



# The Messenger

## October 2024

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### From the Pastor's Desk



#### To Live a God-Pleasing Life! stewardship program is here!

Stewards **living a God-pleasing life** are managers of all of God's creation. As owner, God has called us to be responsible as we fulfill the role for which we have been created, to do his will as long as we remain on earth. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10).

We are not given these responsibilities because of our great talents and abilities. On the contrary, we often feel inadequate and unprepared for the tasks God places before us. Our strength is in the Lord. The Apostle Paul made that point very clear as he gave praise to God for his power within us: *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"* (Ephesians 3:20-21). As stewards **living a God-pleasing life**, we welcome our opportunities for stewardship and give all the glory to God.

This month we will be studying the series: **"Live a God-Pleasing Life!"** in our worship services and devotional study hours. We will discuss **faith** as the foundation for stewardship, for it is only through faith that we can please God. We will delve into the important role that **discipleship** holds in our lives as obedient stewards. We will study the Scriptures to learn how **generosity** is the hallmark of grateful stewards responding to the love and generosity of God. Our

stewardship program emphasizes the grace of God who has called us to faith and continues to sustain us. Let the words of the writer to the Hebrews be our prayer:

*“May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20, 21).*

Please make every effort to attend both the worship services and complete the daily devotional studies leading up to these three Sundays. May God give you the grace to continue the faithful stewardship of the many blessings that he has entrusted to your care.

God bless!

 <p><b>OFFICE NOTES</b></p>	<b><u>Church Office Hours</u></b>	
	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

**Deadline for the November newsletter**

**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Our Vision Statement**

Worship God

Follow Jesus

Love and Serve All

**2024 Michigan  
Conference  
Special Sunday  
Offerings**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Human Relations Day**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>  
UMCOR Sunday**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Native American Sunday**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Golden Cross Sunday**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>  
Peace with Justice  
Sunday**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Christian Education  
Sunday**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>  
Rural Life Sunday**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>  
World Communion  
Sunday**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Disability Awareness  
Sunday**

**November 24<sup>th</sup>  
United Methodist  
Student Sunday**

“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 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](mailto:jareyd@aol.com). We can never have too many folks praying!



**PRAY FOR:**

- Prayers for Bob and Lee Suits. Bob is in hospital with COVID and pneumonia. Lee is unable to visit him due to the risk with her own health.
- Continued prayers for Pat Klotz nephew, Matthew as he continues treatment for cancer. Please pray for him and the whole family.
- Linda Allen would like prayers for her sister, Kathy, and brother-in-law, Kenny Denbar. They live in Richmond, VA and both have health issues.
- Jim Tanis is asking for prayers for, 1-year old baby, Daniel Rush, who had surgery to remove a mass from his liver and is currently undergoing chemotherapy.
- Jo McMullen is at Mercy Hospital after having a stroke. She will have rehab starting this week. Please pray for a good recovery for her.
- Several of our members are recovering from COVID. Pray for them all, that they will be back among us soon.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Barb Sheran who passed away on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at Trinity Hospital.
- Pam Lemieux would like prayer for some family issues that need healing.

Here are the details for the Celebration of Life for our dear friend Barb Sheran.

Saturday, October 5th

Montague Campus

10am Visitation

11am Celebration of Life

followed by a luncheon

There will be an internment in our Memorial Garden at a later date.

# Worship Ministries



## Live a God-Pleasing Life!



Stewardship is our focus for the month of October leading to our Commitment Sunday on October 27<sup>th</sup>

October 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Week One – “Faith Is The Foundation” – Hebrews 11:6-19

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Week Two – Discipleship is the Path – Mark 8:31-38

October 27<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Week Three – Generosity is the Hallmark – Commitment Sunday – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR – MONTAGUE

Coffee hour after Sunday service is an important time when relationships are built, visitors welcomed, and ideas shared. This vital ministry is only possible because of the faithful volunteers who provide it. For the past 7 months, different folks have signed up to prepare, serve, and clear up coffee and treats. Each person committed to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for a period of 3 to 4 months.

We are now looking for volunteers to cover October, November, December, and January. Sue Thumser has kindly volunteered to take care of 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays as they arise. The sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk. Please help if you can.

For information contact Barb Lloyd 23 894 2543



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!

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am, at our Montague Campus.

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Youth Group meets  
Sundays 4 – 6pm



Our wonderful youth are preparing for their move to the Montague Campus. As you can see, they are repainting some of the walls, and giving the space their own personal touch. They are keeping some furniture and activities from each of the buildings but would also like some additional bean bag seating. If you have a beanbag at home that you would like to donate, please give the office a call. Thanks!





Join us as we sing praises to God. All singers welcome – no experience required.

Come make a joyful noise to the Lord!

White Lake UMC'S

## Choral Joy



Beginning on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

At the Montague campus

Practices Wednesday night from September through May.

Always looking for new members.

No previous experience necessary.

Contact Gwenneth Bean on 616 430 2393



### Praise Ringers Gearing Up For Another Season



Beginning on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

At the Montague campus

Practices Wednesday night from September through May.

Performances are usually the third Sunday of the month  
(although the first time playing in worship this year will be September, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.)

Always looking for new members Why not give it a try?

Contact Charlene Lindquist, at 893-5025 or 726-8364 today!

Speak to Gwen if you would like to share some special music this Fall.

Speak to Charlene if you would like to learn to play bells or join our Praise Ringers.

All kids are welcome to join the Hallelujah Kids Chorus. Rehearsals are part of Kids Church, and the Chorus shares music during services, especially during the Holidays.

## The Hallelujah Kids Chorus



Rehearsals during Kids Church

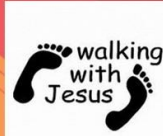


# Health & Wellness Ministries

## Next Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (both services)  
Get your blood pressure checked free of charge after church.  
Know Your Numbers!

# Faith Formation



## 2024 WLUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

What a wonderful, relaxing, weekend! 21 women gathered at St Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for our retreat. Pastor Anne Riegler led our sessions on the theme 'Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet'. She led us in study, discussion, and sharing of our own experiences as we walk with God. Thank you, Anne.

There were moments of laughter, joy, tears, and contemplation, as we explored the ways in which The Word sheds light upon the paths we walk, both together and individually.

We shared worship each morning and evening, led by Fiona Dibble, and music accompanied by Ruth Carson and Rachel Fekken. Thank you, ladies.



There were also opportunities for fellowship, rest, walks in the beautiful grounds at the center, and naps! Many thanks to Ruth Tuttle, Suzanne Cox, and Sue Lloyd for all their work preparing for this wonderful opportunity to share and grow together.



# FAITH GROUPS – HERE’S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

CALL RUTH TUTTLE TO FIND THE BEST FIT FOR YOU!

We have faith groups meeting throughout the week.

## Tuesday Faith Group

10 - 11:30 AM:

Facilitator: Ruth Tuttle

Begins September 17, Room 3

Studying Season 2 of THE CHOSEN

## Sisters.... all women welcome

5:30 - 7:00 PM Room 11

Begins September 18th with the study of “Love Wins” by Rob Bell

Love Wins is a book about heaven, hell and the fate of every person who ever lived.

## Wednesday Evening Faith Group

Facilitator: Ken Wentworth

7:00 - 8:30 PM in Room 3

1 Kings 1 – 11, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

Understanding and wisdom, both free from God for the asking, will come alive to all God’s children with learning and discussion of what the Bible means to each of us. This book and study are a great beginning to that quest of our hearts.

## Thursday Faith Groups

Thursday morning group

Facilitator: Fred Nichols

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Praise Center Conference Room

Begins September 19 with the study of “God Never Gives Up on You,” by Max Lucado

## Thursday Thinkers

7 – 8.30pm

Facilitator: Fiona Dibble & Ruth Grenell

Begins September 18<sup>th</sup>

Praise Center Fellowship Hall

Studying the Beatitudes

No reading required!

## Knowing Me, Know You

7 – 8.30pm

Facilitator: Pastor Tim Dibble

Begins September 18<sup>th</sup>

Praise Center Narthex

Studying the book of 1 Peter

Perseverance: From Chaos to Christ

Men and boys of all ages YOU are invited to

## THE MEN’S BREAKFAST

Please come to enjoy fellowship with your friends, and share your needs, ideas, and thoughts. We'll have a light breakfast followed by conversation.



**4th Saturday of each month**

**Time: 8-10 am**

**Location: Montague Campus**

**Please RSVP with the office or Tom Hinken (call or text 231-730-0075)**

If you are able to bring fruit, donuts, etc. please let Tom know

# SUMMER SPLASH

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**O**utreach

**W**itness



Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Summer Splash event. We had around 50 people show up, of all ages. Some from each campus, our friends from The Gathering and Free Store, and a few people who just saw our ad on Facebook and decided to come along and see what we were up to!



## LOOKING AHEAD



White Lake United Methodist Church

invites you to .....

*A Church Family*

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

*Fun for all ages!*

**Friday, October 25th 2024 from 6—8pm**

At our Montague Campus  
855 Cook Street, Montague  
Call 231 894 5789 for info.

Come and enjoy games, refreshments, and finger foods.  
Wear a costume, and bring your own carved pumpkin  
Perhaps you will win a prize!



### **Trunk or Treat – Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5 – 7pm**

We are now collecting donations of candy for the Trunk or Treat. Please help us with this outreach to our community. Until the boxes appear, please leave candy at the office.

We also need folks to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Please sign up asap in the church office if you can help!



**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP. PLEASE CONSIDER PREPARING A MEAL OR HELPING WITH SET-UP/CLEAN-UP. (SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE WELCOME DESK) CONTACT MARTHA SADONY FOR MORE INFO.**



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## **WEDNESDAY DOLLAR DINNERS**

White Lake UMC Montague Campus  
8555 Cook Street, Montague  
**For info call #231 894 5789**

Everyone is welcome to join us  
for dinner at 5pm each  
Wednesday, at our Montague  
Campus, from Sept 11th 2024

# ENDOWMENT UPDATE



## WLUMC ENDOWMENT MONTHLY REPORT AUGUST 2024

Beginning Balance (8/1/2024)	\$195,002.23
Dividend Income	+286.03
Disbursements	0.00
Change in Market Value	+3,308.78
Ending Value (7/31/2024)	\$198,597.04

Last month, at the beginning of this report, I expressed thanks for the continued growth of our fund, but at the same time indicated that I was concerned that the fund might experience some rougher times in the month to come. Boy was I wrong! The fund grew by \$3,594.81 to again reach new heights.

I guess I should follow my own recommendation penned later in that same report: believe in our God and the United Methodist Foundation. They have and continue to oversee our wonderful fund.

I only wish all the founding members of this fund could be around today to both experience the growth of the fund, and the good the fund has done for so many over these past 25 years.

God is good! Oh, so good!!!!

In Christ. Jeff Petersen (Endowment Fund Team Leader)



Just a quick shout-out to the Chrystal Lake Association team who work at The Gathering each month!

What a wonderful bunch of hard-working, friendly folks they are!



## **REPORT FOR OCTOBER**

Overall, a pretty quiet time on the buildings and grounds front.

Praise Center:

- Window issues in fellowship hall are raising their heads. Will get busy on those repairs as well.

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

Montague Campus:

- Working to finalize the Bell Tower to Cross conversion. Welding the Cross is in the hands of experts, and we are waiting on the cap and wrap of the tower columns and beam before the Cross can be mounted.
- Worked on the mowers, installing new guild wheels and a new grass catcher belt. Mowing season is coming to an end soon. Thanks to all the mowers!!!!
- Made some minor changes to the sprinkler that was causing water to get into the new entry way. Karen had found water under the rug in that area. We found the problem as the sprinkler hitting the base of the door allowing water to ingress.
- Change to the trash collection process is underway. We have a smaller trash bin and service to that bin each week. Our costs for the dumpster(s) are too high so we made the decision to change to a smaller bin with more frequent service. We have moved the bin to the shed area. So, trash pickup will be at the south end of the main parking area. Thanks to Carla Heaton for all her work on this and making the process happen.

Thanks for all the efforts of all those helping to maintain and improve our facilities. What an incredible group.

Parsonage:

- The pesky split rail fence at the front entrance will need some work as well. Glen Naghtin provided some much-needed fence sections, and we will get them placed to fix the problem.
- Some minor issues with the medicine cabinet in the new bathroom are being resolved by the residents of the rooms. Alex Hayden said he will make the necessary repairs.
- Thanks to Larry Lindquist for mowing the parsonage lawn. Looks great and it is much appreciated by Fiona and Pastor Tim.

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



# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## Ted Boyden's Annual Jam Fundraiser



All proceeds from the sale of fruit products will be donated to the church to support the twice monthly meals prepared and delivered to the Muskegon rescue Mission Women's Shelter

**Fundraiser runs from  
10/1/24—10/31/24  
Half pint jars—\$5.00**

Order forms can be dropped off at the White Lake UMC: Montague Campus and at the Praise Center in Whitehall. Ted is happy to address any questions that you may have. Contact him on Sundays, by phone, or at his home.

Phone # 231 670 4374

Address 9719 Lamos Road, Montague  
(half way between Fruitvale and Eilers)



## White Lake Community Free Store

Located at 117 S. Division St.  
Whitehall, MI 49461  
(Inside the Praise Center)



Every item is free!  
Open Thursdays  
5-8pm  
Open Saturdays  
11am-2pm

Donations can be dropped off  
at the Praise Center

Or at our Montague site  
8555 Cook Street, Montague  
Mon to Fri 10am—3.30pm



## 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

**If you are interested in volunteering to help with meals, please  
contact the church office at 231-894-5789.**

# October Events at a Glance

- 4<sup>th</sup> Health & Wellness Team meeting (Montague) 10am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Life for Barb Sheren (Montague) 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday (special offering) – Holy Communion served at both services.
- 9<sup>th</sup> UWF meeting (Montague) 10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> Disability Awareness Sunday (special offering)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Leadership Team/SPRC Zoom meeting 6.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Blood Pressure Checks after service at each campus
- Church Conference – Montague Campus 3pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Grief Share (Montague) 1pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Church Family Halloween Party (Montague) 6pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Men’s Breakfast (Montague) 8-10am
- 27<sup>th</sup> Commitment Sunday
- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat event (Montague) 4 – 7pm

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES, FAITH GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES AND MORE**  
**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (231) 894 5789 FOR MORE DETAILS**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9am WORSHIP @ Montague  11am WORSHIP @ Praise Center Including Kids Church & Youth Study  4-6pm YOUTH GROUP @ Praise Center	6.30pm NA MEETING @ Praise Center	10am Faith Group @ Montague  7pm AL-ANON @Montague	5pm Dollar Dinner @ Montague 5.30pm  Sister’s Group @ Montague 5.30pm  Choral Joy @ Montague 6pm Praise Ringers @ Montague 7pm  7pm Faith Group @ Montague  7pm NA MEETING	10am Faith Group @ Praise Center 10am—3pm  9.30am Stitches group @ Montague  5-8pm FREESTORE @ Praise Center  6-7pm THE GATHERING FREE MEAL @ Praise Center  7pm Bible Studies @ Praise Center	6.30pm NA MEETING @ Praise Center	11am—2pm FREESTORE @ Praise Center  12-1pm THE GATHERING FREE MEAL @ Praise Center