



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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In our hymnal supplement on page 2130 is a song named *The Summons*. My heart is touched every time I sing it. The words ask if we will follow Christ no matter where we are called and to do the task set before us. The words are:

1. *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you And you in me?*
2. *Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you And you in me?*
3. *Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean And do such as this unseen?
And admit to what I mean in you And you in me?*
4. *Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you And you in me?*
5. *Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you And you in me*

I offer this song to you and ask that you ponder what God is calling you to do, calling you to be, calling you to continue in Jesus' name. God Bless and Keep you.

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/>

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



Game Nights are the 3rd *Saturday* of the month. The next Game Night is at 5:00 on Saturday, Sept. 19. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite game.

Our **Church Conference** is Sat., Sept. 12, 10:00-12:00. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Prayer List

Pray for all wars to stop.	Richard Abbott
Beth and Sarah Benson	Lorna Benson
Kim Bessonon	Lois Boydston
The Butch family	Pat Clark
Richard Demeuse	Ian Goldi
Dona and Jon Durham	Adam Haberstitch
Sarah Hampton	Cheryl Harger
Terra Hampton	Lettie Houghton
Ron Houle	Richard Hull
Doug & Jody Boydston-Johnson	
Dora and Andy Leonard	Christopher Lund
Toni Marchese	Beverly Martin
Ryan Minor	Elijah Moffitt
Rebecca Benson Moffitt	Carolyn Morrow
Kathy Jo Myhren	Betty Nyquist
Helen Palo	Josiah Pryor
Elizabeth Peltz Richardson	Margaret Richard
Lisa Richer Barta	Debbie Rosen
Judy Smith	Debbie Rosen
Pam Thorbahn	Mark West
Brian Wood	

Up-coming Rummage Sale and Scrap Metal Drive

Rummage sale times are

- Th., Sept. 24, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Fri., Sept. 25, 8:30 – 2:00
- Sat., Sept. 26 bag sale 8:30 – 11:00

Please help set up September 21-23 any time after 9 a.m.

The **scrap metal bin** will arrive on Sept. 23 and stay here until full.

Do you love to knit or crochet?

The Knitters group is looking for people to knit hats, shawls, lap robes, etc. for their December give-away. You can knit/crochet at home or along with the group at 9:30 Wednesday mornings.

They have plenty of yarn that you can use. Please speak with Peggy Richter for more information.

Flannel Shirt Drive for God's Country Community Ministry



Please donate new or gently used flannel shirts for God's Country Community Ministry.



9/1 Luis de la Garza	9/14 Patrick Morrow
Claire Marlett	9/16 Gerald Branstrom
9/7 Marc Viau	9/17 Deborah Hubbard
9/8 Dennis Johnivan	9/20 Maycee Kuhlman
Bruce St. Aubin	9/21 Karen Donovan
9/10 Peggy Carlyon	9/28 Melissa Casey
David Palo	9/29 Helen Palo
9/11 Peggy Lewis	9/30 Diane Oxford

“End the Silence,” a walk for suicide awareness and prevention, is on September 12. Registration is at 10:00 at the Miracle of Life Building at the Fairgrounds. There will also be a brat fry, bake sale, raffles, and children’s activities.

Newsletter deadline: Sept. 23

Cancer Support Group

The Delta County Cancer Alliance is forming a cancer support group, Circle of Hope Cancer Support Group. The first meeting will be Thursday September 20th from 3-4 p.m. at the Gary Abrahamson Jr., Music, Arts, and Life Enrichment Center, 2635 First Avenue South, Escanaba.



Dear Friends in Ministry,

Running a church takes more than faith — it takes good people practices. Whether you're managing paid staff, coordinating volunteers, or navigating the complexities of church governance, **Ministry Mechanics** was built for you.

This fall, the **Michigan Conference** and the **United Methodist Foundation of Michigan** are partnering to bring a morning of hands-on, practical training. Come ready to work — you'll leave with materials you can implement the very next week. [To learn more visit our website.](#)

Who should attend

Church leaders — lay and clergy — involved in staff supervision, volunteer coordination, SPRC/PPRC membership, or any human resources role in your congregation. All are welcome!

What you'll cover

- General HR policies for churches
- Employee handbook (reviewed by the MI Conference Chancellor)
- Crisis management & response
- Employee & volunteer lifecycle

Location: Central UMC in Escanaba on Saturday, October 3

Event schedules

- 9:30 – 10:00 Gathering & Welcome
- 10:00 – 12:00 Nuts & Bolts of HR (core workshop)
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch & Conversation

Register now!

<https://michigan-reg.brtapp.com/MinistryMechanicsHR>

Questions

Rev. Kathy Pittenger - kpittenger@michiganumc.org

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 Knit/Crochet	3	4	5
6 10:30 Worship	7 5:30 Bible Study	8	9 9:00 Knit/Crochet 7:00 Choir	10	11	12 Church Conference 10:00 - 12:00
13 10:30 Worship	14 5:30 Bible Study	15	16 9:00 Knit/Crochet 6:00 Band 7:00 Choir	17 4:30 Church Council	18	19 5:00 Game Night
20 <i>Noisy Offering</i> 10:30 Worship on our patio, 11:30 potluck. 1:30 Worship at Lakeview	21 9:00 Set-up for Rummage Sale 5:30 Bible Study	22 9:00 Set-up for Rummage Sale	23 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 9:00 Set-up for Rummage Sale 6:00 Band 7:00 Choir	24 Scrap Metal Drive begins. Rummage Sale 2:00 – 7:00	25 Rummage Sale 8:30 - 2:00	26 Rummage Sale 8:30 - 11:00
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