



# The Messenger

## October 2025

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### From the Pastor's Desk

Summer is really over...there I have said it! Fall is in full swing with leaves falling, football games being played, and school life back to its familiar pattern. It is again time for our Faith Formation Groups and Bible Studies, Choral Joy to lift their voices and our hearts, our Praise Ringers to toll out bells of praise and thanksgiving, our Annual Church Conference, Stewardship Drive "Defying Gravity!", our Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treat, and so much more! Our Free Store and The Gathering continue to provide an essential service and support to our neighbors, and new groups are forming to further our outreach, service, and discipleship over the coming year!

Time, as always, moves on its path. Soon our All Saints Celebration and Remembrance will be upon us. Thanksgiving and Advent are now just "around the corner". Now is as good a time as any to reflect on the state of our church and our own personal discipleship:

Our Charge Conference on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> is a time to celebrate the Holy Spirit led mission work of our church, past and present, and to dream and plan the means of discipleship we will offer God's Kingdom in the coming year and beyond. The questions that I ask you and myself are "What is the status of my discipleship? Am I faithfully living out God's call in my life as I promised I would when I became a professing member of Christ's Church? Is the covenant that I entered into with God as strong as ever and the very center of my life and my priorities?"

When we became a member of Christ's Church and/or White Lake United Methodist Church (WLUMC) we promised God, our fellow members, and ourselves that we would be true to our calling to the Body of Christ. We all answered this question in the affirmative:

*Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service? (UMH pg. 48)*

Can we still answer this question with a resounding “Yes!”? Are we involved in active discipleship through the ministries of WLUMC? Are we being challenged by God even now to extend the Kingdom through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? Do we pray for our Church and one another every day? Are we there in support of the many, varied events of which WLUMC is a part? Is actively joining in worship a real priority in our daily lives? Are we proactively encouraging our extended family to come to church, Kid’s Church, Bible study and Faith Formation Groups, and remain faithful to their Baptism? Are we good and faithful stewards of our spiritual gifts and our financial blessings? Do we personally and actively take part in one or more of the mission and outreach opportunities provided through WLUMC? Do we personally commit to inviting others into lives of committed discipleship? Are we committed to inviting others to church? The goal for every one of us is to be able to answer each of these queries with a resounding YES!

Each negative response indicates a weakening in the very fabric of the diverse tapestry of folks who are White Lake United Methodist Church! It is not too late to jump up and out in faith for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This wonderful Christian fellowship we share is full of opportunities both locally and in the broader scope of the United Methodist Church.

Where are we fitting in God’s plan? Will we be able to respond along with the righteous to Christ at the end of all time; will we be among the sheep or the goats?

*Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For when I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” (Matthew 25:34-36)*

Our Stewardship Drive for the coming year will soon be launched as we explore together “Defying Gravity!” and culminating in our Commitment Sunday Celebration on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The time for a renewed commitment to Christ’s mission to our world is now. The time to renew our covenant with God and each other is now. The time to get involved is now. The time to fulfill our callings as disciples of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords is now.

God bless!

## Our Vision Statement

Worship God

Follow Jesus

Love and Serve All

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

**Deadline for the November newsletter**  
**Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Several of our members are currently in treatment for cancer. Some prefer to remain private, but we pray for each of them. God knows who they are.
- Pat Klotz is moving to rehab after major neck surgery following a fall. Please pray for her comfort as she begins a long recovery process.
- Gwenneth Bean is now in Mary Free Bed for PT and OT. She would prefer not to have visitors at this time but appreciates your prayers.
- Please continue to pray for Pastor Ann Riegler continues to make progress in rehab.
- 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.
- Rebekah Hayden is having a flare up of her chronic conditions. Please pray for her healing and strength.
- Rachel's Grandma, Rosemary has had another stroke and is back in the hospital.



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**

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.

**Call 231 750 8002 for info**



### 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.



Thanks to our Church Family for the thoughts , prayers , food, cards , calls and visits. During the six weeks I had two different surgeries .

We are overwhelmed by this outpouring of love to us!

May God bless you all for caring so much. Sincerely , Art and Laura



# 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 7<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>



Choral Joy practice will continue at 6pm on Wednesdays despite Gwen's absence. Ruth Carson will be temporarily holding the baton and playing piano!

Praise Ringers continue to meet at 7pm each Wednesday, with Charlene Lindquist directing.

We send our love and best wishes to Gwen. She is currently in Mary Free Bed, Grand Rapids. Room #6148. She is asking us NOT to visit. Text messages are great, but don't be surprised if you don't always get a rapid response. Gwen knows a lot of people, and it would be tiring to keep up with all the messages she receives. She can't always answer calls. Of course, cards and prayers are very welcome.



# *Worship God, Follow Jesus, Love and Serve All*

Friday, September 26, 2025

Dear Friends,

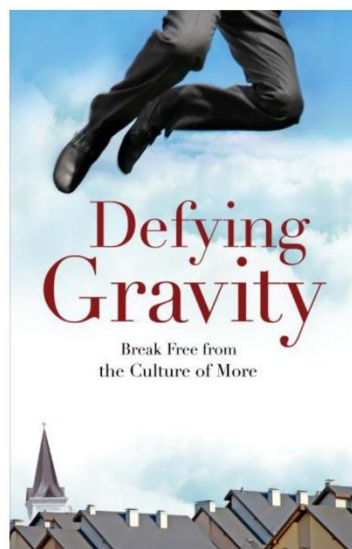
Beginning on October 19th, we'll be celebrating a churchwide stewardship program called "Defying Gravity." Over a four-week period we'll examine the generous life—what it is and why it can be hard to experience. We'll be studying the topic of generosity, including data from surveys, insights from experts, and conversations with generous people about their goals and habits. We want to understand why generosity brings people joy and what forces work against it. Many of us want to experience the significance of blessing others but feel trapped by past decisions and misled by a society that bombards us with messages of having more and having better.

The good news is that Jesus offers us a way to "defy gravity" and break free from the culture of more. Come hear what the Bible and others say about how to experience a generous life. There will be exercises and challenges during this series to help you consider your relationship with money, possessions, and giving.

You won't want to miss a single Sunday of "Defying Gravity."

In Christ,

Rev. Timothy Dibble





# Faith Formation



Join Pastor Tim at The Book Nook,  
8744 Ferry St, Montague

## The Mug & Message

A friendly discussion on faith and things that matter to you. Grab your own coffee and join the conversation.

2nd Wednesday each month  
Starting at 6pm on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

whitelakeunitedmethodist@gmail.com

231-894-5789

whitelakeumc.org



Come and support this new faith group. Pastor Tim will be meeting at the Book Nook with anyone who would like to take part in the discussion – The Mug & Message!

## 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



## YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL GROUP

(THE TERM 'YOUNG' IS PRETTY BROAD!)

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER WITH YOUNGER CHURCH FRIENDS IN A SOCIAL SETTING - SOMETIMES WITH THE KIDS COMING ALONG, SOMETIMES JUST THE GROWN-UPS.**

**WATCH OUT FOR DETAILS OF OUR NEXT MEETING IN CHURCH MAILINGS**

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



# 3RD ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

What a wonderful weekend shared with such a fun, caring, supportive, and exceptional group of women. If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar for the next time around. You won't regret it! Rev Kim Bos led us in thinking about our own faith and fears, our concerns about the church, and our hopes for the future. She also led an excellent Bible study on Mary Magdelene. We shared music and worship time together in the chapel, and laughter around the dining table. There was time to relax and walk through the beautiful retreat center grounds, and to limber up with some chair yoga. What a great time of renewal and refreshment.



"Loved the theme. Really made me think about the future of our world."



"I loved building connections with other women."

"Reconnected with the idea that it's not 'our church' but Christ's church"



"It was just what I needed in so many ways."





Did you know that ALL women and girls in the United Methodist Church are members of the UWF?

All pastors are members too!

Next meeting is on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

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You are invited to our  
**Women's Potluck Dinner**

**Tuesday, October 14th**



Come on ladies!  
Join us for a fun evening  
of board/card games and  
great food. Just a  
relaxing time to socialize  
with friends.



**Gathering from 5.30pm for 6pm meal,  
with games beginning at 7pm**

A fun time to socialize, make friends  
(Bring a dish to pass—beverages provided)

**RSVP to the church office 231 894 5789**

## ENDOWMENT UPDATE



### WLUMC Endowment Report August 2025

Beginning Market Value (07/31/2025)	201,013.20
Income	
Dividends.	233.72
Change in Market Value	<u>2,980.71</u>
Ending Market Value. (08/31/2025)	205,427.63

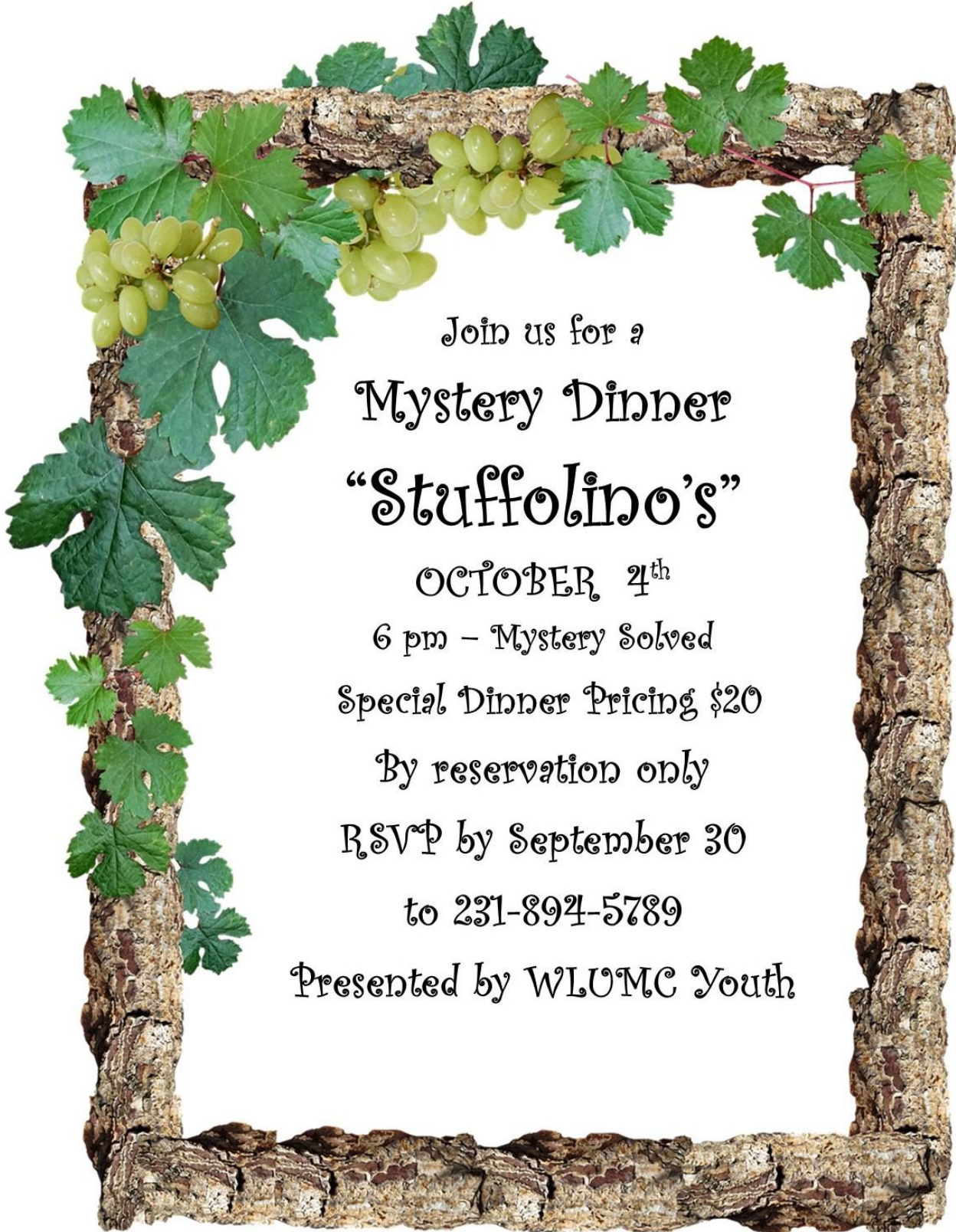
We had nice gains in August. Thank you for your support of our Endowment Fund.

In Christ, Tim Todd.

Endowment Fund Team Leader



# South Group Scoop



Join us for a  
Mystery Dinner  
“Stuffolino’s”

OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup>

6 pm - Mystery Solved

Special Dinner Pricing \$20

By reservation only

RSVP by September 30

to 231-894-5789

Presented by WLUMC Youth



# 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*

Come along to our fun Halloween events. The party on October 24<sup>th</sup> is for all ages. Costumes are great but not required. There's also plenty of space to add more trunks to our Trunk or Treat evening on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to decorate your trunk and hand out treats to our local kids and families, sign up with Sue Lloyd.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY

We are now collecting candy for our Halloween events. Bags of individually wrapped treats can be left at the office or placed in collection boxes in the Welcome Centers.



**Please help if you can!**

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

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

OCTOBER  
**24**

Join us at White Lake UMC  
for some spooky  
family fun

FRIDAY  
**5-7pm**

8555 Cook Street,  
Montague, MI 49437

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

FRIDAY  
**OCTOBER 31**

WHITE LAKE UMC  
5pm - 7pm

CANDY, COSTUMES, SPOOKY FUN!

8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437

*Don't forget to wear your costume!*

Call 231 894 5789 for info





# MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

## MISSION SUPPORT

Our mission team will soon be headed to Atlanta, Georgia, to provide much needed assistance to folks recovering from storms in that area.

We still have some envelopes to take and uncover Rachel's beautiful painting. Each has a monetary value written on it. Please select the value you can 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). 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!



## *Ted Boyden's Final 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  
10/1/25–10/31/25  
Half pint jars—\$6.00**



Order forms can be dropped off at the White Lake UMC Office.

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)



## *THE GATHERING*

**Free Meals & Good Company**

**New team members needed**

**contact the church office or call**

**Steve Welter 231 670 1702**

8555 Cook Street  
Montague,  
MI 49437  
231 894 5789

The Gathering free meals program is in desperate need of new team members at our Monday evening meals . 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:

- We have TWO parties interested in the building. We are in the process of answering questions about infrastructure and other costs as well as tours to review possibilities for use. Stay tuned.

## Montague Campus:

- Gardens are waning. However, fall colors are in bloom and in need of help from any of us willing to roll up a sleeve or two and dig in some dirt. Supporting this ministry of a wonderful, visual and environmental masterpiece needs some TLC. Memorial Gardens; Raised Garden, Bio Swales, Fern Garden, Sign Garden, Fruit Garden, Retention Area, East Tree Area, plantings around the church building, Prayer Labyrinth and Playground Area. All need you and whatever you can do. Claire Schlaff is asking for help in a number of these areas.
- Thanks to Jack Grenell. We had some electrical issues in the sanctuary. Lighting issues and now resolved. Thanks, Jack.
- A couple of issues arose with the lawn equipment. All is repaired and working well. Thanks to the lawn crews. What a huge and wonderful job for both buildings.
- Bob Suits, Bob Tuttle, Tom Carson have worked hard to simplify the sound and video systems. Removing lots of unused cables, wiring and such. We hope this will help with the consistency of our streaming and in sanctuary video and sound processes. THANKS, GANG.

## Parsonage:

- We will be working on the decorative fence at the main entrance. A more decorative entrance is being worked on. Purchase of the fence material, then the installation will be planned. Stay tuned.

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

# October Events at a Glance

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Health & Wellness Team meeting 10am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mystery Dinner at Stuffolino's – Youth (reservation required)
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Communion Sunday (special offering)
  - 9am Tradition service with Holy Communion
  - 10am Fellowship Time
  - 10.15am Kid's Church
  - 11am Praise Band service with Holy Communion
- 6<sup>th</sup> Parent's Morning Off (rm 3/nursery) 9.30am
  - UWF meeting 10am
- 9th-12th VIM Mission trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> Church Conference – N Muskegon Community UMC 3pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Blood Pressure checks available after each service
- 21<sup>st</sup> Grief Share 1pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Church Family Halloween Party 5 – 7pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Trunk or Treat 5 – 7pm

Every Monday 9.30 - 10.30am  
beginning Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **PARENTS** *Morning Off*

Get to know other parents, talk about your joys and concerns and share parenting stories while the little ones play in the nursery with qualified helpers

All are welcome

- ✓ Play time
- ✓ Make friends
- ✓ Share ideas
- ✓ Have fun

**CONTACT**  
**KAREN SNIDER-SMITH**  
**TO REGISTER - CALL OR**  
**TEXT 231-750-2267**



at White Lake UMC, 8555 Cook Street, Montague, MI 49437 Office # 231 894 5789

This is a non-denominational group



## 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](mailto:rctuttle@mac.com) or Bob Suits (231) 557-4498 [rpsuits@gmail.com](mailto:rpsuits@gmail.com) or Fred Nichols (231) 894-4716 [Fredn@Bellsouth.net](mailto:Fredn@Bellsouth.net).



### **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
10am Fellowship Time	UWF 10am (first Monday of the month)	Office open 12 to 3.30pm	3.30pm Chair Yoga	Faith Group 10am		(4th Saturday of the month)
Kids Church		Prayer Vigil 5.30pm	5.30pm	Stitchers group 9.30am onwards		FREESTORE 11am—2pm
Youth Study	3.30pm Chair Yoga	AL-ANON 7pm	Sister's Group	FREESTORE 5-8pm	3.30pm Chair Yoga	
11am PRAISE BAND WORSHIP	THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm		6pm Choral Joy (choir practice)	THE GATHERING FREE MEAL 6-7pm	NA MEETING 6.30pm	
Including Kids Church			7pm Praise Ringers (bells practice)			
YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm	NA MEETING 6.30pm		7pm Faith Group	Thursday Thinkers 7pm		
			NA MEETING 7pm			