



The Messenger

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Change is Coming? Change is HERE!

Ok . . . There is no denying it now . . . Summer is really over and, in fact, autumn has nearly run its natural course as well. The crisp air in the morning, the frost on the ground, and the graying of the clouds overhead tell us that winter is not that far off. Change is HERE!

Since change is indeed inevitable (and you know that it really is) the quests before you challenge you to join in the change and to seize the day for Jesus Christ! We are called to look forward to the coming year and how we can best prepare our lives of faithful and faith-filled discipleship in the present. Over the last few years, you have experienced a change of pastor. A change in leadership structure. A change in worship to incorporate the growing online church. We have experienced a pandemic, rising social and political divisiveness in our nation, and the list just goes on and on! Bob Dylan has it right...“The times they are a changing...”

Amidst this change, however, God remains steadfast and call us to join in building the very foundation of The Kingdom! We share in opportunities to learn and serve together and with our community. Your youth fellowship is once again busy laughing, learning, and serving. A new young adult outreach has begun. Bible studies are offered throughout the week. We are about to put up a new website and a more comprehensive social media presence to reach all ages. Our Free Store at The Praise Center continues to touch and change lives. The Gathering and Wednesday Dinners continue to feed the hungry and provide a platform to share our journeys of faith together. We are collaborating with other church, our schools, local service organizations, and businesses as we seek to transform our community by making disciples all around us. Your Worship Team is committed and involved in developing the worship offerings of which we all are so much a part. The lists of opportunities go on and on as you faithfully answer God's call to love your neighbors.

White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Introduction

When a person officially joins with a congregation, he or she makes a commitment to participate in the ministries, financial support, and decision-making of the church. Therefore, the church not only counts members, it counts on them to be a formal part of the body of Christ and to accept and exercise their responsibilities in that role. People who join a United Methodist Church commit to "uphold the church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness." Honoring this membership commitment through a lifetime builds a strong community of believers who are disciples of Jesus Christ. You are invited to check out the brief descriptions that follow in this newsletter for each vow and a checklist of suggestions to fulfill the vow.



2023 Mission Trip To Mexico

FEBRUARY 11-14, 2023
PUERTO PENASCO, MEXICO

A huge thank you to Tara for creating two huge, wonderful posters that explain where we are going and what we will be doing. Please check them out at either campus. If you would like to be a part of our group going to Mexico, we would love to have you join us!

Please speak with Bob or Ruth Tuttle for more information.

We have a fundraising goal of \$5,000 and will so appreciate any financial help that can be given to us. Please memo your check or online giving "Mexico Mission Trip."

Thank you,
Ruth Tuttle

**The
Gathering
Free Meals
& Good
Company**

Thursdays

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturdays

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

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Church

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

Advent is Coming



This Advent season we will be doing a study called “The Heart that Grew Three Sizes” by Matt Rawle. In this new study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” I invite you to join us this Advent and Christmas season as we look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Listed here are the existing groups that will be using the study, but if none of these work for you, or if you would like to father with others in the congregation or even friends from outside

our congregation for an Advent study group, feel free to set that up on whatever day or time works best for your group. Please let Ruth Tuttle know and she will make sure that you have everything you need.

Present small groups: **Tuesday, 10AM at the Montague Campus**

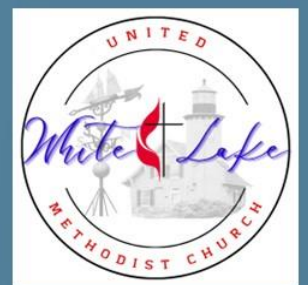
Wednesday, 5:30PM at the Montague Campus

Thursday, 10AM at the Praise Center

White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Prayers

Prayer is conversation with God. Your relationship with God grows the same way that significant human relationships grow. You have to give time and attention to special relationships. As your faith develops and grows, you spend more and more time with God.

- Set aside some time each day to talk with God. There are many daily devotionals, Bible reading guides, books of meditations, forms of prayer to help you. Ask your pastor or other church member for suggestions.
- Learn and try new ways to pray.
- Increase the time you talk with God each day. The Apostle Paul urges prayer "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).



Nurture Outreach Witness NOW Corner

Dollar dinners used to go from September until May and now it looks like they may be ending in November this year. This is NOT what I want to do, but what I will have to do if no one signs up soon!! The next few weeks are taken care of, but for this to continue, we need more volunteers! I was so hopeful when Karen Stembol signed up for herself and her sisters to cook once a month, that the pressure was off and others would be more likely to sign up for a meal, but that has not happened. It has taken me begging or just doing it myself. If someone has any ideas on how to keep this wonderful mission going, I am open to them! I want to THANK each one of you that has stepped up to cook, serve, or clean up. The sign-up sheet is still on the Welcome Center desk at the Montague Campus, but if we do not continue to have individuals/teams signing up, I will have to pull the plug. Please think about helping me to keep this wonderful mission going!

69th Annual Christmas Parade is December 3, from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. I think it would be nice if we were a part of the parade, but again, I cannot do this by myself so if WE, as a church, would like to enter something in the parade, please step forward with some ideas and let me know.

Peace, Love, and Joy,
Martha Sadony
NOW Director

White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Presence

A commitment to presence means we pay attention to the time and to the place we are at the present moment. This is actually a hard practice because people tend to be thinking about the past or future. Yet our Christian commitment is to pay attention to the present moment, looking and listening for God's guidance. When we promise "presence" to the congregation, we commit to be engaged to the place and people who compose both the congregation and the community the congregation serves.

- Attend worship weekly where you are.
- Build deeper relationships with people in the congregation and the community through regular participation in a small group, fellowship opportunities, and service projects.
- Pay full attention to your location and to the people you are with at church, at work or school, and at home.



White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Gifts

This commitment encourages us to use our spiritual gifts, our natural abilities, our material assets, our training and experience to uphold God's church. We have opportunities each day to discover and develop gifts, then a responsibility through this vow to full stewardship of our time, abilities, and finances.

- Maximize opportunities through church, work, school, and relationships to discover and develop your natural and spiritual gifts, and to expand your experience. This is referred to in the Bible as *growing in wisdom*.
- Practice recycling and wise stewardship of the earth's resources.
- Manage your material assets wisely. Learn about and practice financial management and biblical giving of money and resources. John Wesley would say *earn all you can and give all you can*.



United Women in Faith

ATTENTION LADIES!
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND UNITED WOMEN
IN FAITH (UWFAITH – FORMERLY UMW)
EVENTS & MEETINGS!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
@ 10:00 AM, PRAISE CENTER CAMPUS
UMFAITH MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
BAZAAR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL @
MONTAGUE CAMPUS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
@ 10:00 AM MONTAGUE CAMPUS
UWFAITH MEETING.

STITCHERS MEET EVERY THURSDAY!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Holiday
BAZAAR & BAKE SALE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

WHITE LAKE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8555 COOK STREET
MONTAGUE, MI 49437

White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Service

The commitment to service reminds us that Jesus' life was an example of living as a servant and his words instructed his disciples to do the same.

- Participate in church service and mission projects. When you recognize an unmet need, work with others to try to meet the need.
- Volunteer regularly to serve the church community through office work, teaching, building clean-up, Sunday morning service, and other ways.
- Volunteer regularly for community service, such as school tutoring, clean-up and recycling, disaster recovery, and other ways.



A Brand New Way to Give

White Lake UMC & The Praise Center is now registered with GivePlus (A Vanco Company) that makes giving so much easier from the comfort of your own home -- and your own phone! It's as easy as sending a text message -- yes, really!

Simply follow the steps listed below and you'll be well on your way to a brand-new way of giving! It's safe, easy, and convenient!

- 1. Get Started** - *Open up a new text message and where you'd enter the recipient's name or number, enter 844-900-2216, and in the body of the text message, enter the amount you'd like to donate.*
- 2. Register** - *You will immediately receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process".*
- 3. Give** - *After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via e-mail.*
- 4. Repeat** - *For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically!*

All Saints Sunday Celebration

November 6th 2023

“Hope”



Sunday, November 20th

Join us!

Right after worship!

White Lake United Methodist Church Church Membership Checklist - Witness

A promise to witness reminds us that other people see and hear us all the time. Our living, our words, our actions and commitments are a witness to our priorities. Upholding God's church with our witness is a vow to let our life speak, 24/7.

- Live with integrity so that your words and actions honor God, honor yourself, and honor others.
- Greet and speak warmly to others, especially visitors in your church, co-workers and people with whom you live, do business and interact every day.
- Learn how to share your faith naturally and comfortably; invite people to attend church events with you.



Support Group for Loved Ones of Suicide Attempt Survivors

This will be a unique group specifically for people who have family members or dear friends who have attempted suicide or are having thoughts of suicide.

It will be a safe place to share experiences, thoughts, feelings, questions, and research-based knowledge in a space of empathy, respect, understanding, and connectedness.

This will be peer led by people who have lived experience and have cherished loved ones who have attempted suicide.

The group will meet **THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH** in the Conference Room at the Praise Center Campus (117 S. Division Street, Whitehall) from **6:00 – 8:00 pm**.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the support group or are interested in attending, please call **Sandi Teichmer at 231-557-8453**.

There is ALWAYS hope. There is ALWAYS help.

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Call 988, Text 988, Chat 988lifeline.org.

White Lake Community Free Store

The Free Store is currently in need of the following items:

- Men's, Women's & Children's Winter Clothing
- Men's, Women's & Children's Winter Gear (boots, mittens, coats, gloves)
- New underwear of all sizes
- Socks of all sizes
- Personal Hygiene Items (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste)
- Baby diapers & wipes

Donations can be dropped off on Fridays between 10 & 11am at the Praise Center in Whitehall.



Daylight-Saving
Time Ends

Sunday,
November 6th

2022

Turn your clocks back!!!



United Methodist
Student Day
Sunday
November 27th

Gifts to United Methodist Student Day offering help deserving United Methodist students continue their education and faith journeys as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has called them to do.

Christmas Carols & Coffee At The Book Nook

Saturday, December 3rd 2022
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. beginning immediately following
The Christmas Parade!
Sponsored by White Lake United Methodist Church