



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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By the time you read this article in our June newsletter, Memorial Day celebrations will be over and the holiday weekend with its cookouts and family gatherings will have passed. There may be some who think the Memorial Day weekend is so folks can have a 3-day weekend and get together to cook out. That's not the case.

Memorial Day was declared as a day to remember and honor those who died while serving in the Armed Forces. I am happy to say that those in my family who have served in the military all came home. Those from my family who served were both my grandfathers in WWI, my dad in WWII, my husband in Viet Nam, and my daughter who served in Iraq.

The men and women who serve to protect us deserve our gratitude. They protect our country, our homes, our lives, and our way of life. These military people live together with one purpose in mind – to protect us. They don't ask what religion we are because there are many ways to worship the Holy One. They don't ask what color our skin is because our heritage comes from many nations. They don't ask what political party we are because we are one nation and they have sworn to protect ALL.

We remember those who have fallen in their duties, and we honor them. We also honor those who are serving now by praying for them and their families.

Recently, I watched a WWII movie. It was the story of Desmond Doss. He was from Lynchburg, Virginia. He was raised in the Seventh Day Adventist faith and in the habits of Sabbath-keeping, nonviolence, and vegetarianism. When he was inducted into the Army, he went in as a conscientious objector and firmly stated he would NOT carry a gun but would serve as a medic. During his time as a medic, he saved numerous lives and was honored for it. Desmond stuck to his religious beliefs even through the most difficult trials.

I often wonder how each of us would hold true to our Christian beliefs under such great duress.

As we fight the good fight against evil, remember those who have fought the fight for others. May we remember and honor those who have gone on ahead of us. May we fight the good fight against evil and praise God for the courage and strength.

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/>

Sunday School teachers are needed on **July 12, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27.** Please sign up on the bulletin board to teach one of those Sundays. We thank Tina Casey for teaching on May 31 and Laura LaMarche for teaching on Aug. 23 and 30.

The **ecumenical worship service & potluck** that we have planned at First Lutheran on Sunday, June 28, will be at 9:00 because they have changed their worship time to 9 a.m. for the summer. 😊 Thus, the potluck will be more of a brunch theme. We hope that you will drag yourself out of bed and join us at First Lutheran that Sunday for worship and brunch. The Day Camp counselors will be there, and you can meet them during the potluck. If you choose to come to Memorial at 10:30 on that day, you will have a private worship service with God.

Day Camp (Vacation Bible School) for children going into 1st-6th grade is June 29 – July 2 9am-3pm at First Lutheran Church. Registration forms are in the narthex. Volunteers are needed during the week of Day Camp (6/29 – 7/2) to assist in the classrooms, bring snacks, and provide lunch for the 4 counselors. Please sign up in the narthex. Memorial Church will be housing the youth counselors in our building June 28 – July 2 because we have showers!

Game Nights have been switched back to the 3rd **Saturday** of the month. The next Game Night is at 5:00 on Saturday, June 20. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite game.

Do you enjoy tinkering?

Items that need repairs are now in the youth room (back north corner of building). Just take an item that needs fixing, see what you can do, and report back to Lisa whether you think it's even worth repairing.

Space heater – power switch lights up but no heat comes out

TV on cart buzzing

Red vacuum – rolling brush broken and no hook for holding bag

Blue vacuum – just needs a new belt



6/1 Mia Hicks	6/18 Noah Trotter
6/3 Bonnie Oshe	6/19 Thomas Jensen
6/7 Petra Lagina	6/23 Wrenlee Marklin
6/10 Kay Shapy	William Morrow
6/12 Finley Stevens	6/24 Emma Bowden
Jeanne Wescott	6/29 Abbygail de la Garza
6/17 Joy Large	6/30 Cheryl Asbury

Sunday Volunteers

Please sign up on the bulletin board to:

- Teach Sunday School
- Serve communion
- Usher & Greet
- Bring a treat
- Read scripture

To donate to Memorial U.M. Church through Tithely, focus the camera of your smartphone at the QR code.



Newsletter deadline: June 24

Church Yard Clean-up will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6. Brenda Balenger has already picked up and hauled away 3 truckloads of sticks, so we have a great headstart. Please bring rakes, large containers to haul leaves, and whatever other equipment you can think of.

Rev. Jeff Dinner's funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 17, at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Cheboygan, MI.

Prayer List

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Family of Jeff Dinner	Kim Bessonon
Family of Tammy Martin	Pat Clark
Ken and Lorna Benson	Richard Demeuse
Beth and Sarah Benson	Ian Goldi
Tom and Alice Butch	Adam Haberstitch
Cheryl Harger	Lettie Houghton
Ron Houle	Richard Hull
Sue Jamison	Berta Johnson
Dora and Andy Leonard	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Beverly Martin
Ryan Minor	Elijah Moffitt
Kathy Jo Myhren	Betty Nyquist
Helen Palo	Brooke Perry
Josiah Pryor	Margaret Richard
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson	Debbie Rosen
Lisa Richer Barta	Judy Smith
Pam Thorbahn	Kim Wery
Lillian Wery	Mark West
Eileen Wittenmore	Brian Wood

LifeLine Screening will be at Memorial Church on Tuesday, July 21, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. Please pre-register for these health screenings. Money-saving coupons are on the church bulletin board.

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001
- Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC
- Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

Rummage Sale report

Many hands make light work. Many thanks to all who helped with our recent (4/30 – 5/2) rummage sale:

Pam Chouinard (from pickleball)	
Maggie Walker	Nancy Standerfer
Denise Messina	Mike Standerfer
Bonnie Oshe	John Myers
Lisa Myers	Diane Oxford
Dave Borden	Jeanne Wescott
Peggy Lewis	Diane Bishop
Susan Lagina	Carol Borden
Diane Oxford	Jody Harrison
Dennis Harrison	Nannette Martin
Heather Marquette	JoAnn Gudwer
Leo Marquette	Sue Alexander
Tom Marquette	Chris Jensen
Chris Morrow	Pam Thorbahn
Peggy Richter	Laurie Kaufman de la Garza

We raised \$1,938.75. We provided free clothing to many. A good portion of our profit was donations for free clothing. Folks in need of clothing wept at our generosity. 100% of profits went to the General Fund. Many items that are left will be put in our July 10-11 rummage sale.

MARSP Dinner report

(Michigan Assoc. of Retired School Personnel)

We fed 64 people @ \$18 each, for a total of \$1,152. We got a Thrivent grant from Lisa which covered most of our food. Susan Lagina baked homemade dinner rolls. Chris Morrow, Sue Alexander, Jody Harrison, Nannette Martin, Diane Oxford, JoAnn Gudwer, and Peggy Richter prepared our yummy pistachio and chocolate pudding desserts.

Others who made the day successful were Brenda Balenger, Wilma Vanderdonck, Diane Oxford, John Myers, Peggy Richter, Jeanne Wescott, Denise Messina, Sue Alexander, Dennis and Jody Harrison, Barb Hess, and Susan Lagina. Also, Nuway Cleaners (formerly Escanaba Steam Laundry) gave us a 50% discount on the lovely white tablecloths. Nancy Peterson, who attended the event, said that everyone was impressed with our lovely tables as well as the delicious food. The profits were split 75% to General and 25% to Missions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 9:00 Knit/Crochet	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 10:00 Church Yard Clean-up
<i>7</i> 10:30 Worship	<i>8</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 9:00 Knit/Crochet	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 10:30 Worship	<i>15</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 9:00 Knit/Crochet	<i>18</i> 4:30 Church Council	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 5:00 Game Night
<i>21</i> <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship 1:30 Worship at Lakeview	<i>22</i> 5:30 Bible study	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Knit/Crochet	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 9:00 Ecumenical Worship at First Lutheran, followed by potluck brunch	<i>29</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.) 5:30 Bible study	<i>30</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.)	<i>July 1</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.) 9:00 Knit/Crochet	<i>July 2</i> 9 - 3 Day Camp (V.B.S.)		<i>Rummage Sale on Fri., July 10 and Sat., July 11</i>