

2025 Facade Grant Application: Submission #2

Applicant Name(s)	Memorial United Methodist Church Denise Messina - Member of MUMC - Project Contact
Applicant's Home Address	1920 Lakes Shore Dr Gladstone, Michigan. 49837
Applicant Email(s)	d4messina@hotmail.com
Applicant's Telephone Number	9062809046
Applicant's legal form of ownership	Sole Proprietor
Business Name	Memorial UMC
Property Address	1920 Lake Shore Drive Gladstone, Michigan. 49837
TaxID Number	052-628-003-30
What is the primary use of the property?	Business
Type of Business	Non - profit Church organization
Is this property located within the DDA District?	Yes
Is this property used as a rental?	No
Have you received facade funds in the last five years?	No
Assessed Value of the Property	\$3,000000.00
Please select the current status of ownership.	No Mortgage/ UMC District
What year was the original structure built?	1992
Are all property taxes paid to date?	Yes
Are all utilities paid to date?	Yes

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Memorial United Methodist Church's façade improvement project represents more than a simple exterior update.

As one of Gladstone's most visible community gateways, located at the southern entrance to the city, directly across from the "Welcome to Gladstone" sign, this project will transform a well-known property into an inviting and functional space that enhances both community identity and visitor experience.

It stands as a welcoming landmark, creating a positive first impression of Gladstone while reflecting the pride, warmth, and community spirit that define the downtown district and DDA initiatives.

BEYOND ROUTINE MAINTAINENCE

What began as a necessary maintenance project — replacing a deteriorating sign — has evolved into a transformative improvement that serves both the congregation and the wider community.

The project includes:

- Installation of a modern, energy-efficient LED sign, designed to share Memorial United Methodist Church events, programs, and announcements, as well as cooperative events and initiatives involving the City of Gladstone and other local organizations.
- Creation of a cozy placemaking area with benched seating, providing a comfortable and scenic spot for church members, visitors, walkers, outdoor enthusiast and community garden participants to rest, reflect, and enjoy the bay view.

This expanded vision ensures that the façade improvement not only maintains the property but also adds lasting community value by enhancing communication, accessibility, and visual appeal at one of Gladstone's key entry points

VISUAL AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Though just outside the downtown core, Memorial United Methodist Church sits at the southern gateway to Gladstone, serving as a natural introduction to the city's downtown experience.

The updated façade will feature:

- A clean, elevated, modern LED sign design that enhances visibility and complements the surrounding environment.
- Improved landscaping and benches that are inviting and connect the property with the natural beauty of Little Bay de Noc.
- A visually cohesive look that aligns with downtown aesthetics and reinforces Gladstone's welcoming identity.

These enhancements will significantly improve the visual impression for residents and visitors entering the city, symbolizing Gladstone's commitment to progress, hospitality, and community connection.

Estimated Total Project Cost \$\$17,728.00 #1 >>or \$25,970.00 #2

Estimated Facade Cost \$\$8,864.00 #1 >>or \$12,985.00 #2

* Please see the uploaded files for this information.

Please describe the material specifications needed to complete the facade work.

The photo with the black and white drawing on it, in the existing façade photos, is a depiction of our "HOLY ROCK". It is going to be moved to this new location as it currently is on National Guard property. It also indicates the location of the center of the 16 1/2" Circled paver patio.

The Photo of the LED sign is only an example of the look. It will be 2 separate signs attached to a single steel pole and mounted to the existing foundation and NOT as pictured in the photo.

Please upload a picture of the existing facade.

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- [PXL_20250924_134600755\[1\].jpg](#)
- [PXL_20251018_182344966-EDIT\[1\].jpg](#)

Please upload any drawings or pictures of the work to be completed.

- [MUMC Facade grant drawing.pdf](#)
- [MUMC 66x40 LED sign example.JPG](#)
- [MUMC Sign Drawing Façade Grant 2025.pdf](#)

Please upload the cost estimates you've received from contractor bids.

- [MUMC Façade Grant Proposal figures 2025.pdf](#)
- [MUMC Option 1 Façade Grant 2025.pdf](#)
- [MUMC Option 2 Façade Grant 2025.pdf](#)

If required, please provide proof of your contractor's license.

Please upload your proof of insurance.

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By checking this box, I agree to the above statement.

Yes