

Celebrating 150 Years | 1868-2018



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Messiah
CHURCH

Celebrating 150 Years!

1868-2018 Parkers Lake/Messiah Church

Welcome to Messiah Church! This morning we are celebrating a milestone - 150 years!

What makes this church unique is not the buildings that we have had or the names that we have placed on these buildings. It is the common story that we share.

Our story welcomes each person and weaves their lives into this beautiful tapestry known today as Messiah United Methodist Church. There are threads of this story that stretch back to 1868, but each one of us adds to it as we share our own lives in love and service.

At the center of our common story, we find the presence of Christ.

That much has never and will never change.

October 28, 2018

8:45 am • Traditions Worship

Prelude *Sonata di Chiesa, Movement I: Invocation* (Callahan)

Welcome
ATM
Call to Worship
* Hymn #545 (All Verses)
The Church's One Foundation

* Congregational Prayer
Children's Blessing
* Prayer Hymn #571 (Verses 1, 3, 4)
Go Make of All Disciples

Pastoral Prayer
Anniversary Video
Offertory *Sonata di Chiesa, Movement II: Kyrie* (Callahan)

* Doxology #94 *Praise God*
* Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-12 Nancy Fields
Anthem *Cornerstone* (Kirchner)
Message *But Now You Are God's People*
* Closing Hymn #117 (All Verses)
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

* Benediction
Postlude *Sonata di Chiesa, Movement III: Rigadoun* (Callahan)

10:30 am • Journey Worship

Gathering Music *Jesus is Just Alright With Me* (Reynolds)
* Songs of Praise & Worship
Cornerstone (Myrin)
Do It Again (Redman)
We Are (Butler)

Welcome
ATM
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Anniversary Video
Offering *What a Beautiful Name* (Fielding)
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-12 LeAnne Hobbs
Message *But Now You Are God's People*
Anthem *Old Church Choir* (Williams)

* Benediction
Postlude *Jesus is Just Alright With Me* (Reynolds)

* Please stand as you are able.



For those with t-coil equipped hearing aids or cochlear implants, an **induction hearing loop** is installed for use in our sanctuary.

An **ASL interpreter** is available for worship services and special events upon request. Please email jharmon@messiahchurch.org or call our office at (763) 473-6968, ext. 113 at least 5 days prior to when you will be worshipping with us so that we may accommodate your needs.

Worship Notes



Welcome Bishop Ough!

Bishop Bruce Ough is the resident bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area of The United Methodist Church, where he has served since September 1, 2012.

Originally from North Dakota, he has served in the Dakotas and Iowa Annual Conferences, and was the senior pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa prior to his election as bishop in 2000. He served as bishop for

the West Ohio Annual Conference (2000-2012), bishop of the South-east Asia Mission (2012-2015) and as President of the Council of Bishops (2016-2018). He is married to Charlene Ough, and they are the parents of three sons and the proud grandparents of seven.

Bishop Ough's message this morning is titled *But Now You Are God's People*. The apostle Peter reminds us that God "called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." We have been given a purpose and a symbol to remind us what we are to be. Messiah's 150th anniversary is a defining moment for us to respond to God's call.

Welcome to Messiah Church

We're glad you're here! Let us know you're here today by filling out the Connect Card and placing it in the Offering Plate when it comes by. If you'd like to list a prayer request on the reverse side, our Prayer Team will be honored to pray for you throughout the week.

First time here? Welcome! We've been waiting for you. Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please check one of the organizations listed on the front of the Connect Card and we'll make a donation in your honor. Your presence is already making an impact in this community!

We love Children and Youth

At Messiah Church, children and youth are important. Following the opening hymn, we will pray a blessing over them and dismiss them to Sunday School. Children kindergarten through 8th grade are invited downstairs to attend an age-appropriate class. Parents may pick up their children in room 110 (lower level) following worship. Childcare (room 292) for children three months through three-years-old and a preschool class (room 293) for three through five-year-olds, are both available before the service begins.

All are invited for refreshments in Heritage Hall following worship.

Grow Pray Study (GPS) A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Monday , October 29	Matthew 18:1-4
Tuesday , October 30	Matthew 5:14-16
Wednesday , October 31	Acts 2:41-43, 46-47, 5:12-14
Thursday , November 1	Romans 12:9-18
Friday , November 2	Hebrews 10:22-25
Saturday , November 3	Romans 14:13-19

To receive a daily email of the Grow, Pray, Study (GPS) devotional, check the box on the back of the Connect Card. It may also be found online at MessiahChurch.org under "Messages" or a printed copy is available on the wall across from the Library, near the front doors.

2018 Messiah Staff

Pastors

Steve Richards, Senior Pastor
Tami Luckhardt, Executive Pastor
Dick Ellis, Pastor of Congregational Care

Worship

Joy Ann Harmon, Director of Worship
Katie Moss, Organist & Director of Handbells
Matthew Ferrell, Director of Chancel Choir

Ministries

Karen Klekner, Director of Children and Family Ministry
Kami Pohl, Director of Community Engagement
Sami Tierney, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Faith Community Nurse

Jill Mahoney, RN, BSN, FCN

Business Office

Jean Paulsen-Lepley, Director of Operations
Carolyn Loeffler, Interim Administrative Assistant
Paul Hahn, Bookkeeper
Andrew Dalton, Maintenance
Tom Staehle, Security

Communications

Tracy Ickes, Director of Communications
Siri Nanneman, Newsletter Editor

Servant Steering Team

Steve Richards, Pastor
Tami Luckhardt, Pastor
Maria Banda
Brian Dreibelbis
Paul Hoekstra
John Madsen
Linda Munch
Chuck Stern
Pete Thorp

A LOOK AT MESSIAH CHURCH *history*



1871 - Plymouth Methodist Church.



The church built in 1889. This photo was taken around 1910.

1800s

- 1868** A church society was organized under the name of Plymouth Methodist Church with services held in area homes and the Plymouth Grange Hall. Circuit riding ministers led the worship services and were often paid with food and lodging rather than a salary.
- 1871** A log chapel was built for Sunday services on the north shore of Parkers Lake on land donated by Charles Parker. This structure burned to the ground in 1877 and the congregation again met in homes and the Plymouth Grange Hall.
- 1889** The new Parkers Lake Methodist Episcopal Church was built by members on the site of the church that burned in 1877. The altar/pulpit was hand-carved by Peter Winnen, a local wood carver, and is now in our Prayer Room. The Sunday School enrollment was nearly 50 children.



Some of Messiah's congregation in 1918. Olive Eager, Judy Schulte's mother, is seated second from left. Pastor Downing is seated center front.



Hand-carved pulpit created by Peter Winnen for the Parkers Lake Methodist Episcopal Church built in 1889. After being partially destroyed by fire in 1947, it was eventually restored by a grandson of Peter. The piece was returned to Messiah in 1967 and now resides in our Prayer Room at the back of the sanctuary.



Maud Hatcher, Judy Schulte's grandmother, at the groundbreaking of our current building.

- 1907** Reverend Crawford Grays was hired as the first resident pastor.
- 1911** A basement with a dining room and kitchen was added to the church building.
- 1921** The parsonage was built at a cost of \$3,600 with the labor donated by the congregation and the land given by Earle Brown. The chicken and turkey dinner fundraisers served by the women of the church were famous throughout the area. By 1940, tents were erected beside the church to accommodate all the people who came. By 1960 even the tents were not big enough, so the dinners were held at Oakwood School.
- 1941** The annual budget of the church was \$850 with \$600 of it paid as the pastor's salary.
- 1942** This was the 75th anniversary celebration. Sunday School enrollment had grown to 60 children.
- 1947** Another addition to the building for the Sunday School classes was made for \$1,350 in cash and another \$400 in pledges. In November of that year, a fire destroyed the section of the church built in 1889, but the Sunday School addition was spared. Services were held in the parsonage.
- 1948** Rebuilding began on the original site with pledges, personal loans, a \$1,500 loan from the Church Mission Board, and a \$7,500 mortgage from the Wayzata State Bank.

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November 1947 fire.



1961 - Annual turkey dinner prep.

Numbers Through the Years

Budget

1941	\$850	1998	\$621,880
1965	\$37,613	2008	\$1,265,000
1982	\$203,251	2018	\$1,246,280

2018

Membership	943
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	495
Number of Small Groups	22
Small Group Participation	222
Children (birth-5th Grade)	89
Youth (6th-12th Grade)	60
Budget	\$1,246,280

1900-1949



First Vacation Bible School at Parkers Lake Methodist Church in 1924.



1953 - Parkers Lake Methodist Church.



Land for the new church building was purchased from the Radintz family.

1950-1975

- 1953** The construction and renovation were completed and the pastor's salary was raised to \$3,000.
- 1958** This was the 90th anniversary. Membership was 235 members. A second service was started and the mortgage was retired.
- 1959** Study groups began planning for a new church facility. Land was eventually purchased from the Radintz family.
- 1964** Phase I construction began with Tom Turnham as chairperson of the Building Committee. During construction, services were held at Oakwood Elementary School.
- 1965** The Consecration Service was celebrated on April 4 with Pastor Richard Akers and Bishop Nall. The cross for the exterior of the building was donated by Agnes Ornat.
- 1966** The Parkers Lake Methodist Church was renamed Messiah Methodist Church and in 1968 renamed again Messiah United Methodist Church.



Sunday School in the 1960s.



Phase I was complete in 1965.



- 1983** Phase II construction began for a new sanctuary and addition, under the leadership of Russ Norha as chairperson of the Building Committee.
- 1986** On Palm Sunday, the congregation worshiped for the first time in the new sanctuary with Pastor Stan Hanks preaching.
- 1994** The lower level Lakeside Room was completed in response to the growing programs for children and youth.
- 1999** Phase III construction began to add space for a child care center and offices.

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1976-1999



Completion of the first half of the new sanctuary, used for the first time in 1986.



Heritage Hall served as the sanctuary from 1965-1986.



Wooden cross behind the church.



Choir loft - now the kitchen in Heritage Hall.



Phase II under construction.

- 2000** Messiah opened Kids' Care Connection (now known as Bloom Early Learning & Child Care), a child care center that welcomes families who cannot afford child care.
- 2002** Completion of the Celebration Garden.
- 2009** Phase IV construction expanded and completed the sanctuary and space for children and youth on the lower level.
- 2011** Dedication of the final three stained glass windows in the sanctuary — the first six were installed in 1990. All nine were designed by Dieterich Spahn.
- 2012** Commissioned Carol Erickson as a missionary to Kenya where she founded Imara International, a ministry that supports teenage mothers and their children.
- 2015** Dedication of the Columbarium.
- 2016** Addition of live streaming and on demand rebroadcast of our Sunday worship services.
- 2018** Celebration of our 150th Anniversary!
— *God's work is not done! To be continued.* —

2000s



Columbarium in the Celebration Garden.



2018 Youth mission trip to Colorado.

Pastors of Messiah United Methodist Church

Charles Haskell	1868-1870
S.E. Bunce	1878-1879
James S. Garvin	1879-1881
J. Ezra Henderson	1888-1891
Leland P. Smith	1891-1893
T.E. Archer	1893-1894
Charles H. Sweatt	1894-1897
W.F. Stockdill	1897-1899
Thomas N. Swinerton	1899-1901
C.H. McCrea	1901-1902
Joseph M. Robinson	1902-1903
H.B. Randolph	1903-1904
Calvin G. Butler	1904-1906
James E. Wilkinson	1906-1907
Crawford Grays	1907-1908
John Walker	1908-1914
Earl F. Baumhofer	1914-1916
George T. Galbraith	1916-1917
William H. Downing	1917-1919
W.H. Robinson	1919-1922
Malcolm W.S. Perry	1922-1925
Norman Batdorf	1925-1927
Daniel T. Beadle	1927-1932
Claude U. Spicer	1932-1943
Lee Paulson	1943-1946
Wilfred B. Plummer	1946-1950
J. Marshall Newton	1950-1953
J. Wilbert Lillico	1953-1957
Fredric C. Krueger	1957-1963
Richard Dawes Akers	1963-1966
Dr. J. Harley Thompson	1966-1972
Richard Harper	1971-1978
Stanley G. Hanks	1978-1986
Dr. Rolland Robinson	1986-2000
Steve Richards	2000-present

Associate Pastors of Messiah United Methodist Church

Jan Morey	1984-1989
Marylee Fithian	1990-1993
Lynn C. (Sheppard) Gardner	1994-1996
Sharon Hegele	1999-2004
Dick Ellis	1997-2012
serving in retirement	2012-present
Carrie Binnie	2007-2010
Lyndy Zabel	2013-2016
Tami Luckhardt	2016-present

Richard Harper

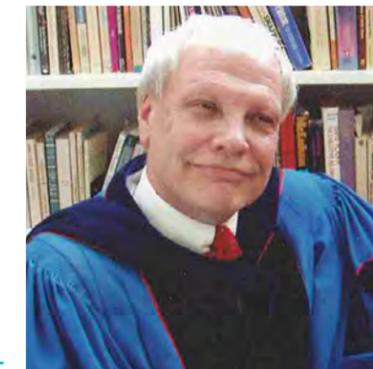
Pastor • 1971-1978

I am pleased to send my love and congratulations to Messiah Church on its 150th anniversary! I have totally positive memories of my wonderful years at Messiah, 1971-1978. My best memory is of the friendly congregation — may that always continue!

I now live in assisted living in Brookings, South Dakota. In my apartment, there are two very visible reminders of this church: a beautiful grandfather clock that was given to me when I left Messiah, and a framed history (with photos) of the church written by Muriel Brandt. A favorite recollection I have is of ice skating on the pond outside the church with all four of my brothers one Thanksgiving afternoon. Now I am the only one of the five still alive. And on a most personal level, my wife Shirley's ashes are in the Messiah Columbarium; one day mine will join hers there. I am grateful for my years with the good people of Messiah Church.

May God always bless you!

Richard Harper passed away on October 10, 2018. Our sincere condolences to his family.



FROM MESSIAH'S PASTORS *Blessings*

Jan Morey

Associate Pastor • 1984-1989

I was your first Associate Pastor and you were my first appointment in ordained ministry. Together we learned what that meant. Thank you for being a vital part of my journey as an appointed Spiritual Leader.

I have a vivid memory of the day (1986) we transitioned our worship space from the small rectangular low ceiling (now Heritage Hall) to the new sanctuary of uplifted ceiling and skylight. It was a huge change for the congregation. Inspired joy filled our beings and renewed energy moved us into new avenues for worship and service.

In the six years I served here there were many pastoral joys and concerns. You allowed me to be with you in your life events. We shared Holy moments. Thank you. Programs gave us vehicles to build community, invite others and offer outreach to those in need. Caring Ministries, Spiritual Small Groups and the study and practice of Spiritual Disciplines thrived at that time.

It is a joy today to celebrate with you 150 years of Christian presence in this community. Surely the Presence of the Holy is in this place.

I now live in Forest Lake, MN with my husband, Jim Roe (also a UMC pastor). We participate at White Bear Lake UMC.

Godspeed Messiah (the anointed of God) United Methodist Church!

Rollie Robinson

Pastor • 1986-2000

I had the privilege to serve you for nearly a tenth of Messiah's 150 years. There were good times, funny times and sad times. You were there for me and my family as we mourned Shirley's death.

For 150 years, Messiah has been building together spiritually into a dwelling for God. (Ephesians 2:22) During the years I worked with you, I witnessed how the congregation caught the vision of Kids Care Connection, now Bloom. That vision is now a reality thanks to your steadfast devotion.

Messiah has not only built with brick and mortar, but it has built a spiritual dwelling where people come to worship — where soul and over-soul meet in trustful fellowship. Molded about the bulwarks of the church are inscribed the musings of dreamers. Sometimes the work goes on in the darkness; sometimes beneath the tune of laughter and a shout that cries out like thunder. Sometimes in the quiet of the sanctuary where I often wrestled with God. You will hear voices of those who have gone ahead to work on the steeple and crown of the church to signal the coming of the Messiah.

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Lynn C. (Sheppard) Gardner

Associate Pastor • 1994-1996



Sharon Hegele

Associate Pastor • 1999-2004

Congratulations on your 150th Anniversary! What a joy it was on World Wide Communion Sunday in 1994 to begin my appointive ministry with you, my Sisters and Brothers of Messiah United Methodist Church. Looking into your eyes that first communion Sunday, I was blessed to have the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people who love the Lord Jesus.

I learned so much from all of you while I served you in my first appointment as a part-time Licensed Local Pastor. It was my blessing to join you in your faithful ministry on the weekends and occasional weekdays, after attending United Theological Seminary during the day.

While serving Messiah United Methodist Church I saw the power of Intercessory Prayer — prayers in worship, prayer partners who participated in the weekly prayer chain and the Sunday night Healing Worship Service continue to impact my current ministry.

At the June 2017 Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, I retired as an Ordained Elder. I am blessed to continue in my retirement as a part-time pastor with the folks of Goldfield UMC.

Blessings on your day!

I was born to be a teacher! After teaching, then raising our family, I felt the call to ministry. I completed my work at United Theological Seminary, achieved the certification as Diaconal Minister in the UMC, then accepted a position as Associate Pastor at River Hills UMC. After raising our children at Messiah, it was several years before I joined the staff to lead the Confirmation Program.

Through Confirmation, we studied the Bible, went on retreats and had great discussions about our faith, our God and our lives. We started a 'Mentor' program connecting an adult to each 'confirmand.' This mentor connection added a new depth to the faith-formation process for the students — and many of these pairs remained close for years following.

Several of my confirmation students have asked me to preside at their wedding ceremony many years later. I have been especially blessed by this reconnection with the adult versions of my former confirmands.

My hope for Messiah is the re-commitment to the children and youth of our community — that they might have a rich faith experience, and develop their life-long relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dick Ellis

Associate Pastor • 1997-2012
Serving in Retirement • 2012-present

In the Spring of 1997, I remember an endless interview process. I had been an ordained deacon in the church serving at Excelsior UMC as a Youth and Children's Pastor. At the same time, I was completing a master's in divinity and being interviewed for ordination as an elder. Then add the interviewing process for assignment to one of almost 400 Methodist churches in the conference. Mickey and I had two of our kids still at the university and our worst nightmare was the possibility of serving a wonderful but distant church.

Instead, I found myself in a suburban church known as Messiah UMC. That interview went well enough that I would be in ministry with two other senior pastors, live through an expansion program and many staffers. The greatest blessing for me was that during my 15 years of active leadership I came to know this faith family. I served those who were being born into this life, those who were in mission of life, and finally those being born into the next life...and it was, as Genesis says, "Good." I thank God for you, and pray for you daily. For over 20 years, I have spiritually tried to model Christ and feed those with spiritual hunger, just as they have fed me.

Carrie Binnie

Associate Pastor • 2007-2010

When I think back on my time as the Associate Pastor of Young Adult Ministries at Messiah, I cannot help but recall a congregation who embraced risk-taking by prioritizing ministry to people in their 20s and 30s. We grew a young adult ministry that connected 200+ people around the area to God and to one another. We joined forces with three other churches to form The Network, a collaborative ministry focused on bringing young adults together in service, community, dialogue and faith. We launched a contemporary worship to align with the preferences of young adults and families. With each of these initiatives and many more, Messiah's early roots were reinforced as the church's pioneering spirit continued.

My hope for Messiah is that you continue to focus on the next generation. Love this church enough to be willing to see it change so that those not connected might come to love Christ the way you do.



Tami Luckhardt

Associate Pastor • 2016-present

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." What an honor it is for me to be entering my third year of ministry with you! You are people who know what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus to this hurt and broken world in very meaningful ways. I have been touched to see the way you care for children at Oakwood School, Interfaith Outreach, and Bloom as well as children around the world in Kenya and Haiti. You are passionate about every person having a place to call home and enough food to eat by serving at Simpson Housing Services, Habitat for Humanity and on the Native American Reservations in Minnesota and South Dakota. And you are connected with one another in the ways that you support, love and celebrate life together. Thank you for inviting me to be a part of this wonderful journey. I look forward to continuing on this walk with you as we build relationships that transform lives through deep meaningful connections with others and make disciples for Jesus Christ!

Lyndy Zabel

Associate Pastor • 2013-2016

I want to thank you and the leadership at Messiah for your invitation to join in the 150th Celebration on October 28. I already am committed elsewhere, so will not be able to attend.

I was happy and privileged to be just one small thread in a beautiful story that is Parkers Lake/Messiah Church. Although my time there was short, I have long-lasting, fond memories of the people there. I always felt the presence of Christ wherever walking into the building, and appreciate the congregation's commitment to Christian discipleship, reaching new people and seeking to heal a broken world. Led by the Spirit, Messiah truly exemplifies the Body of Christ.

Praise God for the faithful followers of Jesus for the last and next 150 years!

Steve Richards

Pastor • 2000-present

Ministry at Messiah has been all about relationships. When I arrived at Messiah Church in the summer of 2000, never would I have imagined that I would have the privilege of continuing to serve the people of Messiah and the surrounding communities eighteen years later. But these years have provided the opportunity to baptize infants, invite the Holy Spirit to be at work in their lives at confirmation, and celebrate their graduation from high school. I have been able to see the hope of a child care center become a thriving ministry and then expand to reach the unmet need in this community. I've been able to witness the myriad of ways that you welcome and care for each other, the emergence of a small group ministry, and local and global mission projects. I've been able to see how persons new to faith have grown to be disciples who are changing this world. Hundreds and hundreds of relationships have been formed — loving God, loving each other, loving the world. Best of all, our ministry continues. Let's see what God can do in and through us in the years ahead.

Coming Up @ Messiah

CONSIDER JOINING AN UPCOMING EVENT:

This Morning

Join us outside in the Celebration Garden at the Columbarium at 10:10 am for a **dedication and prayer of the time capsule** for the congregation of 2068.

Get your flu shot, courtesy of Cub Foods Pharmacy, 8 am-12 pm in the church office. Bring your insurance and/or Medicare card. Vaccines for pneumonia, shingles and tetanus are also available.

Worship

Next week we begin a **new four-part sermon series: *Getting What You "Really" Want***. What do you want? Is it a "what" or a "who"? Maybe it's a state of mind. You know you will never get what you really want until you know what you value. Let's figure it out together: Worship Sundays at 8:45 am (Traditional), 10:30 am (Contemporary), or online, live on Sundays or on demand anytime, at MessiahChurch.org/live.

Our **Altar Guild** beautifies our sanctuary with pulpit and holy table paraments (decorative fabrics) and flowers, and cares for our chancel area. If you're interested in being a member of this team, email Joy Ann at jharmon@messiahchurch.org.

Care & Support

West Suburban Grief Coalition will meet Thursday, November 1, 4:30 pm at Messiah with a program titled "Family Matters: The Impact of Loss." Contact Cindy at (763) 479-2491 with questions.

All are invited to the **Grief Coalition Candlelight Memorial Service and Dinner** on Thursday, November 15, 6 pm at Messiah. The service is a time to remember the death of a loved one, followed by a catered meal. RSVP for the dinner by Monday, November 12. Reservation forms are available in the church office.

Community

Financial Peace University will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt and save for the future. This 9-week class begins Tuesday, October 30, 6:30 pm. Unsure if this class is right for you? Come to the first class for free! Contact Paul Hoekstra at paul.hoekstra@att.net with questions, or to register today.

Join us for the next **Lunch & Learn** at Wayzata Free Church, Plymouth on Thursday, November 8, 11 am-1 pm. "Ending Well" will help participants learn how to get their life affairs in order. To register, complete the form found in the atrium. Return your form and \$5 per person by Thursday, November 1. For more information, contact Jill Mahoney, RN, Faith Community Nurse at jmahoney@messiahchurch.org or call (763) 473-6968.

The United Methodist Women will host the **11th Annual Treat Boutique** Saturday, November 17, 9 am-1 pm. This Cookie Walk and Bake Sale is a perfect opportunity to stock up on cookies and bars for the holidays! Mix-and-match a variety of delicious homemade treats and purchase them by the pound. There will be arts & crafts, or join us for a lunch of sloppy joes, chips, a cookie and beverage beginning at 11 am. We will also be selling soup-to-go. Proceeds go toward UMW missions.

Service

Can you help make the holidays brighter for our neighbors? Each year **Interfaith Outreach's Holiday Gift Program** matches families in need with sponsors who provide gifts or financial support in December. Sign up to be a sponsor or volunteer by Thursday, November 1 at IOCP.org/HolidayGift.

Prayer

LIFT UP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER

Prayers for Health & Healing for: Rev. Mary Mayes, Sandy Stewart, Alice Yount, Mae Scheunemann, Joan Lee, Vicki Hayen, Bonnie Dow, Samara Eugene, Marilyn Leaf, Edie Bacon, Del Ebert

Prayers for Comfort & Peace for: Jane Stroebel, mother of Gene (Janet) Stroebel, passed away, October 16, in Cambridge, MN.

Richard Harper, former pastor here at Messiah Church. The funeral will be at 11 am on Saturday, November 3 at Messiah, with a gathering at 10 am.

Prayers for Those Serving in the Military: Ben Schlachtenhaufen, Ally Guerin, Matt Guerin, Elisabeth Kaegebein White, Tyler Ward

Today's Altar Flowers

are given in memory of Charles Semke.

Interested in volunteering for hurricane relief or local natural disasters through UMCOR? Become an **Emergency Response Team (ERT)** member. The next training and re-certification course is Saturday, November 10, 8 am-4:30 pm (deadline to register is Thursday, November 8) at Fairmont UMC, Fairmont. Contact Linda Seaton at seaton.lindal@gmail.com with questions.

Stay connected to all things Messiah during the week at MessiahChurch.org, "Messiah United Methodist Church" on Facebook and the "Coming Up @ Messiah" weekly email.

Bulletin items can be submitted by Wednesday noon via email at messiahinfo@messiahchurch.org.

