



The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin our Lenten journey together this year, let us remember that Lent is primarily about identifying with and accompanying those who are being driven by the Spirit to make the wilderness journey -- toward baptism, toward reconciliation, or toward vocation. Lent is not primarily about Jesus' suffering on the cross. Lent bids us to enter a season of prayer and reflection on Scripture. As the Spirit reveals to us truths about ourselves and truths about our relationship with God we respond with the imposition of ashes, we are invited to the Lord's Table, we confess our shortcomings and sins, and we make our peace with God and one another.

Now is the time to get started moving forward again. As the calls go out in our neighborhoods and nation to gather our resources in common cause for the benefit of each and every one of us in light of the social and economic challenges we face, so too does Christ call his Church to renew its commitment to discipleship and stewardship. We are called to live the promises of our Baptism to love and support each other in all ways that we can discover and share. We are called to reach out to our brothers and sisters wherever we encounter them, in the workplace, at school, and in our community involvements, and to share a message of hope, purpose, responsibility, and compassion. We have been commissioned as disciples of Jesus Christ to share the Good News and to invite others into our fellowship and communion. In fact, I truly believe with all my heart that White Lake UMC was founded, lovingly grown and nurtured, and sent out by Jesus for times just like these.

It is with "Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors" that we have been commissioned by Christ to "Make Disciples for the Transformation of the World. It is our time as faithful disciples to

live and love as Jesus taught us. It is not time to back down or back away from our discipleship. In fact, just the opposite, we are called to reinvest in a plan that will never fail us, our friends, or our families; A plan that will never lead to emotional or spiritual bankruptcy and with the assurance that no power of this world can foreclose upon. This plan is the blueprint for God's Kingdom to be built upon this earth. This plan is Christ's Church and its incarnation here at White Lake UMC.

It is time for us to get back "On the Road Again" as we seek together God's will for our lives and the lives around us. It is time to put God and God's plans at the forefront of our lives as never before. It is time for us to dream and vision and plan for fulfilling the Great Commandment to love one another, mind and body and soul. I believe that we are ready to continue our epic journey together to the glory of God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. United we stand with Christ, with each other, and with our neighbors near and far!!!

God Bless



 <p>OFFICE NOTES</p>	Church Office Hours
	Mon 10am—3.30pm Tues 12pm—3.30pm Wed 10am—3.30pm Thurs 10am—3.30pm Fri 10am—3.30pm
<p>The Church office is located at 8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437 Phone # 231-894-5789</p>	

Deadline for the April newsletter
Wednesday March 26th, 2025

Now that all our ministries are all under one roof, it is important to book your meeting space with the office. There is room at the inn, but we need to avoid double booking ourselves. Thank you!

Our Vision Statement

Worship God

Follow Jesus

Love and Serve All

"As followers of Jesus, we the people of the White Lake United Methodist Church are committed to welcoming and loving everyone, without regard to age, ability, race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, family make-up or faith tradition. We embrace the principles of love over hate, inclusion over bias, respect over prejudice, equality over bigotry and caring for all. We are committed to living out unconditional love in our lives, worship, study, and service."

PRAYER

Prayer Request Card – are available on our Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center at both campuses. Fill it out and hand to Pastor Tim on Sunday mornings.

➤ **Instant Messenger on church Facebook page**

(<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteLakeUnitedMethodist>).

- This is a private message service that Pastor Tim monitors. Pastor Tim also tries to monitor postings/updates that many share on the church Facebook page.
- **NEW Church Website** has a Prayer Request page that folks can send a message through that will be monitored and picked up by the pastor.
- **Weekly Printed Announcements** – It is our plan to continue to publish our Prayer List here each week. Feel free to take a copy home to use as a guide for your prayers during the week!
- **Monthly Newsletter** – We will publish our existing Prayer List each month.
- **Contact the Pastor/Church Office** – phone or email the Church Office to make a specific prayer request of Pastor Tim.
- **For prayer requests to our Prayer Chain** please contact Martha Tanis at 231-894-8525 or Laura Kiel at 231-894-9253. They are responsible for starting the Prayer Chain.
- **To be added to the Prayer Chain**
- **e-mail list to receive notifications of new prayer requests**, please e-mail Jan Dyer at jareyd@aol.com. We can never have too many folks praying!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Prayers for Pam LaBounty's granddaughter, Brynnlie, who had brain surgery this past Tuesday. Pray now for her recovery.
- Ted Boyden had a fall. Nothing is broken but he is in rehab/PT. Prayers for healing.
- Prayers for Tom Marble for a good recovery after his knee replacement surgery.
- Prayers for Susan who was badly bruised from a car accident last week.
- Prayers for Sue Thumser's son, Lou, following major hip surgery.
- Prayers for the family of Tom Brennan, as they grieve his loss.
- Please pray for Darlene Hildebrandt who had a fall, and small stroke and heart attack.



*Everyone's
Welcome*

Wednesday Lunches

12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

March 12 @ St. Peters By-The-Lake with Tim Dibble
8435 Old Channel Trail, Montague

March 19 @ White Lake Congregational UCC with Bill Crawford
1809 S Mears Ave, Whitehall

March 26 @ St. James Catholic with Beth Wolford
5149 Dowling St, Montague

April 2 @ White Lake United Methodist with Donna
8555 Cook Street, Montague

April 9 @ Ferry with Doug Ogden
8637 Old Channel Trail, Montague

Worship Ministries



Lenten Worship Series

Purveyors of Awe

Elements for Curating a Life
of Spiritual Depth



Awe is a profound emotional response that can significantly impact our wellbeing and perception of the world. Awe often arises from experiences that transcend our usual understanding, such as viewing vast landscapes, listening to powerful music, encountering extraordinary acts of kindness, or feeling heightened devotion and a Divine Presence connecting us all. To be a “Purveyor of Awe” is to be intentional about curating a life of spiritual depth. This has implications not only for one’s own life, but also as motivation to tend to the wellbeing of others. Let us approach this Lent with awe.

Sunday Morning

Services

9:00am

Traditional style

10.00am

Fellowship Time

11:00am

Praise Band Service

Including Kids’ Church

Hallelujah Kids’ Chorus &
the Youth Class

The season of Lent starts on
March 5, 2025

Begin Lent with us at the
**Ash Wednesday
Service @ 7pm
@ Central UMC**

1011 2nd St, Muskegon

We will gather with area
Methodist churches and
honor this day with special
guest speaker, Bishop
David Bard.





Lay Servant training courses are designed to help ordinary folks improve their effectiveness in many different fields. Everyone begins with the basic course. This helps to find your gifts and explores your call to ministry. After this, there's a wide variety of other classes. Some work towards becoming Lay Speakers, others are in leading Bible study, teaching, and leading small groups. Yet more are focused on caring ministries. Training of this kind can increase your

confidence and your effectiveness as we serve the church and our communities. If you would like to know more, drop in at the church office.

UPCOMING DISTRICT TRAINING

Our next District Lay Servant Ministries classes will be held at Cadillac UMC on April 25th and 26th 2025.

Classes offered will be the Basic class (for those starting out), the Polity class (Life Together in the United Methodist Connection) and one other yet to be announced. More details to follow as they become available.



March Schedule

NO REHEARSALS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT CENTRAL UMC, MUSKEGON – 7PM

Choral Joy will be rehearsing Wednesday, March 12th, 19th, and 26th at 7pm in the sanctuary. New voices always welcome!

Praise Ringers will be rehearsing Wednesday, March 12th, 19th, and 26th at 7pm in the sanctuary.

If you would like to offer special music during worship, please speak to Gwenneth Bean, our music director. She will soon be putting together our Summer Special Music Schedule.



Did you know that ALL women and girls in the United Methodist Church are members of the United Women in Faith? All pastors are members too!
Next meeting is on Monday, March 3rd at 10am.



Caring For Our Neighbors

Join us for a special time of raising awareness and the importance of caring for our neighbors. We will hear from dynamic speakers and share a delicious lunch and time of fellowship together.

Saturday, March 22, 2025
Doors open at 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Hart United Methodist Church

MEET OUR SPEAKERS:

Rita Caviness, Director of Hope Project in Muskegon, Michigan. Rita describes herself as a woman etched with a mission to empower women and bring hope to the hopeless. Hope Project offers resources and support, education, mentoring, counseling, therapy and support groups for girls and women who are victims of human trafficking (past or present) to help them to heal and move on.

Lauren Mein, Legal Assistant for Farmworker Legal Services (FLS). Lauren assists attorneys with casework, conducts outreach to migrant and seasonal farmworkers by sharing information with them about their rights and resources in Michigan. Lauren also collaborates with and makes presentations to community partners across the state.

Thomas Garcia, Outreach Paralegal for Farmworker Legal Services (FLS). Thomas coordinates staff outreach to thousands of migrant and seasonal farmworkers throughout the state, and travels most of the state to share valuable information for the farmworker community. Both Lauren and Thomas will speak about *The Know Your Rights Program* and what FLS does as a resource. Lauren and Thomas are also part of outreach to animal production workers in the wake of the H5N1 avian flu spreading to dairy and poultry farms in Michigan and the United States.

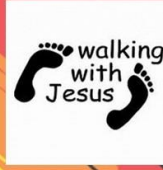
INGATHERING FOR HOPE PROJECT: Conditioner (full size), liquid dish soap, laundry pods, toilet tissue.

Registration forms available at the church office

FUTURE DISTRICT UWF EVENTS

May 3rd Spiritual Retreat at White Lake UMC - More details to follow

Faith Formation



WEEKLY FAITH GROUPS



SUNDAY	11am – Children’s/Youth Classes
TUESDAY	10am – Faith Group with Ruth T
WEDNESDAY	5.30pm – Sister’s Group 7pm – Faith Group with Ken W
THURSDAY	10am – Faith Group with Fred N 7pm – Thursday Thinkers with Fiona D



Men’s Breakfast Group

Fourth Saturday of the Month
at 8 a.m.

Please come to enjoy
fellowship with your
friends, and share your
needs, ideas, and
thoughts followed by
conversation

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Family Camp – August 1st – 6th at Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center, Pentwater

Women’s Retreat – October 3rd – 5th at St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

Nurture Outreach Witness



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20th, 2025
8:30 a.m. at White Lake UMC
8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437



*Sponsored by our
N.O.W. Ministry Team*

Please RSVP to the church office for
catering purposes at (231) 894-5789 or
whitelakeunitedmethodist@gmail.com

Easter Breakfast – April 20th

Easter Egg Hunt – April 20th



FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Summer Splash – Church Family picnic with food, games, & fun - Sunday, August 31st

Halloween Party for all ages – Friday, October 24th

Halloween Trunk or Treat – Friday October 31st

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Festival – December 13th and 14th

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

HELP US WELCOME FAMILY, AND FRIENDS OLD AND NEW TO OUR CHURCH!

South Group Scoop



First, we would like to thank our church family for supporting our 1st fundraiser of 2025, our 'Loves is in the Air!', Valentine's weekend formal dinner. Attendance was good, food was great (thanks to the chefs), music was wonderful (provided by Corina on violin), service was good (provided by the young men in the youth group), and a lot of help from a lot of folks with ideas, planning, set up, decorations, and clean-up. It has been requested that we do it again next year!

Profits for this event will be used to help pay for this year's mission trip, which is most likely going to be in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Dates and details are in the process of being decided so stay tuned.

Other activities from now till Summer are also being explored. The youth room is also close to being organized (a perpetual process). **OUR YOUTH ARE AWESOME!**

Thanks again from The Youth Team



ENDOWMENT UPDATE



WLUMC ENDOWMENT MONTHLY REPORT JANUARY 2025

Beginning Balance (12/1/2024)	\$199,470.95
Dividends	419.35
Change in Market Value	5,024.62
Ending Value (01/31/2025)	\$204,914.92

How's that for starting the new year with a bang? The \$5,024.62 we earned in January helped the fund reach another all-time high. Thanks to our Father in Heaven and the United Methodist Foundation for their wonderful guiding hands. I see an amazing future for his fund and all it can do for so many as we move ahead.

Speaking of that, the Endowment Team will be making this year's grants in early March. We will be making just shy of \$11,000 in awards this year. My hope is that a good number of church groups fill out and return applications requesting funds to help aid with their project or mission. All groups are encouraged to do so.

I do caution that not all month's reporting will be as good as this one has been. As I write this, February has been rough, but do not fear! I am certain that if, and when we stumble or fall, the fund will rise again and as I am reporting this month, it will set new records for its monthly fund balance. In God I trust this to be so.

In Christ. Jeff Petersen (Endowment Fund Past Team Leader)

The Gathering



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THE GATHERING

Free Meals & Good Company

During this time of transition we would love to add new folks to our cooking teams. We also need help making bag lunches to distribute through the Free Store each Saturday lunch time.

Call the office for more information.

March Events at a Glance

- 2nd Holy Communion served at both 9am and 11am services
NOW Team meeting 12.30pm
- 3rd UWF meeting 10am
Endowment Team Meeting 10am (Rm 7)
- 5th Ash Wednesday service at Central UMC, 1011 2nd Street, Muskegon 7pm
Bishop Bard will be preaching at this gathering of Muskegon Area UMC's
- 9th Day Light Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward!
- 11th Leadership Team Meeting 1pm Room 7
Grief Share class 6pm Room 7
- 12th Lenten Lunch - St Peter's Episcopal 12-1pm
- 16th Health & Wellness team offering blood pressure checks after both services
- 18th Grief Share class 6pm Room 7
- 19th Lenten Lunch - at WLUC (Congregational) 12-1pm
- 22nd Men's Breakfast 8am
District UWF Spring Fling 9am – 4pm at Hart UMC
- 25th Grief Share class 6pm Room 7
- 26th Lenten Lunch - St James Catholic Church 12–1pm
- 30th UMCOR Special Offering



**MOBILE
FOOD
PANTRY**



**FEEDING
AMERICA**
West Michigan

**Mobile
Food Pantry
in White Lake**



**Supplemental
Grocery
Distribution
Drive-Thru Style**

**SATURDAY
MARCH 15**

**Registration at 8:30 a.m.
Distribution 10 until 11 a.m.**

Wholesome groceries available at no cost to anyone in need of emergency food

HOSTED BY **White Lake
Congregational**
 UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

**IN OUR PARKING LOT
1809 S. Mears Ave. Whitehall**

**PLEASE ENTER AT NORTH DRIVEWAY
- DRIVE SLOW -**

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White Lake Community Free Store

Located at 8555 Cook Street
Montague, MI 49437

Open Thursday 5 – 8 pm
Saturdays 11am – 2pm

Donations can be dropped off
Mon to Fri 10am—3.30pm

Bag lunches available on Saturdays at the Free Store



WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT WHITE LAKE UMC, 8555 COOK STREET, MONTAGUE
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (231) 894 5789 FOR MORE DETAILS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP	Office open 10am to 3.30pm	Faith Group 10am	Office open 10am to 3.30pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm	Men's Breakfast 8am
11am PRAISE BAND WORSHIP Including Kids Church	UWF 10am (first Monday of the month)	Office open 12 to 3.30pm	5.30pm Sister's Group	Faith Group 10am	NA MEETING 6.30pm	(4th Saturday of the month)
YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm	THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm	AL-ANON 7pm	Choral Joy 6pm (choir practice)	Stitchers group 9.30am onwards		FREESTORE 11am—2pm
	NA MEETING 6.30pm		Praise Ringers 7pm (bells practice)	FREESTORE 5-8pm		
			Faith Group 7pm	THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm		
			NA MEETING 7pm	Thursday Thinkers 7pm		