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 5:30 Soup Supper 6:00 Speaker 7:00 Bells & Band	14 9:00 Pickleball 6:00 Praise Team 7:00 Maundy Th. Service including communion	15 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 7:00 Good Friday Service	16
17 <i>Easter, Noisy Offering, & Youth Sunday</i> 10:30 Easter Worship service 2:00 Daisy Scouts	18 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Peter study 6:00 Trustees	19 9:00 Pickleball 2:00 Missions 6:00 TKD 6:00 Church Council 8:00 N.A.	20 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6 or 7 Bells	21 9:00 Pickleball 7:00 Band	22 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball Boy Scout lock-in	23
24 9:30 Peter study 10:30 Worship 11:40 Hike Sugarloaf Mt. 2:00 Daisy Scouts	25 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 4:00 Girl Scouts 5:30 Peter study	26 9:00 Pickleball 1:00 Membership Connection 6:00 TKD 6:30 SPRC 8:00 N.A.	27 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball 6 or 7 Bells	28 9:00 Pickleball <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7:00 Band	29 10:00 Pickleball 12:00 Pickleball	30 5:00 - 8:00 Tacos and Game Night