



The Messenger

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When I was in Jr. High School, my parents sent me to a wonderful camp. I loved it so much that I convinced my parents THEY should go. And so we did. We went as a family to “Family Camp” at Camp Michigamme.

We went to Family Camp for many years. They even went when I couldn’t go with them because of work or college. In fact, there were several years that my mom and dad were the deans for the camp.

For many years we enjoyed Bill Hampton as the manager of the camp and Ma Tooley who was the fabulous camp cook. To say Camp Michigamme was rustic back then would be an understatement. But we enjoyed the outdoors, playing volleyball, the woods, the beautiful lake, and the wonderful Christian fellowship.

Then there was a time when we didn’t have much contact with the camp because life got in the way, but then when my daughters were a little older Kathy Young and I took them with us to family camp once again. Like me, they fell in love with the camp, and some years they went as age-level campers and family campers.

Once again life changed, and the girls were all grown, and I didn’t have much contact with the camp. And then once again camp and I met. I was nominated and voted in as a member of the Camp Board. It was during that time I served a couple years as family camp dean as my parents had. (Talk about coming full circle!)

Since my tenure on the Board of Camp has been over, I once again don’t have much contact with camp. When I think back over the years I spent in that beautiful place, memories come rushing back, especially at this time of year when camps are gearing up for the season.

If you have a child, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbor kids, think of sending them to a place that will influence their spiritual lives. Camp Michigamme also has camps for adults and/or families.

One of the places in my life that has given me peace and joy is Camp Michigamme. When I think of Camp Michigamme I can’t help thinking of one of our hymns. It says:

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

Chorus

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat’s left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

We, as Christ’s disciples, need to introduce our children, grandchildren, and other children to our Lord and Savior. What better place than out in God’s beautiful creation away from the distractions of the world? Please think seriously about who you could encourage to attend Camp Michigamme. You won’t be sorry.

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/>

~ Missions ~

The Mission Workgroup would like to thank the congregation for their generosity to our missions. Please continue to give to the missions that speak to YOU!

Upcoming special offerings and missions:

May - We will be giving to the Michigan Conference Rice Kit Project. Our Annual Conference representatives will be helping to pack rice kits when they attend conference.

July - usually set aside for District Offering, but there were no applications received at the district. The Mission Workgroup voted to have a special offering for Randy Hildebrant at God's Country Cooperative Ministry. He does great service to the Northern Skies District.

Once again, we had a great turnout of not only volunteers but also students at the Bay College Campus Meal. The feedback from those in attendance is that they are very grateful and look forward to these meals!!

Sunday Morning Help

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

Special Music for Summer

Please sign up on the bulletin board or by calling the office to provide special music for worship (vocal or instrumental). We'd appreciate hearing from you, your family, or friends.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On May 19, we will recognize the following graduates: Rachel Johnson, Nathan Moore, and Sarah Myers. If there are other graduates who would like to be recognized on that day, please tell the church office.

You are invited to Rachel Johnson's graduation party on Saturday, June 8 from 1 – 4 at the Perkins Lions Club. Rachel's home address is P.O. Box 112, Perkins, MI 49872.

We have been so blessed by cards, phone calls, food, help with shopping, laundry, housekeeping, and care givers at Memorial. We have overwhelming gratitude for the kindness and care we are still receiving. God has richly blessed us and continues to do so! Thank you for your love as the hands and feet of Christ!

~ Ken and Lorna Benson

April Financial Report

Our giving for the general fund for three weeks in April has totaled \$9,076. Our month's goal is \$13,616. The 4th Sunday of April is not included in this report due to the newsletter deadline being April 25th. Please give regularly so that all commitments can be met that we are responsible for. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Wescott.

Vacation Bible School

This year, we are doing Vacation Bible School jointly with First Lutheran Church. They have an excellent program already in the works, and we will have sign up sheets soon about how we can help. Vacation Bible School will run June 23-27 (Sunday-Thursday) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, May 29**



Rummage Sale

Thursday, May 2 2pm – 7pm

Friday, May 3 8:30am – 2pm

Saturday, May 4 8:30am – 11am

Please sign up on the bulletin board to help with set-up, clean-up, and the sale itself.

5/2 Carson Casey	5/16 Denise Gauthier
Jason Johnivan	Justin Johnivan
5/3 Cassandra Tines	Ashlee LaPlant
5/4 Kaysleigh Hueneman	Linda Viau
5/6 Kathi Hoehn	5/20 Heather Hoehn
5/7 Katelyn Demarse	5/21 Lois Boydston
Carolyn Morrow	5/23 Elijah Balenger
5/9 Matthew Casey	Michael Keeker
5/11 Scarlett Kuhlman	Cassandra LaMarche
5/13 James Moore	5/27 Pat Clark
5/15 Susan Hampton	5/28 Ted Brainard

Fundraiser: MARSP Dinner

The Michigan Area Retired School Personnel will have their dinner & meeting here at noon on Tuesday, May 7. This is a good fundraiser for us. Many hands are needed in the kitchen on the evening of May 6 and in the morning & afternoon of May 7.

Scrap Metal Drive

Place your scrap metal in the bin by the shed from now *until May 5*.

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

Head Start

The Early Childhood Program/Head Start is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 2024, and you are interested in receiving free preschool services, please contact your local Early Childhood Center, or the administrative office at 786-7080 or 1-800-562-9131. We also serve pregnant moms and children up to age 3 in our Early Head Start program.

Scrapbooking Retreat

As you may or may not know, Camp Michigamme is not just for youth but also offers retreats for adults. One of the retreats that still has spots open is our scrapbook retreat. This summer, our scrapbook retreat is from Friday, August 2, to Sunday, August 4. This is an excellent opportunity for scrapbookers to come together and work on their scrapbooks. The deans for this camp come prepared with equipment and creative scrapbook page tutorials. This is a time to be in fellowship with other scrapbookers, along with spending time at Camp Michigamme and building a closer relationship with God.

Prayer List

Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine
 Those being treated for cancer
 People who struggle daily with hearing voices
 MI delegates going to United Methodist Conference
 Family of Larry Wanic of Bark River
 Family of Brian Galvin
 Family of Tami Wayne
 Family of Linda Buckland Kris R.
 Ken and Lorna Benson Mindy A.
 Beth and Sarah Benson Tom Butch
 Nancy Campbell Bud and Pat Clark
 Bette DeRoeck Ian Goldi
 Nancy Grondine Tom Gudwer
 Paul Hammond Nancy Harger
 Caroline Hart Michele Hopper
 Walt Houghton Jim Hubbard
 Hueneman family Liz Kempher
 Dorell Kirschner Joe Kolder
 Cheryl LaCarte Marcy Makosky
 Toni Marchese Rebecca Marchak
 Louis Martin Helen Palo
 Rodney Potvin and family Josiah Pryor
 Jordan R. Rachel
 Debbie Rosen Pam Thorbahn