



Gull Lake United Methodist Church

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June Sermons & Scripture

June 7: TBD
Scripture TBD
Grad Sunday
Holy Communion

June 14: Pastor Melodye's
Last Sunday

June 21: TBD
Scripture TBD
Father's Day
Guest Preacher

June 28: TBD
Scripture TBD
Guest Preacher

Front Porch Faith

June has finally arrived, and with it comes one of God's greatest annual miracles: surviving another Michigan winter.

The coats are gone, the grills are back, and somewhere a dad is already standing over a barbecue saying, "Looks like rain," under a completely clear sky.

There's something about June that slows everything down. People linger a little longer after church, conversations stretch out, and life moves from rushing to sitting.

It feels like "front porch faith."

Not flashy. Not complicated. Just faithful presence in ordinary moments like checking on a neighbor, sharing a laugh after church, or sitting outside just because the evening is too nice to waste.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Sometimes that simply looks like showing up and being willing to listen.

June also brings Father's Day, a time to appreciate the dads, grandpas, and faithful men who shaped us through ordinary moments we didn't always realize would matter later.

So this month:
Sit on the porch.
Stay a little longer after church.
Call someone.
Wave to a neighbor.
And enjoy the gift of ordinary moments.

Happy June, church family.

A Message from Pastor Melodye:

- On the entryway to the Pastor's office hangs a plaque. It was there when I came in July of 2024, and it will still be there when I leave July 1st. I don't know the history of this sign, however I really like it. The sign has an explanation of the symbols: The cross symbolizes the blessing of Jesus upon the pastor's ministry: through preaching (the Bible), administering the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion (the stole), teaching (the oil lamp), and the ministry of service and guidance (the shepherd's crook).
- In the center of the pastor's ministry is the ancient symbol of Christ: the Chi-Rho – the first two letters of the name of Christ in Greek. This little sign outlines a pastor's call.



- As your pastor for two years, I know that I haven't met all this congregation's expectations. It's difficult for a church to shift from a full time to a part time pastor. Living outside the Richland community created physical and emotional distance for everyone. What people at Gull Lake anticipated and what I imagined in healthy boundaries sometimes differed greatly.

- I appreciate the space GLUMC gave me to discover another aspect of ministry: hospital chaplaincy. The support I received from you in completing my fourth unit of Clinical Pastoral Education is precious. In this season of my spiritual journey, hospital chaplaincy is where I experience God's next invitation to follow Jesus in my life.

- I am sad to leave. Gull Lake UMC has SO much potential to share God's love and grace. I have learned a great deal from all of you.

- I have learned through over 30 years of United Methodist parish ministry a few guidelines in leaving a parish:












- I am happy to be friends. Tag me on Facebook so that we can smile at each other's photos! If I see you at Meijers or Target or United Methodist events, I will gladly give you hugs (or a handshake if you prefer)!
- I will not be your pastor after June 30. I won't come back to preach or conduct weddings or funerals. However, I would love to be invited to Gull Lake's 50 Year Anniversary!
- I encourage you to give Pastor Ron time and grace to learn Gull Lake's culture and its needs. He is a very experienced and skilled pastor!

- May God bless you in your future ministry. Follow Jesus!

- Melodye

A Note from SPRC: Join us June 14 for a special celebration for Pastor Melodye as she widens the circle through service as an appointed Chaplain, working with Bronson Hospital in Battle Creek.

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Ministry Cluster	2 7 am Breakfast Group 10 am Care Team 	3 9 am Wednesday Walker 	4 10 am Positive Perks 	5	6
7 10 am Worship Service Communion	8 6:30 pm Trustees	9 7 am Breakfast Group 9:30 am Missions Meeting	10 9 am Wednesday Walkers 10 am Finance Meeting  	11 10 am Positive Perks 10 am Puzzling  	12	13
14 10 am Worship Pastor Melodye's Last Sunday	15 6:45 pm Women at the Well	16 7 am Breakfast Group	17 9 am Wednesday Walkers 6:30 pm Gov. Board 	18 10 am Positive Perks 	19	20
21 10 am Worship	22	23 7 am Breakfast Group	24 9 am Wednesday Walkers 	25 10 am Positive Perks 10 am Puzzling  	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30 7 am Breakfast Group	31 9 am Wednesday Walkers 	1 10 am Positive Perks 		

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Gull Lake UMC will celebrate and recognize our graduates on June 7 during a special worship service. If you have a graduate from high school, college, or another program, please email their information to gulllakeumc@gmail.com as soon as possible so they can be included. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our church family!



UPCOMING RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 9th. If you are interested in donating blood, please sign up directly through the American Red Cross website.

If you can volunteer to help with the event, please contact the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to help meet this important need in our community.

FREE CAR SHOW DURING THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Dust off your car and bring it to the car show. Display your ride and enjoy watching the 4th of July parade at the same time. Classics, customs, muscle cars, trucks, and all special interest vehicles are welcome. The car show is free to participate in, so come celebrate Independence Day with the community. We hope to see you there!

We will also have the church open to the public for restroom use and the parking lot for any attendees.



Mission needs 4 **pop-up canopies** for the July 4th activities. If you are willing to share yours, please contact a member of the mission team.

MISSIONS

GLUMC is joining with other Branch 6 churches to collect and package Dignity Kits during June. We would welcome any donations in materials or dollars to support this project. These kits will be held by UMCOR until needed for disasters. A packing party will be held at GLUMC on Tuesday, June 23. All items must be NEW. Please leave your items on the mission table in Fellowship Hall.

We still need:

bath hand towels

bath washcloths

combs

nail clippers

bar soap 3-4 oz

shampoo

deodorant 2-3 oz

gallon Ziplocs

Please leave your items on the Mission table in Fellowship Hall.



Richland Mobile Home Park Mission

Our collection in June for the mobile home park is **paper plates**. We will be packing a picnic style bag. Please purchase plates in the 40-80 count, as we cannot divide huge packages. Thank you for thinking of our neighbors!

JUNE 2026 MISSION



Read and Ride Roundup Camp
For at-risk students
6-8 years old

Read & Ride is a unique summer therapeutic approach to increase reading skills for elementary students through reading, horseback riding, and animal-assisted learning. Read & Ride's goal is to build confidence, fluency and a love for reading — one child at a time. This program partners with the Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center and Gull Lake Community Schools.

We will be collecting during the month of June.
Checks to be made to GLUMC marked "Read & Ride"

Updating our Interactive Display in Fellowship Hall

In May, we've focused on Mental Health Awareness month. With educational and resource materials available on the Neighbors Table. You've also seen several logos, representing various groups or causes that you may or may not have been familiar with. How many did you know? Did you talk to others to figure them out? Did you get a candy? Check back in June to see what those are all about. Take this opportunity to learn more! And to talk to each other!---What did you learn? What questions do you have about these neighbors and how we can support each other?



Loving our Neighbors

Jesus said, when asked which is the greatest commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39

Connections & Conversations with Pastor Ron

You're invited to sign up for a time to attend a small meet and greet with Pastor Ron and his wife Penny. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know them in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Meetings will be held after fellowship hour unless otherwise noted and will last 60–90 minutes. Snacks will be provided, and we hope to see you there! Please feel free to sign up for a time that works best for you.

Available Time Slots:

Time Slot 1: Sunday, July 12

Time Slot 2: Sunday, July 26

Time Slot 3: Saturday, July 25 @ 3:00 PM

Time Slot 4: Sunday, August 2

If you are unable to sign up during worship, please call the church office to reserve a time slot.

Lost & Found


Items will be collected for three months and at the end of the quarter be given to charity. Look for lost items until the end of June.

Found:
Tire cover
Sunglasses



- 3 Ted Dietz
- 5 Drew Bordner
- 12 Marge Waldo
- 17 Dave Warner
- 22 Jackson Walters
- 25 Nancy Martin

- 4 Jim & Judy Weyhmiller
- 14 Don & Leslie Schultz
- 18 Drew & Monica Bordner
- 20 Phil & Sue Mains
- 22 Mike & Karen Morse
- 25 Jeff & Peg Iler
- 28 Kevin & Angie Flynn



Take, Swap, Enjoy!

There are books, puzzles, games, and more on the table in the fellowship hall. Feel free to **take, exchange, or swap** items with others!

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
 We are energized by faith – Engaged to grow – Empowered to make a difference.

CONNECT WITH US!



Giving



GLUMC Website



Facebook



Facebook Family



YouTube



Instagram

This 'N' That

Breakfast at Parkview Perk



Breakfast at Parkview Perk (in the village square), Tuesday's at 7:00 AM. We'd love for you to join us.

;;Puzzling??



Puzzling takes place every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10 AM for about 2 hours in the classroom in the education wing. All are welcome to join the fun! Sometimes we go out for lunch afterward.

Sunday Connections



Sunday Connections follows worship in Hamill Hall beginning about 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Walkers



Wednesday Walkers meet every week @ 9:00 am @ the Richland Township Park (at the church during the winter months). Please join us!

Women at the Well



Women at the Well meets the second Monday of each month, at the church @ 6:45 pm.

From the Editor:

Articles for inclusion in the monthly Trailblazer are due the 3rd Thursday of each month by 9 am.

Make sure to include: Who, What, Where, When, Cost, Contact name and Phone number.

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