



The Messenger

September 2025

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From the Pastor's Desk

Where did the summer go? For that matter, what happened to all my plans? Isn't that just like life? Our days, and weeks, and months are all so busy and hectic; filled with gardening, youth soccer, baseball, softball, visiting family, taking vacations, working too hard to pay for it all, and so much more! And yet, what have I, and what have we, truly accomplished? What greater purpose has been fulfilled and provided our daily lives with meaning and satisfaction? As Christians, have all our activities and efforts led even one more neighbor to accept Jesus as their personal savior?

The summer may be about to be over, but the opportunity to live out our callings as faithful disciples remains before us. The restart of both secular and Sunday school heralds a time of new beginnings for many of us. How about you? Where is God calling you to fine tune your faith journey? Where is Jesus inviting you to a deeper commitment of your time and resources? Let's not let the autumn season get away from us. Let's focus together on the blessings God has and is providing us and explore together in worship, prayer, praise, service, and fellowship how we can and will better serve the purpose of God's growing Kingdom.

Our worship series beginning in September is called "Living the Methodist Way". Each week we will be exploring what is really means to be a United Methodist disciple based upon the Biblical doctrines of our faith and our understanding of God and how God's is at work among us. A good foundation for this exploration is Wesley's saying:

*"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, In all the places you can,
At all the times you can, To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

Let's get started on the right track this autumn! On Sunday, September 7th we celebrate "Back to Church Sunday" and the return

of Kids' Church (Sunday school) our Bible studies, and our Faith Formation Groups. Kid's Church will meet between our two worship services beginning at 10:15 a.m. and our Bible studies and Faith Formation Groups will meet on various days and times throughout the week...plenty of opportunities to fit into your schedule! Soon our Choral Joy Adult Choir and our Praise Ringers Bell Choir will be back with us! Back to Church Sunday is a great day to encourage someone back to church whom you have noticed missing recently. It is also the perfect occasion to invite someone to join us and share in our time of study and worship for the very first time! September 7th is Back to Church Sunday. Let's work together to make it a day in which God will be praised and pleased!

God bless!

Rev Jinty JTA

Our Vision Statement

Worship God

Follow Jesus

Love and Serve All

Deadline for the October newsletter
Monday, Wednesday, September 24th,
2025

OFFICE
NOTES



Church Office Hours

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

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

“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.”

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2025

First Sundays: Barb Lloyd 894-2543

Second Sundays: Carole Hanna 894-8317 & Deloris DeHoff 894-6896

Third Sundays: Melissa Lorenz (312) 208-8470

Fourth Sundays: Carolann Schalk (847) 337-6828

If you wish to provide a birthday or anniversary cake for a specific date, contact the scheduled person and make arrangements! Call the office on (231) 894-5789 or Barb Lloyd, 894-2543 for more information.





The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ, who empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.

NEW MEMBERS' LUNCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

1PM – 3PM – AT THE PARSONAGE

5181 HANCOCK STREET, MONTAGUE

Join us at the parsonage for an informal lunch where you can hear about what membership of the UMC looks like, how our church is structured, and what we believe. Hear about the missions we are part of, and how we care for our church family together.

It is with a heavy heart but with immense joy that our family thanks everyone for the out-pouring of love and support given for Betty, Chicken Lady, Nafe. We have lost a huge part of our family and a huge part of our church family with the passing of our mother Betty Nafe. She loved us all and expected nothing in return. It was such a wonderful tribute to see that love returned to her in her passing.

Our thanks to Pastor Tim for his knowledge and support during this time., and to Jim Tanis, for the wonderful tribute, both at the service and internment, to our mother.

*She lived, loved and gave back.
THANK YOU; The family of Betty A. Nafe*



Heartfelt thanks to all the family and friends who celebrated my 80th birthday with me.

I appreciate you all.

Ruth Grenell




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:

- Ted Boyden has been diagnosed with liver cancer. He will begin treatment immediately. Please pray for his comfort and for the best possible outcomes.
- Bill Raffail's sister, Nancy Regas, would like to thank you for your prayers. Her surgery was successful; all post-surgical tests have been negative. She will not need radiation but will undergo hormone treatment for a period.
- Continued prayers for Gwenneth Bean as she heals from her surgery.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Ann Riegler as she struggles with health problems, surgeries, and rehab. Prayers also for Pastor Mike.
- Linda Allen's niece's husband, Mike Harper, has been diagnosed with a rare cancer. Please pray for him and his family and for the doctors to know how best to treat him.
- Pray for the Stembol family as they grieve the loss of their brother, Craig. Prayers for the whole family at this sad time.



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

10.15am

Kid's Church & Youth class

11:00am

Praise Band Service

Worship Series for September

LIVING THE METHODIST WAY

GRACE, GROWTH, AND DISCIPLESHIP

September 7th through October 12th



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

Sept. 7 - Communion

Sept.14 - Ruth Carson

Sept. 21 – Praise Ringers

Sept. 28 – Larry Lindquist

Choral Joy will begin practicing for the new season on Wednesday, September 17th at 6pm.

Praise Ringers are already working hard to bring us the sound of beautiful bell music later in September.

Anyone who is interested in participating in choir or bell choir should contact Gwen Bean (choir), Charlene Lindquist (bells), or the church office.



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

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the yard sale in any way at all. Many people donated items for sale, and we had a great team to set up the sale on Thursday evening. Special thanks to our youth, who showed up to help. An updated total of **\$2,064.10** was raised for the mission of the United Women in Faith here at White Lake UMC. Thanks, and Blessings to all.

Faith Formation



FALL FAITH GROUPS

- Sunday 10am room 15 with Ruth Grenell/Karen Stembol - Kids Church
- Sunday 10am room room 9 with Sue Lloyd - Teen Study
- Tuesday 10am room 3 with Ruth Tuttle - 'The Chosen - season 5'
- Wednesday 5.30pm room 11 Sisters Group - 'The Heart of the Psalms'
- Wednesday 7pm room 3 with Ken Wentworth - 'Romans'
- Thursday 10am room 3 with Fred Nichols - 'The Chosen - season 5'
- Thursday Thinkers room 7 with Fiona Dibble - 'The Lord's Prayer'

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



See Ruth in the Welcome Center to find out about Pastor Tim's Community Bible Study/Discussion and a new online Study group



FALL FAITH GROUPS

Can't make it to one of our study groups?
Join us from wherever you are with the
Connected Faith app
A new Bible study opportunity
totally online

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



Contact Ruth Tuttle
Phone # 517-902-6112
Email - ratuttle69@charter.net
for details and to sign up



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3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Speaker - Rev Kim Bos Theme - The Future of Faith

The world can feel overwhelming, and even within the church, division and uncertainty can leave us wondering "what's next?" But God is not finished with us yet. The Future of Faith is a retreat for women who want to hold on to hope, deepen their friendships, and be part of shaping what's ahead. Together we'll talk about how to stay grounded in hard times, how to have brave and loving conversations with the people we care about, and how to bridge divides that too often keep us apart. We'll explore what it means to build communities that last, show up for our neighbors, and dream about the church of tomorrow. Working closely with young adults has shown Rev. Kim Bos that the future of the church is already unfolding —and while it may look different than what came before, it's not about leaving anyone behind. Instead, it's about creating space for all of us—rooted and new, cautious and bold—to imagine and build God's future together.



Fellowship



Workshops



Worship

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY.
YOUR SOUL WILL THANK YOU!**

September 26th - 28th 2025
at St Francis Retreat Center

DeWitt, Michigan

Contact Ruth Tuttle to book your place

517-902-6112



www.whitelakeumc.org



St Francis Retreat Center,
De Witt, MI



231 894 5789

Reservation forms are available at the Welcome Desk or in the church office.

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, September 14th 2025.



YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL GROUP

(THE TERM 'YOUNG' IS PRETTY BROAD!)

**MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
4-6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**HELP US PLAN THIS NEW GROUP FOR YOUNGER ADULTS
BOWLING, MOVIES, COOK-OUTS, CONCERTS, AND MORE
BRING YOUR IDEAS!**

**ALL YOUNGER ADULTS ARE WELCOME
CALL (231) 894 5789 FOR MORE INFO**

ENDOWMENT UPDATE



WLUMC Endowment Report for July 2025

Begin. Market Value (06/30/2025) 200,131.26

Income

Dividends. 410.04

Change in Market Value. 417.90

Ending Market Value. (07/31/2025) 201,013.20

We had modest gains in July. Thank you for your continued support of our Endowment Fund.

In Christ, Tim Todd.

Endowment Fund Team Leader



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.

Thank you to all who made our 2025 WLUMC Summer Splash a success! We did indeed have a fun-filled last hurrah before school started. Attendance was nearly doubled from 2024.

Please stop by the NOW table on Back to Church Sunday, September 7 to learn about upcoming planned events and how you, yes you, can be involved. We all have some capacity to serve, and we are all needed. Any questions? Please contact me, Sue Lloyd, at 231-894-5292 or slloyd6907@charter.net.

FUTURE EVENTS AT WHITE LAKE UMC

**HERE ARE SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH
KICK OFF TO KID'S CHURCH 10AM TO 11AM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
ALL-AGE HALLOWEEN PARTY 5 - 7PM**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST
ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT 5 - 7PM**

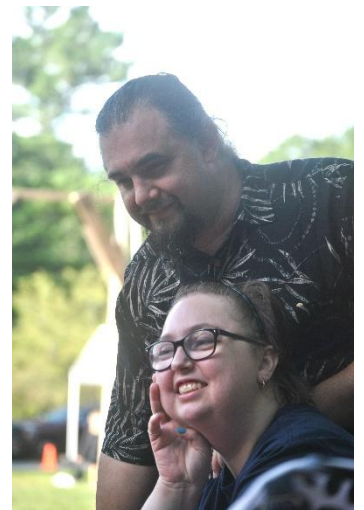
**DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH
3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 4 - 8PM**

**SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF YOUR N.O.W. TEAM IF YOU CAN HELP -
NEW IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**





Summer Splash! Fun for all the Family





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MISSION SUPPORT

As many of you have already heard, we have a large mission team heading to Augusta, Georgia this October to assist in long term rebuilding efforts after recent storms.

A mission trip is a team effort, and those of us remaining at home can take part through our prayers, and our financial support.

Here is our first opportunity!

Rachel has created a beautiful painting. It's covered with envelopes, each with a

monetary value written on it. Please select the value you are going to give in support – take the envelope off the painting, put your name on it. Then place your cash or check inside the envelope and put it in the offering (or hand it in at the office). Together we can reveal the painting which will be auctioned on a future date. Let's all pitch in to bring aid and comfort to our brothers and sisters in Georgia. We can all be part of the team!



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THE GATHERING

Free Meals & Good Company

New team members needed

contact the church office or call

Steve Welter 231 670 1702

The Gathering free meals program is in desperate need of new team members. Get together with friends to make a team, or come as you are and Steve will help to fit you in to a team.



TRUSTEES NEWS

Praise Center

Thanks to the gang who are keeping the lawns nice. We need to maintain both internal and external parts of our building. What an incredible building it is. Jack Grenell, Jeff Petersen, Dave Allen, and Steve Welter are due a thank you from all of us.

There has been some interest in purchasing the building. We are in the process of answering questions about infrastructure and other costs. Stay tuned.

Thank you so much for your continued efforts to maintain this great facility.

Montague

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 gardens, retention area, east tree area, plantings around the church building and playground area – these are all in need of you and whatever you can do to help. Claire Schlaff is asking for help in a number of these areas. We had the Muskegon Area Conservation folks in to spray for invasive plants. Claire said that it seems to be working. Those of us afflicted with that green thumb and will to help, please contact Claire.

A window was broken in the nursery, but it has been repaired and all is well.

Thanks to Jack Grenell, we have A/C in the Free Store, and Conference room. We had some small air conditioners donated. They were installed in those small windows, so have been put to good use.

We had a small trailer donated. Look to get it upfitted for church use.

Parsonage

It seems quiet on this front. Working on replacing some fencing at the front. Fences at the side walkout are complete. Looks great! Thanks to Glen and Mary. Great job!

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

Dick Baerman, Trustees.

Youth Group Scoop

Summer really flew by this year, and our youth have had a very busy time. Camps, camps, camps work projects, fun excursions, helping with The Gathering and other events at the church.

Now it's time to start up our Fall season, including starting a new school year, and booking dates for some of our activities. We already have plans! Some workdays and some just for fun. More dates will be announced later in the year.

1. Youth meetings will be changed after Labor Day weekend. We will be changing from Sunday to Saturday afternoons, 4 – 6pm.
2. There will be a lock-in on Saturday September 6th, 6pm until Sunday September 7th after church.
3. We will be helping with The Gathering on Monday, Sept 1st (Labor Day).
4. Of course, you will not want to miss our Italian Mystery Dinner on October 4th. This will be a fundraiser and by reservation only. More news coming soon!

We thank all who are involved with and supportive of our youth, and we thank God for the opportunity to be part of their lives, their energy, insight, and willingness to serve God.

Till next month

Youth Team



September Events at a Glance

- 1st Labor Day Holiday – Church office closed
- 3rd Worship Design Team meeting 12pm
- 5th Health & Wellness Team meeting 10am
- 7th Back to Church Sunday
 - 9am Tradition service with Holy Communion
 - 10am Fellowship Time
 - 10.15am Kid's Church
 - 11am Praise Band service with Holy Communion
- 8th UWF meeting 10am
- 14th New Members Lunch at the parsonage 1pm
 - Blood Pressure checks available after each service
- 21st Health & Wellness blood pressure checks after both services
- 26th – 28th Women's Retreat in DeWitt
- Oct 2nd Italian Mystery Dinner – Youth fundraiser



Job Opportunity

We need a few people willing to be trained to run the Audio/Video Equipment at our Church.

Please contact Either Bob Tuttle: (517) 902 - 6115 rctuttle@mac.com or Bob Suits (231) 557-4498 rpsuits@gmail.com or Fred Nichols (231) 894-4716 Fredn@Bellsouth.net.



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE AT WHITE LAKE UMC, 8555 COOK STREET, MONTAGUE
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10am Fellowship Time Kids Church Youth Study 11am PRAISE BAND WORSHIP Including Kids Church YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm UWF 10am (first Monday of the month) 3.30pm Chair Yoga THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm NA MEETING 6.30pm	Faith Group 10am Office open 12 to 3.30pm Prayer Vigil 5.30pm AL-ANON 7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm 3.30pm Chair Yoga 5.30pm Sister's Group 6pm Choral Joy (choir practice) 7pm Praise Ringers (bells practice) 7pm Faith Group NA MEETING 7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm Faith Group 10am Stitches group 9.30am onwards FREESTORE 5-8pm THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm Thursday Thinkers 7pm	Office open 10am to 3.30pm 3.30pm Chair Yoga NA MEETING 6.30pm	Men's Breakfast 8am (4th Saturday of the month) FREESTORE 11am—2pm