



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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On page 607 of our United Methodist Hymnal is the Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition. It says:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

When life is going well it is easy to recite this covenant prayer. But when life sends us difficult times, we shout to God and say, “But I am doing what you ask!” Recently I have had to shake my head a bit and wonder why I have been laid low. I have lots of tasks to complete.

When I sit quietly nursing my broken ribs which have laid me low, I have been able to have the time to smell the roses and enjoy the sun, the rain, and all God’s creation. I have also been reminded daily of the love and support of this congregation. I am reminded of the goodness which surrounds me.

Sometimes being laid low is for our own good. It causes us to rely once again on God’s love, peace, and healing.

I want to thank all who have lifted me in prayer and offered words of encouragement. I really appreciate all of 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/>

Sunday Morning Help

We need Ushers, Readers, Muffins Bakers, Coffee Hosts, Communion Servers, and Sunday School Teachers. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Financial Report

Our giving for the general fund for three weeks in July has totaled \$13,374. This total included profits from the July rummage sale. There is one more week in July that is not included due to the newsletter deadline. This month's goal is \$13,616. Please give regularly so that all commitments can be met that we are responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Wescott.



8/5 Betty Nyquist	8/14 Samuel Jensen
8/6 Baylie LaVigne	8/15 Nancy Peterson
8/7 Adele Ostlund	8/17 Emma Jensen
8/8 Jeffrey Donovan	8/18 Jamie Doneau
8/10 Klaudia Warm	8/19 Kathy Young
Piper Stevens	8/20 Brienne LaVigne
8/11 Ricky Campbell	8/21 Fredrick Hoehn
David Campbell	8/22 Sally Brainard
Dylan Campbell	8/26 Andy Fase
Dick Johnson	8/27 Megan Skjolaas
	8/31 Ashlee Marklin

Flannel Shirts

It's that time of year again when we are collecting gently used or new flannel shirts for God's Country Cooperative Ministry. Please bring your donation to church during the month of August and place it on or near the shirt rack located in the narthex as you enter church.



The Family of Stephen Vargo would like to thank family & friends for the wonderful food, flowers, visits, phone calls, cards, and monetary donations. Everyone's words of sympathy and caring were very comforting. We never realized how many lives Steve touched as a Voc. Ed. Instructor for the I.S.D. A special thanks to the wonderful and caring folks of Sand Bay for being there for the family. We would also like to extend a thank you to Pastor Terri Branstrom of MUMC of Gladstone; also to the ladies of MUMC for the luncheon and wonderful food provided.

An extra thank you to Skradski Funeral Home and its wonderful, helpful personnel. They made this difficult situation much easier.

Also, a heartfelt thanks to the Masonville Fire Dept., Rampart Emergency and Air Med for their timely response and assistance, the wonderful and caring staff at Marquette Hospital, and the Gladstone American Legion and Rapid River Freedom Riders.

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, August 28**

Long-time member, Lois Boydston, formerly of Escanaba (now living in Florida) will be in the area August 4-18. She hopes to be able to visit with her church family while she is back in the area.

As such, we hope that you will all stay after church on **AUGUST 11** to say hello. Her family will provide a Coffee Hour/Small luncheon with sandwiches, fruit, donuts, muffins, coffee, tea, milk, and juice.

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Prayer List

World leaders & the decisions made that impact all living things

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine

Christiana Reynolds and Rapid River Jr. High students

Auntie Alice	Mindy A.
Beth and Sarah Benson	Lorna Benson
Bud and Pat Clark	Tom Butch
Kyle Demeuse	Bette DeRoeck
Ian Goldi	Nancy Grondine
Family of Paul Hammond	Nancy Harger
Caroline Hart	Walt Houghton
Jim Hubbard	Hueneman family
Gail Johnivan	Liz Kempfer
Dorell Kirschner	Jeff Kobasic
Family of Joe Kolder	Marcy Makosky
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Family of baby Troy Newsome	Jeanette Mineau
Rodney Potvin and family	Helen Palo
Josiah Pryor	Bev Quick
Kris R.	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Pam Thorbahn

Rummage Sale report

We made \$1,505.10 on the rummage sale. Thank you to the following people for their help: Peggy Richter, Peggy French, Nannette Martin, Jeanne Wescott, JoAnn Gudwer, Chris Morrow, Lettie Houghton, Mary Leisner (from pickleball), Laurie de la Garza, Dave Borden, Ann Christiansen (from pickleball), Diane Oxford, Sue and Terry Alexander, Lisa Myers, Melissa Johnson, Patti Ramspeck Buchmiller, Bonnie Buchmiller, Brenda Balenger, Susan Lagina, and Denise Messina.

Important Dates in August

Sunday, Aug. 4, we will be putting the clothes back in the Clothes Closet. We left them in the narthex for 2 weeks past the rummage sale so that people could continue helping themselves to free clothes.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, the Missions Workgroup will meet at 2:00. Two days later, Church Council will meet at 6:30 on Thursday, Aug. 8. (These meetings are moved ahead a week on account of the fair.)

Game Night is moved a week later because of the fair. We will have a bonfire and roast hot dogs and s'mores at 5:00 on Saturday, Aug. 24. If it is raining, we will meet inside. Please sign up on the bulletin board for the food you will bring.

Scrap Metal Drive

While the scrap metal bin is no longer in our parking lot, you can still donate scrap metal to the church by going to Alter Metal, 1610 7th Ave. N., Escanaba, Monday through Friday 9:00 – 4:00. Tell them it is for Memorial U.M. Church.

Acceptable Items Include:

- Stoves, Dryers, Appliances, etc.
Not TVs or refrigerators though.
- Lawn equipment (lawn mowers, snowblowers, tillers)
- Metal piping, sheet metal, siding
- Car parts (i.e. rotors/springs/doors)
- Filing cabinets, metal desks
- Steel doors, garage doors, & metal tracks
- Copper piping/fixtures
- Brass doorknobs/household items
- Air fittings
- Aluminum
 - o Cast
 - o Extruded
 - o Sheet
 - o Soffit & Fascia
- Bronze
- Strings of Christmas lights

