



The Messenger

June 2023

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner . . .
Hallelujah!

After the self-examination of Lent, the resurrection joy of Easter, and the birthday celebration of Pentecost, my faith focus calls me outward much as the warming weather, blooming flowers, budding trees, and the sounds of lawn mowers calls me outside into the emergent wonder of God's blessed Creation here in our White Lake community. I am, and I hope you are as well, looking forward to the wonderful opportunities in which we may share God's compassion, charity, and love.

In the few days following Easter morning, Jesus appeared to the disciples calling them to the ministry of new birth in which they might join him in true resurrection, united by the Holy Spirit, and transformed into his body still incarnate on earth until Jesus returns one day. This call to share the miracle of Christ's Gospel has been passed down through the sacred traditions of our faith to us.

As the coming days and weeks begin to fill with the tasks, programs, celebrations, and activities of summer may we ever be kept mindful of why we are so busy and never lose sight of whom we are . . . disciples of Jesus Christ. May we experience the joy, confidence and power that will enable our witness and bring more of our neighbors into a personal relationship with their Lord. May we reason through the tasks ahead of us . . . pacing ourselves, examining and planning together, relying on one another,

Sunday Morning Services

9:00 am

Traditional Service
White Lake UMC
Montague Campus
8555 Cook Street
Montague

11:00 am

Praise Band Service
Praise Center
Of White Lake UMC
117 S. Division Street
Whitehall, MI 49461

Church Office Hours

Mon 10am – 3.30pm
Tues 12noon – 3.30pm
Wed 10am – 3.30pm
Thurs 10am – 3.30pm
Fri 10am – 3.30pm

White Lake UMC
Montague Campus

and joining together as one voice . . . one mission . . . one family.

We are entering into exciting days, weeks, and months as White Lake United Methodist Church continues to grow in numbers, mission, and outreach, and most importantly in faith! Let us keep in our hearts, minds, and spirits Jesus first and last and everything in between. Then and only then will all our efforts be truly blessed and true to God's will.

God bless!



A Note from the Office

Hello Friends

We've been working on the Membership Rolls. If you would like to update your personal information, please contact the office. I would like to add birthdates, anniversaries, and the date you came into membership here at White Lake UMC.

If you are one of our online service regulars, check in with the office some time. I could send you the bulletin for the service so you can see the prayer list, and other weekly information.

Fiona Dibble

Deadline for July Newsletter items -
Monday, June 26th, 2023



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 will** have 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 Martha Tanis' brother Lynn Nelson. He had hip surgery recently to help with an infection. Pray that it was successful, and that Lynn's recovery will be smooth.
- Thelma Grow who is now in SKLD nursing home needs our prayers.
- Prayers for the family of Donna Martin, who passed away unexpectedly.
- Prayers for Tim Todd's nephew, Robby Ohtaki as he recovers from a recent appendectomy.
- Nancy Fry's son has requested prayer for his father-in-law who is having health issues (passing out). Pray that the doctors will diagnose the cause.
- Prayers for Gwenneth Bean as she recovers from a mini stroke.
- Prayers for Rebekah Hayden as she continues to struggle with a leg infection.

Prayer Chain

White Lake United Methodist church has a prayer chain that people can contact with prayer requests. There is part of the prayer chain where the prayer requests are passed along by phone and part that is sent out by email. If you would like to join either, you can contact Martha Tanis 231 894-8525 or 231 215-8325 or Jan Dyer- jareyd@aol.com. This is a wonderful way to take part in supporting your brothers and sisters in Christ, when they need it the most.

*2023 Michigan Conference
Special Sunday Offerings*

January 16th

Human Relations Day

March 19th

UMCOR Sunday

April 23rd

Native American Sunday

May 14th

Golden Cross Sunday

June 11th

Peace with Justice Sunday

August 20th

Christian Education Sunday

September 10th

Rural Life Sunday

October 1st

World Communion Sunday

October 15th

Disability Awareness Sunday

VOLUNTEER POSITION VACANT

Payroll clerk:

Job description:

- Collect time record documents from employees (hired and contractual)
- Using payroll software, enter hours worked as assigned or pay negotiated by Music Director.
- Submit payroll for processing 48 hours before payday.
- Occurs every other week. It takes less than one hour. Can be done at home office with internet, email and printer or adobe application.

Training will be provided before July 1.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thanks to our talented knitters and quilters for the beautiful array of prayer shawls, and lap blankets on Mother's Day. What a blessing they are to those who receive them. Keep up the good work!

Prayer shawls are in the Welcome Center of the Montague Campus, and the Narthex of the Praise Center. We invite anyone who is planning to visit someone who is sick, grieving, or in some way in need of a little extra love, to take a prayer shawl to them. Please enter your name and the name of the recipient in the book. This helps us to follow up with prayer, and to ensure we don't double up on each other's gifts!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Kayla's High school graduation. It was wonderful to share this time with so many friends. We really do feel like part of the White Lake UMC family!

The Dibble Family



Faith Formation



White Lake UMC & Friends

Women's Retreat

Oct 17-19, 2023

Theme— 'Be Still and Know'

Guest Speaker—Pastor Anne Riegler

St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

Cost \$155 - Booking forms available in Welcome Center

Contact Ruth Tuttle (517) 902 6112 to save your space



White Lake UMC & Friends



Women's Retreat

Booking Form

Name.....

Address.....

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Email.....

Phone #.....

Church

Please note any dietary, mobility, or other health restrictions/needs here.

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Emergency contact:

Phone.....

Enclosed (circle one) \$50 deposit \$155 full cost.

Return form and deposit to: - White Lake UMC, 8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437.

Checks to White Lake UMC with 'Women's Retreat' in the subject line.

Contact Ruth Tuttle (517) 902 6112. We encourage participants to carpool with people locally. Contact Ruth if you need a ride.



The choir and bell choirs are taking a well-earned rest for the summer.

Here is the special music you can look forward to in June.

June 4 - Clay Cudney

June 11 - Jim Brown

June 18 - Denise Eilers/Fiona Dibble

June 25 - Jinny Bellinger

Thank you to all those who participate in our music programs, in any way. Our worship would not be the same without you!



**UNITY CHRISTIAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

AUGUST 9—12 at Heritage Landing, Muskegon

Great line-up of artists

Look out for information at the Welcome Center (both campuses)

Or contact Ruth Tuttle on (517) 902 6112

Discounts on tickets when booked through church

The image is a promotional flyer for the Unity Christian Music Festival. It features a logo on the left with a guitar and a cross, and the text 'UNITY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL' in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, it provides the dates (August 9-12), location (Heritage Landing, Muskegon), and contact information (Ruth Tuttle, (517) 902 6112). It also mentions a great line-up of artists and discounts on tickets when booked through church.

Catch up with Ruth Tuttle for more information.

Top Christian bands in the line-up this year include 'Casting Crowns', & 'We the Kingdom', and more!

White Lake United Methodist Church

Family Campout

Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center

July 28th— 30th 2023





SIGN UP LIST IN THE WELCOME CENTER NOW!

FAMILY CAMPOUT

This is for all ages.

Day visitor welcome (for those who don't feel able to camp)

Lots of time to relax as a church family and get to know each other better.

Scholarships available.

FAMILY CAMPOUT 2022



Love Your Dad, Husband, Grandfather and Anyone Else?

Our Health Ministry team will be available to check your Blood Pressure starting June 18th, beginning at 8:30 am before Montague services and immediately after services in the 'Brides Room'. Stop in and get your numbers!

Blood Pressure checks at the Praise Center will follow services in the Conference Room. Stop in and get your numbers!

Health Ministries

Age Well Services events coming up soon: -

Senior Symposium 2023

June 14th at 8am-2pm (check in from 7.30am), At Folkert Community Hub, 640 Seminole Road, Norton Shores

Presentations include:

- Dementia Friends: Turn Understanding into Action
- Palliative Care: A Team Approach to Living with Serious Illness
- Power of Attorney and Advance Planning: Your Person, Your Plan
- Predatory Lending and Reverse Mortgages: Protecting Your Future
- Not Everyone is a Friend: Watching Out for Scams

PROJECT FRESH

If you are a low-income senior citizen over the age of 60 and live in Muskegon or Oceana County, this program is for you! You will receive \$25 worth of coupons to spend on fresh Michigan grown produce at your local Muskegon Farmer's Market. Tips on nutrition are also included.

Appointments are required and will be accepted beginning in May; coupon distribution will begin in June. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Renee @ [231-733-8641](tel:231-733-8641).

The City of Montague approves allocation of Senior Millage Funds.

The city's Health Initiatives program will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors and access to fitness facilities for physical activity.

- Both programs will be administered by city hall through a monthly voucher system.
- Senior city residents can register at the beginning of each month.

Stop by Montague City Hall on Ferry St. to sign up, and call City Hall at 231.893.1155 with questions.

Legal Services

Are you interested in free legal advice? We have partnered with Attorney Anna Urick Duggins of Parmenter Law, and with Attorney Michael Herring of Michigan Attorneys Practicing Law for the Elderly (MAPLE).

For information about how to schedule a free consultation with Attorney Michael Herring, please call our Wellness Center at [\(231\) 733-8643](tel:231-733-8643)

For more information about the free consultations with Parmenter Law, please see the image below.



PARMENTER LAW

An Elder Law Paralegal for Attorney Anna Urick Duggins, of Parmenter Law, will offer half hour no-charge introductory meeting every first Monday of the month, from 9am to 12pm at Tanglewood Park. Topics to discuss include Elder Law services such as Estate Planning, Long Term Care Planning, Medicaid Planning, and VA Aid & Attendance

Please call (231) 722-5400 to schedule an appointment.

Worship News

Bequiled by Beauty - June/July Worship Series

June 11th: Beauty, Contemplation, and Radical Compassion
Scripture: Ezekiel 31: 3-7

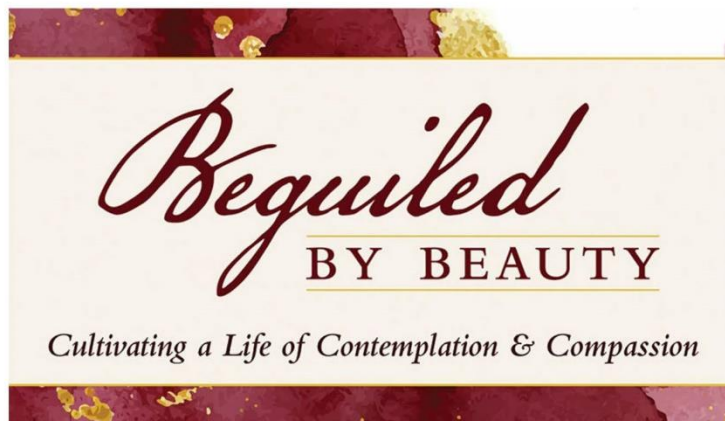
June 18th: We Are Made for the Beloved
Scripture: Psalm 16: 7-11

June 25th: Awakening to Beauty, Falling in
Love with the World
Scripture: Psalm 147: 1-11

July 2nd: Abyss, Mystery, and Wonder
Scripture: Psalm 135: 1-3; 13-21

July 9th: The Beauty of a World Without a “Why”
Scripture: Song of Songs 4: 1-7

July 16th: From Beauty to Compassion and Justice
Scripture: Isaiah 52: 7-10



White Lake Community Free Store

The Free Store is in need of Summer
Children's clothing, birth to teen



For more details call the
Church office at (231) 894-5789

A FRIENDLY NOTICE ABOUT BUILDING SECURITY

If you are the last one to leave either campus, please switch out the lights and ensure ALL the doors are locked. When small groups are meeting, it is advisable to keep the front door locked once you have all arrived. You never know who is coming in and out of the building whilst you are in one of the meeting rooms. Also, please check in with the office on arriving at the Montague campus, so that we know who is present if there is an emergency. Thank you.

HELPFUL INFORMATION – from Rachel Fekken

When the federal government declared a Public Health Emergency during COVID-19, States had to stop reviewing the eligibility of existing Medicaid beneficiaries for disenrollment purposes on an annual basis. This has allowed 355,000 residents to be enrolled in traditional Medicaid, and 367,00 in Health Michigan plan enrollees. The state is going back to pre-pandemic annual review which could result in people being removed. Many people will remain eligible but need to verify eligibility and possibly re-enroll.

Trinity has a free website that can help people keep or maintain coverage and has a variety of resources and tools: www.trinityhealthmichigan.org/Medicaid

Also, you can contact the state Medicaid office Marketplace Call center 1-800-318-2596

TTY 1-855-889-4325

<https://newmibridges.michigan.gov>

Congratulations to our 2023 Graduates!



Kayla Dibble (Pastor Tim and Fiona's daughter)

Owen & Dylan Powers (Amanda & Mark Unger's, and Bob Powers' sons)

And the other fine young people who reached this milestone in their lives. Your parents, grandparents, and church family are very proud of you all!

The Gathering

We now have our own Facebook page!

Come and check it out.

'Like' us, so you can get all the latest news, information, and menu details



The Gathering Free Meals & Good Company

Thursdays
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
&
Saturdays
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Meals take place at
The Praise Center
of White Lake
UMC
117 S. Division St.
Whitehall, MI
49461

GRIEF SHARE GROUP

HOW
GRIEF SHARE
WORKS:



**TO SIGN UP, OR FOR
MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT:**

SUZANNE COX (GROUP LEAD)
AT (616) 402-2487

RUTH TUTTLE (GROUP LEAD)
AT (517) 902-6112

OR, WHITE LAKE UMC OFFICE
AT (231) 894-5789

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

TUESDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 21st, 2023 6-8 PM

WHITE LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8555 COOK ST. MONTAGUE, MI 49437



Health Ministry Team

We are looking for volunteer drivers to give OCCASIONAL RIDES for appointments, or pick up shopping or prescriptions. Please add your name to the list if you

Call Sherry Kiel (231) 750-3540
Email sherry.kiel@gmail.com



N urture
O utreach
W itness



Picnic with the Pastor

Beginning May 5th 2023

Friday 12noon—1pm Montague Campus

(Fellowship Hall or Picnic area depending on the weather)

Pack your own lunch and join Pastor Tim
for an hour of friendly chat, and discussion.

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

N.O.W. Update

Fellowship time after service wouldn't be the same without a cup of coffee/juice, and a snack. Our thanks to those who have faithfully been providing these treats. We have a signup sheet at each of our worship sites. Please consider signing up to help keep things going. Be it cookies, cake, fruit, cheese/crackers, or whatever else you come up with, many hands make light work! If you are unable to manage a Sunday morning, perhaps you could donate packs of cookies to be kept for times when no one has signed up?

Thank you all,

Martha Sadony N.O.W. Director

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DOLLAR DINNER NEWS SOON!

Meet Your Leadership Team: We are available to help!

Leadership Team Chair – Glen Naghtin	(231) 750-6646	gnaghtin@chartermi.net
Pastor – Tim Dibble	(248) 622-9514	revtcd@yahoo.com
Lay Leader – Ward Heaton	(231) 750-7956	w.heaton@live.com
Office Administrator – Fiona Dibble	(248) 622-9497	fionadibble@yahoo.com
Faith Formation Director – Ruth Tuttle	(517) 902 6112	ratuttle69@charter.net
NOW Director – Martha Sadony	(231) 894 6598	mjspines@aol.com
Youth Director – Fred Nichols	(231) 894 4716	fredn@bellsouth.net
SPRC Chair – Bob Suits	(231) 557-4498	rpsuits@gmail.com
Trustees/Buildings – Dick Baerman	(815) 370 1824	rdbaerman@gmail.com
Finance Team Leader – Steve Welter	(231) 670 1702	steve.m.welter@gmail.com
Free Store Team Leader – Ruth Grenell	(231) 557 2470	jkgrenell@charter.net
Worship Team Leader – Lee Suits	(231) 557-3290	leesuits8@gmail.com



Next meeting: - June 5th 2023

At the Montague Campus

DURING JUNE WE ARE COLLECTING LAUNDRY DETERGENT FOR THE FREE STORE! THIS IS IN SHORT SUPPLY SO HELP IF YOU CAN.

U.W.F. YARD SALE

July 7th & 8th, 2023 – 9am – 2.30pm

Montague Campus

We will be collecting donated items in the rooms on the back hallway of the Montague campus from June 5th, till the day of the sale. Please call the church office or speak to Laura Kiel for additional information or questions.

BAZAAR WORKSHOPS

Starting soon, we will be meeting at the Montague campus, at 9.30am, to make craft items for sale at our Winter Bazaar. Please come along and join in the fun. Watch out for more details in the bulletins!

FINANCE TEAM CHAIR – KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

In early 2023 the Leadership Team reported that the church income was severely in the red against the church budget. One action taken in response was to direct all the 2023 Endowment Fund disbursement to the General Fund. Also, in recognition of the importance of meeting the budget to furthering Gods work, special contributions were made that, together with the Endowment Fund disbursement, brought the church well into the black as of the end of February. However, the monthly giving in March and April was slightly below monthly expenses, so we need to maintain the wonderful momentum achieved earlier in the year.

Having stated the above, I would be remiss in not recognizing all the contributions in the form of services to the church. Whether your contribution is monetary or assisting with a church meal or mowing the lawn, it is all appreciated. THANK YOU!

WLUMC ENDOWMENT MONTHLY REPORT

As of 4/30/2023 the Fund's value stands at: \$151,768.59.

The breakdown for the month's action is:

The Fund gained \$2,224.42 during April.

Another good month in the books. The Fund is doing remarkably well considering the state of our economy and the Stock Market. The United Methodist Foundation is doing a remarkable job of steering us through these times. Depending on how our government handles the debt ceiling will most likely have a huge effect on how the Fund's year will proceed. Hopefully, reasonable minds will emerge and save us from that fate. We've seen growth in three of the four months reported so far in 2023, I'm hoping next month's report will make it 4 of 5.

Keep your prayers coming. I know the good Lord is listening.

In Christ; Jeff Petersen (Endowment Fund Team Leader)

(Full report available on the 'Financial Times' notice board, Montague campus.)

CANOPY PROJECT UPDATE

The Canopy Team has been working on the following items:

- We have tested two dimmable 2-foot square lights and will put them along the east side of the ceiling with one more to come. The next two rows of three 2-foot square LED lights will be non-dimmable.
- The inner air lock entrance doors are no longer required by code and will be retrofitted to replace our non-repairable southeast doors when they are taken out.
- We now have the outdoor lighting master timer so the canopy, bells and walkway lights can be installed when the canopy is built.
- Our Jack Grenell will be able to do the electrical work under Winberg's permits.
- Winberg will allow us to use their trash dumpsters.

We will keep you posted as to when construction will start. Fiona Dibble will be making signage directing you to use the west or south entrances when work is underway.

The canopy team asks for your support and patience on the project. We still have some matching funds to raise to cover any unforeseen expenses.

Thank you from the Canopy Team:

Joe Clark, Ken Wentworth, Larry Lindquist, Dick Baerman, Bob Tuttle, & John Lloyd

June Events at a Glance:

- 28th Pentecost Sunday – Communion at 9am and 11am. Happy Birthday Church!
- 1st- 4th Michigan U.M.C. Annual Conference
- 5th United Women in Faith 10am at Montague Campus
- 9th Picnic with the Pastor 12 noon at Montague Campus
- 11th Peace with Justice – special offering
- 16th Picnic with the Pastor 12 noon at Montague Campus
- 18th Father's Day
- 23rd Picnic with the Pastor 12 noon at Montague Campus
- 23rd – 24th 3rd Coast Trombone Retreat at Montague Campus
- 30th Picnic with the Pastor 12 noon at Montague Campus

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, SMALL GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES AND MORE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9AM WORSHIP (MONTAGUE)	10AM TO 3.30PM OFFICE HOURS	12 TO 3.30PM OFFICE HOURS	10AM TO 3.30PM OFFICE HOURS	10AM TO 3.30PM OFFICE HOURS	10AM TO 3.30PM OFFICE HOURS	11AM—2PM FREESTORE (PRAISE CENTER)
11AM WORSHIP (PRAISE CENTER)	1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH	6—8pm GRIEF SHARE (MONTAGUE)	7PM NA MEETING (PRAISE CENTER)	10AM BIBLE STUDY (PRAISE CENTER)	6.30PM NA MEETING (PRAISE CENTER)	12-1PM THE GATHERING FREE MEAL (PRAISE CENTER)
11AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (PRAISE CENTER)	6.30PM NA MEETING (PRAISE CENTER)	7PM AL-ANON (MONTAGUE)		10AM STITCHING GROUP (MONTAGUE)		
4-6PM YOUTH GROUP (PRAISE CENTER)				5-8PM FREESTORE (PRAISE CENTER)		
				6-7PM THE GATHERING FREE MEAL (PRAISE CENTER)		