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The Messenger

January 29, 2021

White Lake United Methodist Church & The Praise Center

Monday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
*Office Hours @
Montague*

Tuesday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
*Office Hours & Pastor's
Office Hours @
Montague*

10:00 am
*Bible Study @
Montague*

7:00 pm
*Tuesday Evening Movie
Group via Zoom*

Wednesday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
*Office Hours & Pastor's
Office Hours @
Montague*

2:30 pm
Bible Study via Zoom

5:30 pm
*Sister's Class @
Montague*

PASTOR MIKE ON VACATION



Pastor Mike and Pastor Anne are on a much needed and well-deserved vacation this week and next. Pastor will return to his regularly scheduled office hours on Tuesday, February 9th. Dr. Michelle Vallier will be filling in for him this coming Sunday, January 31st, and

Nancy Frye will be filling in for him next Sunday, February 7th. For any pastoral needs over the course of the next week, please contact the church office at 894-5789, or Jim Tanis at 894-8525. We hope you have a great vacation, Pastor Mike!

CHECK IT OUT

We're back in business with two new books for the library – one for adults and the one for kids suitable also for adults! Enjoy!

For adults:

Sparks, Maisie – HOLY SHAKESPEARE! – 101 Scriptures that appear in Shakespeare's plays, poems, and sonnets (placed in the Bible section)

For kids: (anyone, really) –

Freeman, Don – GRIN AND BEAR IT – the wit and wisdom of Corduroy

The endowment fund was responsible for both these titles. Watch for others.

Thursday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

*Office Hours & Pastor's
Office Hours @
Montague*

10:00 am

*Bible Study @ Praise
Center*

7:00 pm –

*Bible Study @
Montague*

Friday

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

*Office Hours & Pastor's
Office Hours @
Montague*

Sunday

9:00 am

Worship @ Montague

11:00 am

*Worship @ Praise
Center*

11:20 am

*Sunday School @ Praise
Center*

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

As I enter January term followed by the spring semester at Garrett, I want to express my deepest thanks for all your support for this academic year. White Lake United Methodist Church has provided for me financially in the form of a matching scholarship, an endowment grant, and multiple special offerings. This financial help has given me great peace of mind as I transition to a new career, and I thank all of you who are making that possible.

The fall semester was a challenge!! In addition to 13 credits at Garrett, I completed the License to Preach school, a nuts-and-bolts training to prepare for pastoral ministry, including classes in Pastoral Care, Preaching and Worship, Administration and Christian Education. I am now qualified to receive an appointment as a Licensed Local Pastor in the coming year (I will not be licensed until appointed). The bulk of this training was postponed from July to October, due to Covid-19, which meant I was double-booked. This did not leave much time for anything but constant studying, and I felt and appreciated all the prayers, kind words and cards that helped me feel comfort amid that stress.

The semester was also enriching!! I love school, as you might expect, given my life choices. My classes this fall stretched me in all ways, and I enjoyed them tremendously. Although I loved elements of all of them, Intro to Hebrew Bible and Person in Community were my favorites. I have always had a strong connection with the Old Testament, and it's fascinating to learn about its original contexts in more detail. Person in Community provided a safe and healthy space to explore the cultural difficulties we face as a church, country, and world, and I have grown in my appreciation for the work so many are doing to create a church where we see the face of God in all.

As I write this, I am preparing my first assignments for my J-term course, Women in Early Christianity. I hope to share some of what I learn in this class and other with all of you as time goes on.

Thank you for being my church family, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

In Christ's Love -- Michelle Vallier

LENTEN STUDY



Wait for it.....Wait for it...

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS
FEBRUARY 16TH.....LENT
BEGINS!** How can that be? We
just

celebrated Christmas. Well facts are facts and plans are under way for another ALL CHURCH Lenten Study.

We would love to have you join us for the study “Words of Life” by Adam Hamilton.

“Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of “thou-shalt-nots” found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient “words” were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us—often from ourselves.

In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.” He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.”

If you would like to join one of our existing small groups for this study or be part of a brand-new group, you can sign up at the welcome desk in either the Montague Campus, Praise Center or email/call Tara and get your name on the list.

COVID VACCINE



Need help registering for COVID vaccine? Try this: email maskupmuskegon.com

SUMMER CAMP OUT

I'm dreaming of warm sunshine, beautiful Lake Michigan sand and the quieting sound of the waves..... AND our Campout Weekend at the beautiful Lake Michigan Camp and Retreat Center.

Now that everyone has their 2021 calendar handy, it's time to put this date in your calendar.....July 30 - August 1st.



Sure hoping you will join us. More information coming soon!!

PRAYER SHAWLS AND QUILTS

Pastor Mike is in immediate need of more prayer shawls and quilts/blankets. This is a wonderful ministry to be able to provide to those experiencing illness, loss, or hardships.

These items can be dropped off to the church office during office hours – M-F, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm or can be left outside of the church office after hours. Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ENDOWMENT GRANTS



Group leaders and pertinent group members please be advised that Endowment Grant Applications are now in leader's mailboxes in the Fellowship Hall or in the office and can be obtained from Secretary Tara Eilers during regular business hours. If you or one of your members or sub-groups need financial help to cover the cost of an item or project that is outside the

ability of your current budget, the Endowment Committee may be able to help. Anyone may apply, but all applications must be approved by the appropriate group leader. Although each leader has been given only one application form, copies may be made for multiple submissions from the same group. Endowment applications for grant consideration **must be submitted by no later than Monday, March 1, 2021** to either Tara Eilers, MUMC Secretary (church office) or Jeff Petersen, Endowment Committee Chair (place in Endowment mailbox in Fellowship Hall).

The Endowment Committee will meet on Monday, March 8, 2021 to determine grants based on applications received. Every effort will be made to make at least a minimal grant to each request made if possible. The number of applications submitted and the amount of the funds available will determine the amount of the grants made. Once grants are determined, leaders will be notified, and grants released as soon as possible when accompanied by a written notice of receipt of the group leader or their representative.

Please examine your needs and wants and fill out an application, get the appropriate leader's signature and make sure they are received by the deadline. We would love to help you and your group/project as much as possible, but we can only do so if you apply.

Thanks,
Jeff Petersen
Endowment Chair

