



Our Vision Statement-  
To be a welcoming neighborhood so that all may experience God's love and grace.

Our Mission Statement-  
To meet new neighbors, nurture their relationship with Christ, and transform the world together.

# Marble Memorial United Methodist Church • September 2023 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

**MAC N CHEESE NITE  
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**  
September 16 • 5:00 - 7:00pm

Marble Memorial UMC  
8 Park Lane  
Downtown Milan

Barrier-Free Building  
**FREE MEAL**  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY




**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays • SEPTEMBER 21  
5-8:00PM on the Lawn @ Marble**

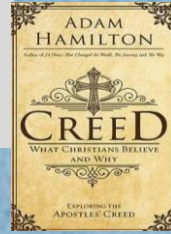
**Pie with  
the Pastor  
Sept 13 • 12:30p**



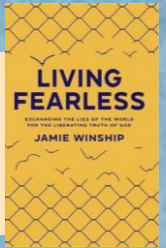
RSVP with Milan Seniors: 508-6229

## NEIGHBORHOOD SMALL GROUPS

Sundays 9a  
Room 25  
Starts 9/10



Mondays  
7pm @  
The Owl  
Starts 9/18



1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursdays  
1:30p @ Marble

Men's "Beer & Bibles": Bring your own Bible  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7pm  
Meets @ Original Gravity



**Marble Memorial  
United Methodist Church**  
Matt West, Pastor  
8 Park Lane, Milan, Michigan 48160  
10:30 a.m. Worship In-person  
Facebook and YouTube

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Pastor's Emergency Number: 269-967-4444  
Church Website: [marbleumc.org](http://marbleumc.org)  
Church E-mail: [office@marbleumc.org](mailto:office@marbleumc.org)  
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu, 9 am - 3 pm  
(closed holidays)  
Facebook: "Marble Memorial UMC"  
Online Giving: [Tithe.ly Giving](https://www.tithe.ly)

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Hello, neighbors!

This month, I decided to pull this piece off the shelf and share it with you. I may have read it during the pandemic during one of my daily videos, but it's still a good one to hear again.

"A Pep Talk" from Kid President to you.

I think we all need pep talk.

The world needs you to stop being boring. Yeah, you. Boring is easy. Everybody can be boring. But you're gooder than that.

Life is not a game, people. Life isn't a cereal, either. (Well, it is a cereal.) And if life is a game, are we on the same team? I mean really, right? I'm on your team; be on my team.

This is life, people. You got air coming through your nose; you got a heartbeat. That means it's time to do something.

A poem: *Two roads diverged in the woods, and I took the road less traveled ... and it hurt, man! Really bad! Rocks, thorns, and glass ... My pants broke! Why? Not cool, Robert Frost.*

But what if there really were two paths? I would want to be on the one that leads to awesome.

Just like that dude Journey said, "Don't stop believing... unless your dream is stupid, then you should get a better dream." I think that's how it goes.

Get a better dream, then keep going, keep going, keep going, keep going.

What if Michael Jordan had quit? (Well, he did quit. No, he retired. Yeah, that's right; he retired.) But before that, in high school, what if he quit when he didn't make the team? He would've never made *Space Jam*. And I love *Space Jam*.

What will be your *Space Jam*? What will you create that will make the world awesome? Nothing, if you keep sitting there. That's why I'm talking to you today. This is your time. This is my time. This is our time.

We can make every day better for each other. But if we're all on the same team, let's start acting like it. We got work to do. We can cry about it or we can dance about it. We were made to be awesome. Let's get out there!

I don't know everything; I'm just a kid. But I know this: It's everybody's duty to give the world a reason to dance. So get to it!

You've just been pep talked. Create something that will make the world awesome. Play ball.

Here is the link to the video "A Pep Talk" on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/l-gQLqv9f4o?si=iq8WFxC72izL4mkG>

At the start of our "Heroes of the Faith" series, I stated that we need heroes now and sometimes heroes need pep talks, too. It takes all of us to be the church, but as Kid President says, "But if we're all on the same team, let's start acting like it." Or you can consider these words from the Apostle Paul.

"The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance." – 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (The Message)

God is not done with the United Methodist Church or Marble Memorial. Who is ready to give a pep talk to others? Let's be heroes of the faith who will be and build the church.

*Peace be with you. Pastor Matt*

### **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon 1 - 3p    Tues 11:30a - 1p    Thu 9 - 11a**  
**Tuesdays: Pastor is at The Owl 10 - 11a**

# HELPERS NEEDED...

**Neighborhood Meal • 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

- Greeting • Worship Audio/Visual
- Kidz Worship • Nursery
- Maintenance & Repairs Team
- Hospitality

Need More Information?

Contact the Office or find the sign-up sheets outside the coffee lounge.



**Thank You Neighbors!**

**Your commitment to this year's Habitat for Humanity collections for June, July and August have put us just over our \$1,000 goal!**

## Neighbor Notes:

Send a friendly note to our brothers and sisters in Christ at London and Azalia UMC's. Got a favorite Bible Verse? Share it! Want to wish someone a wonderful day? Say it! Cards are in the lounge!



**"From your Neighbor at Marble!"**

## Mark your donation "MNO"

**We will be buying new crockpots for participants in an October Aid in Milan Healthy Eating Program taking place here @ Marble.**

**Caring Neighbors Team is Offering Tuesday Visits!**

If you or someone you know need a visit please fill out the form in the lounge.



**Ministry for Children and Teens: Volunteering**  
Contact Joy Whitenburg with questions and to sign up:  
[joylandinhabited@gmail.com](mailto:joylandinhabited@gmail.com) or (734) 819-2341



**Congregants are Invited and Encouraged to Attend!**

## ORDER A T-SHIRT TODAY!

Get ready for our Fall Kickoff Series:

I ♥ My Church

Order until September 19

Forms available outside the office or, order through the website:  
[marbleumc.org](http://marbleumc.org)



**Adult Sizes/Prices: (pre-shrunk)**

\$10: Small, Medium, Large, XL

\$12: 2XL or 3XL

**Youth Sizes/Prices: (100% cotton)**

\$8: Youth S, Youth M, Youth L

Make checks payable to Marble Memorial or pay on the website link

**Neighborhood Groups:** Group coordinators are listed

**Sundays:**

**Worship Team:** Music, Technology, Kidz Zone, Nursery. Contact: Pastor Matt [pastormattwest@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattwest@gmail.com)

**Hospitality Team:** Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Fellowship

Contacts: (greeters) Tammy Balk [coachbolz@gmail.com](mailto:coachbolz@gmail.com) (coffee fellowship) Rose Timbers [rotimbers@aol.com](mailto:rotimbers@aol.com)

**Neighborhood Study Sunday at 9:00am in room #25.** The new study is "CREED" by Adam Hamilton (book provided) Contact: Rod Hill [rhill@provide.net](mailto:rhill@provide.net)

**Mondays:**

**Sassy Sisters Women's Study on Mondays at 7:00pm at The Owl on Main Street starting September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

The first study of this season is "Living Fearless by Jamie Winship. Led by Melissa West: [mdwest622@gmail.com](mailto:mdwest622@gmail.com)

**Tuesdays:**

**Neighborhood Coffee Talk with Pastor Matt:** You will find Pastor Matt at The Owl on Tuesdays at 10a- 11:30a

If you prefer, you can make an appointment for a different time. Pastor Matt: [pastormattwest@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattwest@gmail.com)

**Beer & Bibles Men's Group:** Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at Original Gravity brewery on County Street.

*\*Beer not required.* Dates in Sept: 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own Bible.

Led by Brian Foster: [bdfoster1989@gmail.com](mailto:bdfoster1989@gmail.com) and Jim Nagle: [jnnagle@comcast.net](mailto:jnnagle@comcast.net)

**Thursdays:**

**Neighborhood Study on Prayer: Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 1:30pm @ MMUMC**

Led by Nancy Nagle [nnagle@umich.edu](mailto:nnagle@umich.edu)

**The Opportunities are Endless – Rod Hill**

To say that life has been challenging lately would be a gross understatement. The recent storms alone have been enough to put us all under. Combining them with the churning upheavals in our established civil structures, to say nothing of those of our church and denomination, can provoke despair and fear among many, myself among them. Even so, God has offered a multitude of opportunities to show grace and, Praise God, to receive it.

With every traffic jam and flooded street, God has granted us another opportunity to see how living in his Kingdom is both possible AND preferable to the ways of our past. For every door I've held open recently for someone who is burdened, I have had one held for me. It seems that every time I've allowed traffic to merge ahead of me, someone has granted the same when I needed it.

The care and commitment presented by the inspectors who at midnight on Friday, assessed our electrical problem, was both unexpected and inspiring. And the crew that quickly got us back to normal the next day, did so with smiles, patience and humor even though they'd been working continuously for days. And, they even took time to raise a neighbor's line that had fallen out of position but who hadn't lost power or called it in.

God's grace is of course endless and without limits, but the opportunities granted to us are often overlooked. It's all too easy to react with anger when a careless act by someone seems to put us at hazard. And it's rare for us to take the time to comprehend a stranger's needs or circumstances. On the other hand, an unlooked-for smile or a kind word carries a blessing that is always amazing. Amazing Grace.

— Hallelujah!

**Meetings @ Marble**

**Leadership Team Meeting:**

Wed, September 20, 7:00 pm (in person)

**Outreach:**

Not meeting until October 4, 7pm (in person)

**United Women of Faith:**

District UWF Meeting:

Thursday, Sept 7, 4-6pm

District UWF Meeting:

Saturday Sept 30, 8:30am to 3pm

\*\* prep help needed on 9/29

