



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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In my office is a small colorful quilt. It is made up of many colorful squares that have been sewn together. A white and a green edging complete this beautiful quilt.

As I look at this masterpiece that is placed over the chair, I think of God’s people. Each piece has a different color, yet together they form one masterpiece. Each of us is woven together by God with our own set of gifts and graces, yet we form the body of Christ in our world today.

The purpose of this quilt is to warm a person when they are cold. But one square by itself cannot do the job. It takes all the squares held together with the edging to bring the warmth to someone. Our purpose as children of God is to serve others, to bring them the love and warmth of Jesus Christ.

As I sit in the office, I can see the quilt with the white and green edging. In my little mind I imagine that the white represents Jesus and the green represents God. White for Jesus because he was sin-free, pure. Green for God because of the beautiful world we live in and how God grows in our hearts.

If each square represents us, we are surrounded by Jesus and God as are the squares with the edging. We are surrounded by Jesus and God. This thought gives me comfort.

As fall settles in, may you be surrounded by the love of God and may Jesus warm your heart in all you do.

Shalom,
Pastor Terri

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/>

World Communion Sunday – Oct. 6

The United Methodist Church has a special offering every year on World Communion Sunday. Your gift marked “World Communion Sunday” empowers a diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ.

All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 3

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, Oct. 30** to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.

Holiday Giving Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 29 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Giving Bazaar is an opportunity for non-profit organizations to showcase their services and for you to donate in someone's name as a gift to that person. Some of the organizations have little mementos that you can give to your loved one that you are honoring with your donation.

This year the Bazaar will be held in conjunction with the Gladstone Old Fashioned Christmas. We are planning to provide a wagon to transport from MUMC to downtown. We have Women at Risk, International; Lakestate Industries; Heifer International; hopefully a couple of other returnees and some new non-profits.

If you know of any non-profits that you could suggest, please let Peggy French know.

We would like to provide a light repast, possibly hot cocoa, coffee, cookies, etc.

We are working diligently to make this an annual event to help non-profits and to provide community outreach.

Looking forward to another great event.

Needed: Homemade afghans, laprobes, blankets to supplement what the Wednesday morning knitting group will be giving to assisted care facilities. The afghans, laprobes, and blankets can be knitted, crocheted, or quilted. Yarn is available in the Grapevine Room if you would like to take some and work at home ... or you can come to the Knitting/Crocheting group on Wednesday morning after 9:00.

Also, the Cancer Society is asking for hats. For more information, please speak with Peggy Richter (260)705-3330 or Lettie Houghton 428-9545.

Album Launch Concert and Fundraiser for Camp Michigamme

Join us for a special evening of music and mission as songwriter/performer Phil Lynch presents his third album, "Love Divine: The Charles Wesley Project"! This special album launch event for Delta County will take place on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm here at Memorial United Methodist Church.

For 30 years, Phil has been passionate about reinterpreting Charles Wesley's iconic hymns, infusing them with new life and melodies that honor their heritage while appealing to contemporary audiences. "Love Divine" explores the theme of sanctification and union with divine love, showcasing Phil's passion for Wesley's works.

The concert will feature Phil performing the album's songs in order. Spoken interludes will tie the hymns together and explore the idea of sanctification and its meaning for our own lives. Also, a free-will offering will be taken to support Camp Michigamme and its ministries. Don't miss out on what promises to be an unforgettable evening of music, mission, and community, as we celebrate our shared love of timeless hymns and Wesleyan heritage!

Memorial UMC would like to provide appetizers for this Launch Concert. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would be willing to provide any sort of snacks/refreshments/appetizers or if you would be willing to help with food set-up and clean-up. Please help Memorial provide the gift of hospitality to the community at this Launch Concert.

Sunday Morning Help

We need Ushers, Readers, Muffins Bakers, Coffee Hosts, Communion Servers, and Sunday School Teachers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Truck of Treat

Memorial UMC will again host Trunk or Treat during Gladstone's trick or treat hours on Oct. 31 *provided that enough people sign up to bring candy and hand out candy from the back of their vehicle.* Please sign up by Oct. 13, if possible, so that we know we have enough candy and "trunkers" to successfully do this.

Finance Report

Our giving for the general fund for September has totaled \$11,540 so far. This month's goal is \$17,020. There is a fifth Sunday in September that is not included in this report due to the newsletter deadline. Please give regularly so that all commitments can be met that we are responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Wescott.

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, October 30**



10/2 Laura LaMarche	10/16 Eric Nault
10/4 Dave Lewis	Tracy Jensen
10/7 Sharon Block	10/19 Wilma Vanderdonck
Brooke Buckley	10/22 Andie Balenger
10/12 Elizabeth Kempher	10/24 Terri Branstrom
10/13 Ty Waeghe	Patti Multerer
10/14 Sarah Mattonen	10/28 Karl Warm
10/15 Walter Houghton	10/30 Trudy Broman

Sunday School is off to a great start!

Sam Gaudino, Lettie's granddaughter decorated the hallway and room 4 for autumn. Peggy French, Monica Peach, and Cassie Tines have already signed up to teach. Maybe you could sign up for a Sunday or two.

Community Christmas Dinner

Before the pandemic, Memorial hosted a Community Christmas dinner that volunteers from area churches cooked. We would love to re-start this but are missing a Food Coordinator. If you would be willing to head up the food preparation, we would recruit volunteers and food donations. If this is something that you could and are willing to handle, please call the church office 428-9311 by Wednesday, Oct. 2, as we really need to start on this now. Thank you!

Prayer List

Family of Lois Johnson
Family of Geri Hammond
Family of Herb Heger
God's guidance in a decision
Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine
Mindy A. Anne Barkus
Lorna Benson Beth and Sarah Benson
Mark Bishop Tom Butch
Bud and Pat Clark Bette DeRoock
Jeff Dinner Ian Goldi
Nancy Grondine Shannon Hagen
Nancy Harger Caroline Hart
Joni Heger Walt Houghton
Kathy Howard Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family Chris Jensen
June Jensen Gail Johnivan
Liz Kempher Dorell Kirschner
Christopher Lund Toni Marchese
Rebecca Marchak Jeanette Mineau
Dale Osterberg Helen Palo
Heather Plimpton Rodney Potvin and family
Josiah Pryor Bev Quick
Kris R. Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen Mrs. Craig Seckinger
Pam Thorbahn Erik & Brianna and Raylen