



We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

Mon. and Thur.. 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

- Serve communion
- Usher & Greet
- Bring a treat
- Host coffee hour
- Read scripture
- **Light the Advent Wreath or read the Advent reading during the worship service.**

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.



Newsletter deadline: Dec. 26



*Share your **WHITE** poinsettia with Memorial in worship. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one with your plant, complete the form on the long table just inside the church's front door, and return the form to the church office by Dec. 17. Then order your poinsettia from whichever florist you choose and have it to the church by Saturday, Dec. 20.*

The Pasty Sale netted \$4,773.13 which was split 90% to the General Fund and 10% to Missions. A huge THANK YOU to organizer **Denise Messina** and all the many volunteers who helped this year!

The "Mom2Mom Sale" brought to us new this year by **Peggy French** was very successful, bringing in \$200 for the General Fund and \$315 for Missions. In addition to this, a number of the vendors donated some of their leftover wares, which were split between our clothes closet and God's Country Community Ministry. (We always need more kids clothes in our Clothes Closet.) We will be hosting another Mom2Mom Sale on April 11, 2026.

The 2026 pledge drive is wrapping up. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider what you will pledge for 2026 and then bring/send your pledge card to the church office. Thank you!

Two Advent Studies beginning now:

- *A Child Is Born* by Rabbi Amy-Jill Levine. Discover the fascinating connections between birth narratives in the Old Testament and the Nativity of Jesus during this 4-week study on Sundays after worship.
- *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. is also the preaching/worship theme that Pastor Terri will be following this December.

The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, Dec. 21, at the regular 10:30 worship service. Please let Lisa know as soon as possible anyone of any age who would like to participate. **Adults and teens** are needed to read scripture or narrations. **Children** will be fitted for costumes during Sunday School the next several weeks. We also hope to practice a song or two. Please bring your children & grandchildren as regularly as possible these next several weeks. Pastor Terri's family will once again be preparing a **scrumptious dinner** for after the program. Please sign up now on the bulletin board if you plan on attending the meal.

New Worship Opportunity

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

Advent/Christmas Offering

Offerings marked for Advent or Christmas will be sent to MDS Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth. All money donated stays in Delta County for our friends and neighbors with heating insecurities.



Christ Tree



The Christ Tree, located in the Narthex, is available for donations for a family/person in need during Christmas. Simply follow the instructions located on the table by the tree. We will be taking donations from December 1-14. If you know of someone or a family in need, please contact Pastor Terri. This is available for all ages whether a member of the church or not.

2026 Offering envelopes If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please take a box from the small black cabinet in the narthex and print your name next to your box's number on the sign-up sheet.



12/2 Regina Stock	12/17 Justin Johnson
12/3 Tom Butch	Nannette Martin
12/5 Kole Desotelle	12/20 Judy Tochtermann
12/6 Bill Buchmiller	12/21 Tina Casey
12/8 Mary Moore	Isaac Lagina
12/10 Gail Johnivan	Sarah Myers
12/11 Addy St. Aubin	12/22 Steve Maulding
12/13 Kiera Donovan	12/26 Lindsey Taylor
Ally St. Aubin	12/27 Brantlee Marklin
Amy St. Aubin	12/28 Melissa Johnson
	12/29 Susan Bratonia
	12/30 Marta LaPlant

Game Nights have now been changed to the third **Friday** of the month at 5:00. The next Game Night will be December 19.

Rollover Your IRA

By taking a distribution from your IRA this year, you will likely pay more in taxes and may even reach a higher tax bracket. Rolling over part of your IRA's "required minimum distribution" or "RMD" to a charity like ours can help reduce your tax bill while supporting your favorite ministry.

If you are older than 70 & 1/2, you can roll over part of your IRA's "required minimum distribution" (RMD) \$108,000 to a charity like Memorial UMC and reduce your tax bill.

God's Country Community Ministry

Memorial Church members did such a great job packing Thanksgiving boxes in Newberry that we've been invited back to pack Christmas boxes. We will be carpooling from Memorial at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Staying in contact . . .

We received an informative letter from our former Pastor Caroline and her husband Jim Hart. It is on the bulletin board.

If you would like to write to Dave and Berta Johnson, they are at 6441 Mahonia St., Kalamazoo, MI 49048, until mid-summer.

Prayer List

Periodically, we wipe the prayer list clean and start all over. If you want to see a name continue on the long-term list into 2026, please resubmit that name by Dec. 31, noting that it is for the long-term list.

Mindy A.	Lisa Richer Barta
Leah Belanger	Lorna Benson
Kim Bessonon	Beth and Sarah Benson
Tim Bishop	Diane Bishop's cousin Davy
Claire Burton	Tom and Alice Butch
Nancy Campbell	Diane Carlson
Pat Clark	Kristin Cutcher
Rich Demeuse	Bette DeRoeck
Gavin	Ian Goldi
Shannon Hagen	Baby Hannah
Jeff Hanson	Nancy Harger
Lettie Houghton	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Tracy Jensen and her family
Gail Johnivan	Dorell Kirschner
Tom Lack	Mike Lagina
Christopher Lund	Toni Marchese
David McCarley	Jeanette Mineau
Betty Nyquist	Bernice Paulson
Josiah Pryor	Rodney Potvin and family
Kris R.	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Brynlee Scott
Kay Shapy	Mike Standerfer
Steven Thivierge	Tim
Tom Vogl	Eileen Whitenmore
Leona Williams	Family of Jim Tochtermann

Christmas Cards for Sale

The table with handmade cards has been replenished with Christmas cards and other handmade cards. Cards are \$2 each.

Life Line Screening will be at Memorial on Thursday, December 11, and is offering a special screening package for members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by:

- * calling 1-800-324-9458,
 - * texting the word circle to 216-279-1607, or
 - * visit Life Line's website at LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC.
- Life Line Screening provides health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Christmas Concerts that some of Memorial's members are participating in:

- Bay de Noc Choral Society at Bethany Lutheran Church at 1:30 on Dec. 7
- Christmas Cantata at First Lutheran Church 3:00 on Dec. 14

December 2025



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	1 5:30 Bible Study <i>The Journey</i>	2	3 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	4	5	6
7 10:30 Worship 12:00 Bible Study <i>A Child Is Born</i>	8 5:30 Bible study <i>The Journey</i>	9	10 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	11 Lifeline Screening	12	13
14 Deadline for Christ Tree 10:30 Worship 12:00 Bible Study <i>A Child Is Born</i>	15 5:30 Bible study <i>The Journey</i>	16 7:30AM Carpool from church to travel to God's Country Com- munity Ministry to pack Christ- mas boxes	17 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 6:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	18 4:30 Church Council	19 5:00 Game Night	20
21 <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship 12:00 Bible Study <i>A Child Is Born</i> 1:30 Worship at Lakeview	22 5:30 Bible study <i>The Journey</i>	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 9 p.m.	25	26 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	27
28 10:30 Festival of Lessons & Carols	29	30	31			