



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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This month we celebrate the birth of our nation. For birthdays we generally give gifts. I suggest the gift we give our nation is the gift of prayer.

If I were to say our nation is going through difficulties right now, you would have to agree with me. In my humble opinion, one of the best things we can give our nation is to pray for it. The song goes, “It’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.” But in this case it’s our nation that is standing in the need of prayer.

On page 496 of our hymnal is the hymn called “Sweet Hour of Prayer.” An hour in God’s presence is glorious but sometimes that time is too short and the subject of our fervent prayers may need to be more than an hour. There have been times when I lay my head upon my pillow at night and I start to pray only to wake up in the morning still in prayer. I have prayed all night, but in my sleep. Sometimes we need to pray more than an hour.

My Grandma Huntley was a prayer warrior. Even though she had terribly arthritic knees, she would kneel beside her bed every morning and every night and pray. She prayed for every member of her family, her neighbors, her friends, her country, and all the other needs she knew about. I am not sure how long she knelt at her bedside praying each time, but I know her heartfelt prayers were lifted up. This time she spent with God was her time of holiness for the day.

In times such as these that our nation is going through, it needs all the help it can get. I believe the help from God can guide and direct our nation and its leaders as well as the people of our nation.

On page 437 of our hymnal is a song that can be used as a prayer for our nation. Please find it and pray it, then add your personal prayer for our nation. It would be a glorious gift for our country’s birthday.

Shalom, Pastor Terri

Pastor Terri

Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

- Serve communion
- Usher & Greet
- Bring a treat
- Host coffee hour
- Read scripture

Special Music for Summer

Please sign up on the bulletin board or by calling the office to provide special music for worship (vocal or instrumental).

Outdoor Worship

On July 27, we will worship outdoors on the church lawn. This will be followed by a cookout. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for food you can bring and for ways you can help, for example: grilling or set-up/clean-up. Please sign up and make this event fun for all instead of stressful for the few who tend to do the work for everyone else.

In the event of rain, we will worship and eat indoors.

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/>

To donate to Memorial U.M. Church through Tithely, focus the camera on your smartphone at the QR code below and follow the directions that appear on your phone.



Semi-annual Giving Statements will be in the narthex at the beginning of July.

Memorial's church band will play in front of our church sign before the fireworks (9:45 p.m.) on the 4th of July. Invite your family and friends to sit on our hill to watch the fireworks and enjoy a band concert beforehand.

Game Nights

We are not having game nights during the summer. Instead we are having a bonfire with s'mores and campfire songs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 19. Please join us at the firepit behind the church.

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, July 30**

Thank you to the following people from Memorial who made Vacation Bible School happen:

Jeanne Wescott – PreK/K teacher on Monday
Christiana Reynolds – PreK/K teacher on Wed.
Christina Myers – PreK/K teacher on Thursday, elementary helper Tuesday
Laurie Kaufman – registration and elementary helper on Tuesday & Thursday
Sarah Myers – elementary helper on Mon. and Wed.
Chris Morrow – PreK/K helper on Wed. and Thurs.
Leah Belanger – Sunday supper for 5 counselors
Mike & Monica Peach – Tues lunch for 5 counselors
Denise Messina -- Tuesday supper for 5 counselors
Diane Oxford -- Thursday lunch for 5 counselors
Bonnie Buchmiller – snacks Tuesday morning
Sandy Galleske – snacks Tuesday afternoon
Sally Brainard – snacks Thursday morning
Berta Johnson – snacks Thursday afternoon
Lorna Benson – ice cream for sundaes
Nancy Campbell – toppings for sundaes

The Pastor at the Lutheran Church we partnered with for V.B.S. thanks us for "stepping up to the plate" in a big way. She says that they couldn't have done it without us.

Rummage Sale

Items for the rummage sale can be placed in room 5. Set-up is on July 9 and 10. Please sign up to help with set-up, the sale, or clean-up. Rummage sale times are

- Friday, July 11, 8:30 – 1:00
- Saturday, July 12, 8:30 – 1:00



7/1 Denise Messina	7/17 Laurie Kaufman
7/7 Lettie Houghton	7/19 Emily Trotter
7/8 James Klotz	7/23 Jody Harrison
7/9 Emily Marlett	Michael Viau
7/11 Brenda Balenger	7/26 James Hubbard
7/15 Dan Johnson	7/28 Kingston Johnson
7/16 Nathan Moore	7/31 Axel Hueneman



Births

Emily and Alex Trotter's son Noah was born on June 18, and Ashlee Marklin's daughter Wrenlee was born on June 23. Dan and Val Johnson are the grandparents of both children.

Prayer List

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine.

Safety for immigrants.

Family and friends of MN State Representative

Melissa Hortman and husband.

MN State Senator John Hoffman and wife.

Choir Camp.

Mindy A.	Lisa Richer Barta
Lorna Benson	Beth and Sarah Benson
Sharon Block	Kim Standing Bessonnen
Tom Butch	Nancy Campbell
Bud and Pat Clark	Kristin Cutcher
Bette DeRoeck	Ian Goldi
Nancy Grondine	Shannon Hagen
Tom Hampton in Kalamazoo	
Jeff Hanson	Nancy Harger
Jim Hubbard	Hueneman family
Chris Jensen	Gail Johnivan
Dorell Kirschner	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Louis Martin	David McCarley
Jeanette Mineau	Annie Molinier
Betty Nyquist	Rodney Potvin and family
Josiah Pryor	Kris R.
Jordan R.	John Rector
Debbie Rosen	Brynlee Scott
Tim	Sophia Trotter

Attend Church Camp

Flyers about all the week-long camps this summer at Camp Michigamme are posted on the small bulletin board across from the name tags. There are opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Please ask the church office about camp scholarships.

Thank you for the use of your church for our Lock-IN. The troop had a great time & was a successful one!!

Sincerely
Troop 466

Free Meals for Ages 18 and Under at Jones School

Summer Meals Program Details:

- Meals are free for ages 18 and under.
- No application or registration is required!
- Meals must be consumed on-site.
- James T. Jones School Cafeteria – 400 S. 10th Street, Gladstone. EVERY Monday thru Thursday in June and July. Breakfast is served in June only from 8:30-9am. Lunch is served at 11:30 – 12:30pm.

The meals served are nutritious and follow USDA nutrition guidelines. All breakfasts include milk, fruit or vegetable, and grain/bread, and all lunches include milk, two fruits and/or vegetables, grain/bread, and a meat or protein alternative. Menus are on the church bulletin boards.

Summer should be a stress-free time, and free summer meals can help. Help us spread the word. To learn more, call 1-906-789-8306 or Email rlippens@gladstone.k12.mi.us You can also visit NoKidHungry.org/Help for more information on summer food resources for kids.

We appreciate your assistance.

Thank you for helping our Boy Scouts, their leaders, and our programs.

Boy Scouts & Leader of Troop 466
Serving Gladstone's Boys Since 1937

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30-2:30 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym	2 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10-4 Gym in use 6:00 band	3	4 Band play Outside 9:45 pm	5
6 10:30 Worship 12-4 Gym in use	7 10-7 Gym in use 5:30 Bible study	8 8:30-2:30 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym	9 Set up for rummage sale 9am— 6:00 band	10 Set up for rummage sale	11 Rummage Sale 8:30—1:00	12 Rummage Sale 8:30—1:00
13 10:30 Worship 12-4 Gym in use	14 10-7 Gym in use 5:30 Bible study	15 8:30-2:30 Gym District 1-on-1s 2:00 Missions 5:30-7:30 Gym 6:00 Condo Assoc. in narthex	16 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10-4 Gym in use 6:00 band	17 8:30-1:00 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym 4:30 Church Council	18 10-4 Gym in use	19 7:00 Bonfire, S'mores, Campfire songs
20 Noisy Offering 10:30 Worship	21 10-7 Gym in use 5:30 Bible study	22 8:30-2:30 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym	23 9:00 Knit/Crochet 10-4 Gym in use 6:00 band	24 8:30-1:00 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym	25 10-4 Gym in use	26
27 10:30 Outdoor Worship 11:30 Cookout Remove gym tape and move every- thing off tile	28 Back area closed 5:30 Bible study in Grapevine Room	29 Back area closed	30 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 9:00 Knit/Crochet Re-tape the gym floor. 6:00 band	31 8:30-1:00 Gym 5:30-7:30 Gym		