



The Messenger

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We live to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ!

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When our daughters were living at home and growing up, there were a few fights between them. Oh, some of those fights were awful. “She’s looking at me.” “She touched me.” “She used my hairbrush.” “It was her turn to make the bed.” I am sure that none of your children were like this, but mine—oh yeah.

But when one or the other needed help, they were as thick as thieves. You didn’t pick on one without the other three stepping in to love and support the other. One time a girl, a bully, decided to pick on our youngest daughter. The girl said, “Meet me under the bleachers Friday during the game.” Tracy told her sisters. When Tracy went to meet the girl under the bleachers, she had three shadows behind her. The girl was told quite frankly, “You pick on one of us, you pick on all of us.” The girl left and never bothered Tracy again. To say “Family sticks together” is putting it mildly.

You and I and about 230 people belong to the family of the Memorial United Methodist Church. When one hurts, we all hurt. When one celebrates, we all celebrate. We pray for each other in good times and difficult times. That’s what this family at MUMC does. We stick together.

Recently, one of our family crossed over to her forever home with God – Mary Bastian. Immediately her family was being lifted up in prayer; people were volunteering to help in whatever way they could to celebrate her life. Plans were being made to celebrate her life in a way that totally warmed my heart.

Friends, brothers and sisters, I want you to know I am so proud to be your sister in Christ and to be your pastor. Serving you, serving the Lord with you, and being a part of this family is so rewarding for me. Thank you for being God’s people in this world and serving God in so many ways. You are a blessing to me, this community, this district, this annual conference, and beyond. May God richly bless each of you.

Shalom,
Pastor Terri

**newsletter deadline:
Wednesday, June 26**

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, 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.

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.

Financial Report

Our giving for the general fund for four weeks in May has totaled \$17,399. Our month's goal is \$13,616. The rummage sale/scrap metal drive and the MARSP dinner made for a very successful month in attaining our financial goals. 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. It will run June 24-27 (Monday-Thursday) 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. **Registration forms are on the small bulletin board in the narthex.** *Please register as soon as possible.* This program is designed for kindergarten through 6th grade.

Thank you to the people listed below who helped make our Spring Rummage Sale a success. Even some of the Pickleball players came and helped! We received many compliments on our organization and free clothes.

Onto the Gladstone Garage Sale July 19, 20, 21. Set up will be July 17 & 18.

People who helped with the spring sale:

Sue & Terry Alexander
Brenda Balenger
Diane Bishop
Carol & Dave Borden
Nancy Campbell
Ann Christiansen (a Pickleball player)
Peggy French
JoAnn Gudwer
Lettie Houghton
Melissa Johnson
Deb Koster (a Pickleball player)
Peggy Lewis
Nannette Martin
Lisa Myers
Denise Messina
Kay Shapy
Sue Snowaert (a Pickleball player)
Barb Schutzenhofer
Hope Thompson (a Pickleball player)
Maggie Walker (a Pickleball player)
Jeanne Wescott

See you in July!!

~ Peggy R. and Laurie K.

Projector

We thank Dean and Dylan Messina for repairing the projector that malfunctioned on Easter of all days. They saved us a bundle of money!

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

Yard Clean-up

We thank the follow people for cleaning up the church yard a couple of weeks ago and then recleaning it after the storm: Bill & Bonnie Buchmiller, Nannette Martin, Jeanne Wescott, Dean & Denise Messina, Dave & Carol Borden, Ted Brainard, Barb Schutzenhofer, Lisa Myers, Brenda Balenger, Diane Oxford, and Sandy St. Aubin.

Prayer List

Those attending Annual Conference
Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine

Mindy A.	Lorna Benson
Beth and Sarah Benson	Tom Butch
Nancy Campbell	Bud and Pat Clark
Bette DeRoeck	Ian Goldi
Nancy Grondine	Paul Hammond
Nancy Harger	Caroline Hart
Walt Houghton	Jim Hubbard
Hueneman family	Liz Kempher
Dorell Kirschner	Marcy Makosky
Toni Marchese	Rebecca Marchak
Barb Myrick	Helen Palo
Rodney Potvin and family	Josiah Pryor
Bev Quick	Jordan R.
Debbie Rosen	Pam Thorbahn
Jeanette Mineau	



6/3 Bonnie Oshe	6/17 Joy Large
6/6 Barbara Hess	6/18 Emily Jensen
6/7 Petra Lagina	6/19 Thomas Jensen
6/10 Kay Shapy	6/23 William Morrow
6/12 Finley Stevens	6/24 Emma Bowden
Jeanne Wescott	6/29 Abbygail de la Garza
	6/30 Cheryl Asbury

Taco and Game Night

The next Game Night will be Saturday, June 15, at 5 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board for a food item that you will bring.

