



The Messenger

July 2025

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From the Pastor's Desk

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4)

There is reluctance on the part of many people today to become involved in the affairs of their neighbors, particularly their local neighbors. Perhaps this stems from a foundational attribute of our American society that makes us seek isolation within our secular families and mind our own business. Whatever the reason, however, we have a responsibility to associate together and help each other accordance with Christ's teaching and our Baptismal Vows. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the people at Ephesus, "speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love as each part does its work."

This takes communication. It's not good enough to sit back and say we don't know of anyone who has a problem or need. We must proactively check on one another and see to it that no one is being overlooked, and we must tell our brothers and sisters when we need their help. ***We are our brother's keeper***, and if we wriggle out of that responsibility, then God will one day confront us and ask, "Where is your brother?"

Jesus once shared that on the Day of Judgment all will be asked where you were when your neighbor, your brother or sister, needed you. Where were you when they were hungry or thirsty? Where were you when they felt like a stranger, needed clothes, or were sick or in prison? Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25)

There are many means of which we may avail ourselves as individual disciples and as a church community to unobtrusively reach out to our neighbors, get involved in their lives, and in true Christian fellowship become “our brother’s keeper”. Obviously, you can get involved in one of our local church/community mission projects, like the Lebanon Lutheran Food Pantry, our own Free Store, or The Gathering. You can get involved in our local schools through Parent Groups and Booster organizations or perhaps volunteer to help a child with reading difficulties. You could join or support one of our many wonderful service and/or community organizations like the Rotary, The Montague or Whitehall District Libraries, the Dirt Daubers, our Health and Wellness Ministries, our United Women in Faith, our Men’s Group, among many throughout the year. Perhaps you could plant a Victory Garden and donate your surplus produce to our local food pantry and to support those who come to The Gathering! And, of course, you could commit to the core values and missions of White Lake UMC and volunteer to be part of a task/working group that interests you, volunteer to be a Sunday school teacher, Bible Study leader, join our new Worship Planning Team, join the choir, or a host of other positions, tasks, and groups all of whom are both dedicated to discipleship in loving service to others and to the building of God’s Kingdom right here at White Lake UMC!

Working together with each other’s best interest at the heart of our sharing can build a church and a community of which we may not only be proud but also one which is a blessing to others and brings glory to God! Summer is here! It is time to get outside the four walls of our blessed church building and share the good news with others wherever they are emotionally, spiritually, financially, and physically. The weather is warm and so are our hearts. The time is here....Time to live....Time to blossom.....Time to feed....Time to grow!

God bless!



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.”

OFFICE
NOTES



The Church office is located at
8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437
Phone # 231-894-5789

Church Office Hours

Mon 10am—3.30pm
Tues 12pm—3.30pm
Wed 10am—3.30pm
Thurs 10am—3.30pm
Fri 10am—3.30pm

Deadline for the July newsletter
Friday July 25th, 2025

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE AND JULY:

First Sundays Barb & Bill Rafail (231) 894 0241

Second Sundays Shirley Atchison (231) 750 5070

Third Sundays Mary Todd (231) 557 5701 July 20th Martha Tanis (231) 215 8328

Fourth Sundays Charlene Lindquist (231) 726 8364

Fifth Sundays in June, August, and November will be Ruth Grenell and Martha Sadony

Sue Thumser has volunteered to be a substitute provider if needed. Volunteers may also swap with each other if scheduling conflicts arise.

If you have a conflict later, you may switch Sundays.

Do you want to do just one birthday or anniversary special? Contact the scheduled person and make arrangements!
Further information or assistance can be obtained from the church office 894-5789 or Barb Lloyd, 894-2543.



You are invited to Fiona & Tim's



25th Wedding Anniversary

Celebration BBQ

Saturday, July 19th, 2025

From 2pm till late

At 5181 Hancock Street, Montague, MI 49437

RSVP #248 622 9497 or fionadibble@yahoo.com




Prayer Request Cards – are available on our Welcome Desk in the Welcome Center. 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:

- Pray for Joe Clark, and the family grieving the loss of Judy, who passed away on Sunday, June 15th.
- Please keep praying for Bill Raffail's sister, as she continues treatment for cancer.
- Laura Kiel has been diagnosed with endometrial cancer. Prayers for her as she recovers from surgery and finds out what other treatments may be necessary. Please pray for Laura, Art and the family.
- Steve and Karen Welter's gt-grandchild (Ainsley) has a cyst under her brain. Their niece Mackenzie is in treatment for cancer, and another niece's husband had a massive heart attack on May 30th. He has now regained consciousness and is improving. Prayers for the whole family.
- Pat Klotz's nephew is having seizures. He is continuing treatment for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Continued prayers for Gwenneth Bean, recovering from her recent surgery and for strength as she soon undergoes radiation treatment for breast cancer.



WHITE LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PRAYER VIGIL

Because He bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! Psalm 116:2

Tuesdays at 5.30pm
1315 Benston Road
Whitehall, MI

Call 231 750 8002 for info

Join us for an informal time of prayer in the splendor of God's creation

We will be outside, so dress for the weather and bring a chair if you need one.

Worship Ministries



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

Worship Series: "Do Unto Others"



Just as water reflects the
face, so one human heart
reflects another.
– Proverbs 27:19

**kindness.
compassion.
humility.
respect.
love.**

June 22: "Blue and Red Make Purple: Kindness"
June 29: "The Polarization Within: Compassion"
July 6: "Listen More, Speak Less: Humility"
July 13: "Living Together on Uncommon Ground: Respect"
July 20: "Malice Toward None: Love"

Beginning July 27th...

SIX STONE JARS

The Economy of Jesus

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring
good news to the poor." – Luke 4:18*

A miscalculation has occurred. The wedding guests have drunk all the wine before the party is over. At times, life can feel like we're "running out" of so much, and scarcity is shutting down the party. In these moments, we are invited to turn to the currency and economy of Jesus. In his economy, the true measure of abundance is fullness for the whole community, not just for some. Let us build the Kin-dom of God by drawing from jars of Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace for all people.



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

July 6 - Communion

July 13 - Melody Kraut

July 20 - Lainey Gibson

July 27 - Jim Brown

August 3 - Communion

August 10 - Bob Tuttle

August 17 - Denny Atchison

August 24 - Rachel Fekken & Carl Webb

August 31 - Fiona Dibble

Praise Band Rehearsal

July 13th - praise band rehearsal/pizza after 11 am. Service

Liturgist/Readers

If you would like to volunteer as a liturgist or reader for worship, please contact Gwenneth Bean.

You're Invited!
to our wedding
Michelle Vallier and Joe Cohee

August 30, 2025
2:00 pm
Cedar Springs UMC

Gift Registry:
Immigration Law and Justice
Network
iljnetwork.org
Giving options through the church

Michelle Vallier and Joe Cohee Wedding

The happy couple are requesting "no gifts" of a material nature but have selected Immigration Law and Justice Network as a celebratory mission opportunity.

White Lake UMC friends may write a check to the church here with 'Michelle/Joe wedding gift' in the memo line. You can drop the gift into the office, or the offertory plate. We will give a list of the givers to Michelle and Joe, along with the check for their chosen mission.

You could also go online to the website and give direct if you prefer.

South Group Scoop

The biggest news this month is our youth mission and fun combination of activities. Our first plan for a mission trip fell through due to conflict of dates, so we went to plan B. We travelled to our Lake Michigan Family Camp and Retreat in Pentwater. The director there, Eric, wanted us to work at the campground in exchange for accommodation. We worked for a few hours each day and had the use of camp facilities for the rest of the time.



Although it rained every day except Sunday, we still had a great time. Our first work project was cleaning sticks off part of the trails and spiffing up the 36 holes on the golf courses with mulch. During the last two days we were beautifying some areas on the ground including clearing areas, mixing and spreading topsoil, and planting plants. Lots of digging!

Most of our recreation time was spent fishing. On our first day we were able to fish from a charter boat on the lake! Jakob caught the biggest fish (trout), Landon caught a good-sized salmon, and Malakai caught his first fish ever (also salmon). Over the whole trip Malakai caught the bug for fishing, and the most fish (7).



We also took a trip on the sand dunes and had fun go-karting.

The boys pre-made a list of groceries for meals, and prepared and cooked all three meals each day on an open campfire or a propane grid. No fast food on this trip! For one dinner we had a fish-fry, cooking the fish they had caught on our boat trip.

There was enough fish for fish tacos on another day!



We also learned a lot from each other. Once again, God blessed our group. Thank you to all those who support us and make it possible for us to go on our adventures.



God is great! (Even when there's a mouse in your tent!)

The Youth Team



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, August 4th at 10am.

ANNUAL UWF
YARD SALE

Our UWF group will be holding their Yard Sale on July 11th & 12th.

We will be collecting donations for sale from Monday July 7th to Thursday July 10th.

Now is the time to have a clear out and let us turn your unwanted items into much needed money for mission. Please place your donated items in the nursery. Due to the greater use of our buildings now, UWF will have to set up the sale after The Gathering on July 10th. Due to the shorter time available, we will need more volunteers to be ready for the opening of the sale. Please let the office know if you can help.



YARD SALE

Friday July 11th & Saturday July 12th
 9am – 2.30pm

8555 Cook Street
 Montague, MI 49437
 (231) 894 5789




White Lake UMC

Summer Campout

August 1st – 3rd 2024

Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat

YOU ARE INVITED!

Lots of fun for ALL ages.

Call Ruth Tuttle
 (517) 902 6112 or
 The Church office
 (231) 894 5789
 To book your place



Come and share fun and fellowship with us at family camp. We have two platform tents and two RV/tent sites available for our group.

BOOK YOUR SPACE NOW!

DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Women’s Retreat – September 26th – 28th at St Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

ENDOWMENT UPDATE



WLUMC Endowment Fund Report for May 2025

Beginning (04/30/2025)	185,574.71
Dividend Income	386.57
Change in Market Value	7,078.46
Ending Value (05/31/2025)	193,039.74

The fund had a gain of \$ 7,465.03 during May.

I thought you'd like to be reminded about the Socially Responsible Investment Policy of the United Methodist Foundation

Their web site states:

We are committed to demonstrating responsible investing values that reflect the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. We seek to limit investments in companies producing products or engaging in activities inconsistent with these values. Companies not falling into any of these categories may still be ineligible for investment because of reputation, public image or any specific business practices determined to be inconsistent with the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

Thank you for keeping the Endowment Fund in your thoughts and prayers.

In Christ, Tim Todd

Endowment Fund Team Leader

Would you like to join our UMVIM Work Team?



Contact

Tom Hinken (231) 730 0075

or Ruth Tuttle (517) 902 6112

Augusta, GA
October 8th - 13th 2025



TRUSTEES NEWS

Praise Center:

- Thanks to the gang, keeping the lawns nice. We will need to maintain both internal and external parts of our building. What an incredible building it is. Jack Grenell, Jeff Petersen, Dave Allen, Steve Welter are due a thank you from all of us.
- The elevator is of concern. We have an “unoccupied” status for the elevator. It will not need an inspection until the new owner’s request or one year from when the status was issued. Stay tuned.
- We have also avoided the boiler inspections for the building. We have heat only boilers and the building is unoccupied, so our insurance folks have allowed us to forgo that inspection too.

Thank you, so much, for the continued efforts to maintain our incredible facility and the many missions it supported.

Montague Campus:

- Gardens are coming to life and in need of help from any of us willing to roll up a sleeve or two and dig in some dirt to support this ministry of a wonderful, visual and environmental masterpiece. Memorial Garden, Raised Garden, Bio Swales, Fern Garden, Sign Garden, Fruit Garden, Retention Area, East Tree Area, plantings around the church building and Playground Area. All are in need of you and whatever you can do. Claire Schlaff is asking for help in a number of these areas. Those of us afflicted with that green thumb and willing to help please contact Claire.
- The sprinkler system is up and running. A request for a couple of changes in times and areas of sprinkling have been addressed.
- New bags are now on the John Deere. They have been requested for quite a while. We were able to sell the old Wheel Horse machine which afforded the funds to buy the bags for the John Deere. The Wheel Horse had not been used for some time, and we had now more space to store it. It went to a good home.
- We continue to struggle from time to time with our sound and video systems. We are getting a couple more folks trained up and purchased additional equipment to help us monitor our sound. Stay tuned on this one. Bob Tuttle and Bob Suits have the knowledge to get us running consistently. Thanks so much to and for them. What a great team; and to the operators, Coco, Clay, Bob T. and now Landon and Tom Carson are learning the operation. Thanks!!
- Huge THANKS to John Lloyd. He, single handed, repaired our sign. New bulbs, new connections, new sockets, new supports and a fight with wasps is what he endured. Thanks so much John.

Parsonage:

- All seems quiet on this front. Working on replacing some fencing around the walkout area. Denny and Glen have stepped up to help with this process.
- A huge thanks to Bob Tuttle for his help in replacing the microwave oven at the parsonage. It is an over-the-store unit and quite awkward to remove and install. Thanks Bob T.

What a great combination of facilities and people to improve the lives of so many through our ministries and outreach to our communities. Great to be a part of a community and congregation that makes such a huge difference.

Dick Baerman, Trustee

Nurture Outreach Witness



4th July
Parade

Please speak to Sue Lloyd if you would like to help build our float, or join us on parade day
Call #231 894 5292



NURTURE

Caring for and encouraging growth or development

OUTREACH

Showing kindness, compassion, and support to those in need.

WITNESS

Openly professing one's faith through words and actions

Greetings to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

GOD LOVES

be telling our

Sue Lloyd, 231-894-5292. If you're not up to walking you can cheer us on from the sidelines; and, if you can't make it to the parade, please pray for us!

EVERYONE AND SO DO WE! That's what the WLUMC 4th of July parade float will community. If you want to walk the parade route alongside the float please tell

AUGUST Save the date for our WLUMC Summer Splash, a fun-filled last hurrah before school starts. NOW will provide hot dogs & other picnic goodies. The bounce house, splash seat and lawn games will be operating. Invite your neighbors and spend the afternoon together in our lovely backyard.

White Lake UMC

8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437

SUMMER SPLASH PARTY

**FUN AND GAMES
FOR ALL AGES**



Bounce house, games
ducking stool
relax in the sun
and enjoy the company
of friends old and new



SUNDAY

24 August 2025



04.00PM TO 06.00PM



Every one is welcome

Free hotdog roast
chips, cookies
and s'mores

Bring a lawn chair

July Events at a Glance

1st Leadership Team Meeting

4th 4th July Parade – 10am

Church office closed

6th Worship at 9am and 11am Holy Communion at both services

7th - 10th UWF yard sale donation collection (please place items in the nursery)

11th – 12th UWF Yard Sale

19th 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration at the Parsonage

20th Blood Pressure Checks available after both services

26th Men's Breakfast 8-10am

August 1st – 3rd Church Family Camp at Lake Michigan Family Campground

YOUR VOICE, YOUR IMPACT

*What do you love about
Muskegon County?*

What could be improved?

**Share your voice by taking our
short, anonymous survey!**



Your voice helps the Lab team understand what matters most & helps shape our community's future.

LIVABILITY LAB

Livability Lab is a community-led event where we can come together to make positive change. Learn more at livabilitylab.com



**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 11am PRAISE BAND WORSHIP Including Kids Church YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm UWF 10am (first Monday of the month) Chair Yoga 3.30pm THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm NA MEETING 6.30pm	Office open 12 to 3.30pm AL-ANON 7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm Chair Yoga 3.30pm Faith Group 7pm NA MEETING 7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm Stitches group 9.30am onwards FREESTORE 5-8pm THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm Chair Yoga 3.30pm NA MEETING 6.30pm	Men's Breakfast 8am (4th Saturday of the month) FREESTORE 11am—2pm