

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 29, 2023

10:30AM

Welcome to Worship at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Please register your attendance in the blue book at the end of your pew.

Visitors, please include the best way for us to follow up with you.

Music to Center Ourselves *They'll Know We Are Christians* (Letherman)

Welcome to Worship

*Call to Worship

Come, Love Divine, and dwell in our hearts.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit in us.

Come, Almighty One, and deliver us.

Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit in us.

Come, Joy of Heaven, and finish your new creation in us.

(from North UMC, Indianapolis)

*Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57, vv. 1-4, 7

Responsive reading Psalm 150 UMH 862 Mary Bastian

Epistle reading Romans 13:11-14

*Gospel Luke 11:33-35

Message "Heaven Is Here (and Now)" Phil Lynch

Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* UMH 585

Offering Our Gifts and Commitments

Offertory *For God Is Love* (Southbridge)

Ushers will pass the offering plates to receive today's offering and any prayer requests (please write requests on the green cards found in the pews). You may also make financial contributions on the square reader near the entrance, or online on our website.

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

*Departing Blessing

Music for Going Forth *Chant Héroïque* (Blake)

* The asterisk indicates times in worship where we're invited to stand.

Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation.

Assisting Today

Altar Guild: Liz Kempher and Val Johnson

Counters: Laurie Kaufman de la Garza and Leah Belanger

Coffee and Muffins: Leah Belanger

Projectionist: Dylan Messina

Ushers: Dave and Berta Johnson

TODAY 11:30 Bell practice

MONDAY 5:30 Study: *Revival – Faith as Wesley Lived It*
If you would like to be a part of this study but would rather have it Sunday after worship, please talk to Laurie Kaufman de la Garza.

TUESDAY 5:00 – 7:00 Trunk or Treat

WEDNESDAY 9:00 Knit & Crochet
7:00 Jubilee Choir practice

THURSDAY 6:00 Rod Snow, chalk artist and ventriloquist

WED. – SAT. Pasty Bake ← *Sign up to help and fellowship!*

NEXT SUNDAY 10:30 Worship. *All Saints Sunday*

NOV. 7 6:30 Staff-Parish Relations Committee

NOV. 9 6:30 Church Council

NOV. 11 12:30 Church Conference (location: Central UMC)

NOV. 13 Bay Area Campus Ministry meal
Please sign up to bring cookies or to help.

Pastor Terri will be gone until Nov. 4. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Dave Wichert (989)528-9032. He is the pastor at Central and First U.M. Churches in Escanaba.

Trunk or Treat will be during Gladstone's trick or treat time (Oct. 31 5:00-7:00). If you would be willing to hand out treats from your car trunk in our parking lot or if you could bring treats to hand out, please **sign up on the bulletin board**.

Notice that this year we will also be participating in the "Teal Pumpkin Project," so we are also asking for non-food treats for children with allergies.

While a teal pumpkin indicates food allergies, a blue pumpkin helps to subtly signal that the child is on the autism spectrum. S/he may struggle with verbal skills, so please don't demand that the little goblins and witches say "trick or treat" in order to receive a treat.

Rod Snow, a gifted chalk artist and ventriloquist will be here on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6pm presenting a Christ-Centered message through art and entertainment that captivates ages 1 – 100. The only cost is a freewill offering. Please help us spread the word to the community.

Also, please **sign up on the bulletin board to bring a dessert** as we are sponsoring a dessert buffet afterward.

Pasty Bake Nov. 1-4. Please sign up to help, esp. for Saturday. Also, we need paper bags and boxes to put the pasties in.

All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 5

You are invited to submit names of special people in your life who have gone home to God in the past 12 months. Please submit these names by Wednesday, Nov. 1 to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.

Bay Area Campus Ministry Meal Monday, Nov. 13. If you would be willing to bring cookies, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Card Sale: There are many great new cards for sale from the card-making party which was held here on Sept. 27. Check out the table in front of the bulletin board. The next card-making party will be Wed., Nov. 8, 10a.m. – 1p.m. Lunch provided. Please sign up in the office.

Facebook – Share the News

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



Christmas Eve Services Since Dec. 24 is on a Sunday this year and there will thus already be a 10:30 morning service, we are thinking about having only one Christmas Eve service 4:30 or 9 p.m. We welcome your thoughts on the subject.

Prayer List

New Concerns

Alice Cormier
Kate Luss
Sue Bratonia
Chris Jensen
Jim Cologne and family
Family of Gordon Peterson

Recent Concerns:

Kay Shapy
Janet Wichert
Family of Robin Hewitt
Family of Kevin Plourde
Tom Butch

Ongoing Concerns

Peace in the Middle East	Innocent people in Israel and Palestine	
Ukraine	Chris and Kim Diamond	
Mindy A.	David & Cheryl LaCarte	
Betsy Anderson	Marv and Pat Sodermark	
Bud Baltic	Lisa Richer Barta	Lorna Benson
Sarah Benson	David Bohlen	Sally Brainard
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell	Mary Clark
Bud and Pat Clark	Shirley Clark	Eileen Collins
Brian Galvin	Michele Geyer	Ian Goldi
John Gudwer	Caroline Hart	Jim Hubbard
Al Jensen	Liz Kempher	Susan Lindgren
Marcy Makosky	Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Rhonda Mulligan	Zach Nardi	Helen Palo
Michelle Ottensman	Josiah Pryor	Jordan Rabitoy
Vickie Ottensman	Emily Shada Polega	

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There are many great new cards for sale from the card-making party which was held here on Sept. 27. Check out the table in front of the bulletin board. The cards are only \$2 each, and the money goes to the Building Maintenance Fund.

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A Much Saner Plan

Instead of rushing out the door in the pre-dawn hours on Black Friday (Nov. 24), stay in your warm, cozy bed, resting from all the busyness of Thanksgiving. Get up leisurely in the afternoon and bring a dish to pass to a scrumptious **Thanksgiving feast at Memorial UMC on Friday, Nov. 24, at 3p.m.**

Leah Belanger, the same person who splendidly cooked and presented a Sedar Meal last spring, will be preparing the turkey and ham. Stay afterwards for a super-fun time of board games, cards, and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board and write what side dish you will bring. This will help Leah plan.

Since you wisely bi-passed the insane madness of Black Friday shopping malls, you may be wondering what you can now give those friends and relatives who don't need anything. The solution is the **Alternative GIVING Bazaar** which will be at Memorial UM Church on **Saturday, Nov. 25**. You donate in a loved one's name to one of the non-profits that will be at Memorial on that day. In return, you receive a trinket or memorabilia to present to your loved one, telling about the gift that was made in his/her name. Please see p. 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Readers to Leaders

A life changing campaign to support children in our community, across Michigan, and in Liberia. Half of the funds will benefit the Liberia Scholarship Program of the Michigan Conference's Liberia Ministry Partners. The other half will benefit the Michigan Conference's Children Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program.

