



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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If we look at the world around us, we will see incredible diversity. In the fields you will see many colored flowers. In the forest you will see many different trees and wildlife. In the rivers you will find many different fish and wildlife, and there will be many more fish and wildlife in the ocean. And as you walk down the sidewalk you will meet people with many diverse backgrounds, talents, and opinions. All of this, my friends, is part of God's creation.

I look around our congregation and I see so many talented, incredible people who are willing to serve this church with their time and talents. No two of us are the same. We all have the many gifts that God has given us as we were knit together in our moms' wombs.

Let me point out some of the talents we see in our church. The first ones to be pointed out are the ones that we see regularly — our musician, our readers, our acolytes, and our ushers. But there are others who are behind the scenes — those that teach our children, those that facilitate our Bible studies, those who provide snacks for our coffee time and clean up, those who organize our Game Nights, those who prepare our communion each month, those who sort the clothes for our Clothes closet, those who invite others to join us, and those who keep our building in good repair.

As you can see there are many who share their many talents with our church. We are incredibly blessed by God with all of these people. Is there something you would like to do or help with? Would you like to share one of your gifts with us? There is always room for more in service for our church and in service for God. Let us know.

God Bless.

Shalom,

Pastor Terri

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, Oct. 29**

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/>

Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

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

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.



All Saints Sunday -- Nov. 2

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. 29 to be mentioned in the All Saints Service.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: "The Lord's Prayer" by Adam Hamilton.

Two options: Monday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 12:00
The Sunday noon group includes lunch AND childcare. *Please sign up on the bulletin board.*

New Worship Opportunity

The 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:30, Pastor Terri and Kathy Young will be leading worship at Lakeview Assisted Living, 1100 N. Lake Shore Dr. We invite you to join them in worshipping with the residents there.

Color Tour

Enjoy the fall colors, fellowship, and a scrumptious supper at Pastor Terri's daughter Elizabeth's home. Meet at church 3:00 on Sunday, Oct. 5, to carpool. Please R.S.V.P. on the bulletin board.

Guest Speaker

Randy Hildebrant from God's Country Community Ministry will be here to share God's love with us in worship on Oct. 12.

Trunk or Treat –Something New!

Every year, we show our love for the community through this fun and safe outreach. It is held outside in our parking lot or inside if the weather is nasty. The last several years, we have done it right during Gladstone's trick or treat hours. So what is new?

This year, we are partnering with Pride de Noc, a group recently formed by Spencer Jordan-Keech of Bay College for the purpose of providing family-oriented activities for families in the LGBT community. Brenda Balenger, Barb Schutzenhofer, and Jeanne Wescott will be the coordinators from our church working with Spencer.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

A sign up is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you see a topic or verse that interests you, please sign up!! The classes are only about 30 minutes long. You are provided a short video to show regarding the topic, and there is time left for a simple activity/craft. When there are more than 8 children, we will provide a second set of hands.

Birthdays

10/2 Laura LaMarche	10/19 Wilma Vanderdonck
10/4 Dave Lewis	10/22 Andie Balenger
10/6 Grayson Reynolds	10/24 Terri Branstrom
10/7 Sharon Block	10/28 Karl Warm
10/18 Tracy Jensen	10/30 Trudy Broman

Missions

MUMC has had a long history of missions being a priority and focus for our congregation. We support a diverse number of missions locally, nationally, and globally. The mission team has designated the 2nd Sunday of the month as mission awareness Sunday. For the month of October, the mission awareness is the **Bay Area Campus Ministry meal** provided to students at the Escanaba Campus. **Monday, October 13**, members will be preparing a meal to be served on campus. Your continued support of donating your Elmer's points, GFS points, or monetary donations are how we are able to purchase the supplies needed to prepare the meal. This free fellowship meal is well-received, and we are thankful for this service we are able to provide through the generosity of this congregation.

Prayer List

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine	Mindy A.
Safety for immigrants	Lorna Benson
Lisa Richer Barta	Mike Boudreau
Beth and Sarah Benson	Claire Burton
Kim Standing Bessonon	Tom Butch
Diane Bishop's cousin Davy	Nancy Campbell
baby Della Bowers	Butch
Diane Carlson	Pat Clark
Kristin Cutcher	Bette DeRoeck
Gavin	Ian Goldi
Nancy Grondine	Shannon Hagen
Tom Hampton in Kalamazoo	Jeff Hanson
Nancy Harger	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Gail Johnivan
Dorell Kirschner	Mike Lagina
Barb Lehman	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Louis Martin
David McCarley	Jeanette Mineau
Betty Nyquist	Bernice Paulson
Rodney Potvin and family	Josiah Pryor
Kris R.	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Sandra
Beckie Solmonson	Brynlee Scott
Steven Thivierge	Tim
Eileen Whittenmore	
Family of Stephen Williams (Pastor Terri's brother)	

World Communion Sunday-October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion. Embracing this commitment, United Methodists are dedicated to nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students.

Contributions fund scholarships for U.S. and international students, as well as grants for global inclusion, diversity, equity, and access training. Last year, over \$360,000 was raised to advance these educational initiatives:

- 50% of the funds collected go toward scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students of color pursuing ordained ministry.
- 35% of the funds collected provide grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. The In-Service Training Grants support the recruitment, training, and retention of people of color in leadership roles across all levels of church ministry.
- 15% of the funds collected support leadership development among partner churches and communities in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and communities of color in the U.S.

One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, together, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own. Together, we invest in a more inclusive, globally representative church leadership.

There will be a special giving envelope in Sunday's bulletin or you may give online at

<https://give.tithe.ly/?formId=1e7d3dd4-5c84-4080-ae46-2793c3510416>.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	2	3	4
5 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship 3:00 Color Tour	6 5:30 Bible Study <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	7	8 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	9	10	11
12 10:30 Worship Guest Preacher: Randy Hildebrant	13 BACM meal 5:30 Bible Study <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	14	15 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	16 4:30 Church Council	17	18 5:00 Game night
19 <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship 1:30 Worship at Lakeview	20 5:30 Bible Study <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	21	22 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	23	24	25
26 10:30 Worship	27 5:30 Bible Study <i>Lord's Prayer</i>	28	29 9:00 Knit/Crochet Newsletter deadline 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	30 6:00 SPRC with Distr. Superint. via ZOOM	31 Trunk or Treat	