

June Anniversaries & Birthdays

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First United Methodist Church Worship Service 11:00am



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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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Changes, changes, changes...it seems that we have been going along with a good rhythm lately of how things have been adapted to keep everyone safe during the pandemic, and now we're changing again to start re-opening things. Please don't misunderstand this as a complaint—it's great to have things opening up again. We just need to change from what we have been doing back to what we used to do before this whole pandemic started...with some changes.

The world does change and on a regular basis. The climate changes from season to season and each year is different than the past years. Rivers are constantly changing because of their flowing water. The polar ice caps have seen massive change in the past few years. Technology changes—hey, we have technology now inside our church, such as a projector screen and everything we need for livestreaming! Culture changes from generation to generation, and the list goes on and on.

There is hardly anything in life that is not changing. Some changes we like, while others create fear and anxiety. Everywhere there is a feeling of insecurity. What will happen to us tomorrow or what will happen to our children are questions we keep frequently asking. One thing, however, is clear: God is everlasting and He doesn't change His mind about His love and tender mercy for us, no matter what changes we are encountering. Isaiah 40:8 reads, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Hebrews 13:8 reads, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

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As we rejoice in re-opening all of our favorite activities, let us also rejoice for God being with us: before the pandemic, during the pandemic, and now post-pandemic, to lead us where He wants us to love and serve others in the world. 2 Thessalonians 3:5 reads “May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.” We have no steadfastness outside of our faith in Christ. He is that Solid Rock upon which we stand, and all other ground is sinking sand. The steadfastness that is found in Christ will allow us to stand on that day of judgment that is surely coming upon the whole world. Knowing this, we can stand through any change in this world.

Hello, Change, we’re ready for you! We have the love of God backing us up and that will never change. So, let’s change and go back to what we were doing—for the most part. Remember how worship used to be with ushers, passing the offering plate, and fellowship time downstairs to follow worship? Yes, it’s time to get back to doing all of those things, and we will be needing help, so sign up to help while all of your favorite Sundays are open.

Pastor B.J.



Pictured above: Fellowship after service on Sunday May 23rd was a blessing as people talked and laughed together for the first time since the pandemic began.
















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We exist to joyfully share God’s love, preach the Good News, and make disciples.

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Prayer Chain

As many of you know, we have a group in this church called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 341-6662 (church) or 286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 341-4499.

This notice will appear monthly in the church newsletter.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the July newsletter submit before the **June 21st** deadline. Pictures and other additions and can be emailed to : **1stumcmanistique@gmail.com**



We would like to thank Rita Salter, Lynn LaRose, Vic & Sharon Vanderville, and everyone else that helps in all of the behind-the-scenes work at the church. From changing the banners and candles to cleaning miscellaneous areas and always going above and beyond to care for our church — we APPRECIATE you!!



June 6th — 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

June 13th — 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20 or 72, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

June 20th — 4th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

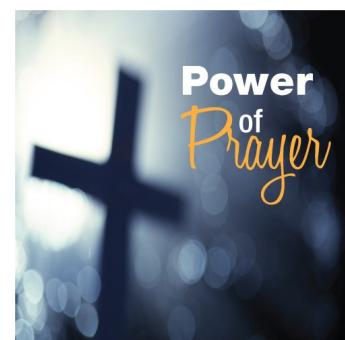
June 27th — 5th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43



FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Hank Weinert, Willie Chittle, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Connie Whatsitt, Jason Coryell, Larry Billings, and Martha Weeks.



A View From the Belfry

June 2021



Hallelujah!!!!

Free at last! Free at last! Thank the Lord, we're free at last! From wearing those face masks, at least! It is SO nice to be able to see all of your friendly, smiling faces again! It took me quite a while to recognize some of you with the bottom half of your faces covered, but by about October I had pretty well mastered my "masked people identification" studies. Do you think that now I'll have trouble recognizing you without your masks on? Let's hope not!

You know, this church has always been full of hard-working, busy people, and this seems to be even more evident than ever these days! Some of you couldn't wait for the church work bee to happen, and you've got a head start on the spring cleaning, painting, working routine! Lynn LaRose, Vic & Sharon Vanderville, Linda Moon, and Rita Salter have been washing walls, replenishing paper and pencils in the pew boxes, returning hymnals to their proper places in the pews, and generally getting the place spick and span so that it will be all ready to clean and get spick and span on Saturday when everybody is coming to do that. Hmm. I'm confused. Why are you cleaning the church so that it will be clean enough for you to clean on Saturday? If it's already clean, will you need to come clean it? Well, anyway, I'm sure these busy ladies and gentlemen have a good reason to pre-clean the church! Anyway, by the time Saturday is over, this place should be ready for the cover of *Better Homes (or Churches) and Gardens*! Thanks in advance to all of you busy beavers who like a clean place to worship and are willing to help do the cleaning needed to keep it in shape.

Remember back in December when I had a batty panic attack when Pastor B.J. climbed into the attic? Well, this time I've had fair warning. During the windy winter months a corner of the roof on the belfry stump blew loose and has been flapping around ever since. Rather than let it continue forever, we finally had someone come to fix it. Which of course, means that people are once again invading what I consider my space (everything above the ceiling and under the roof shingles). Since the flapping roof really does need to be fixed to avoid leaks and further damage, I can excuse the intrusion. Right now there has been a temporary fix of the loose corner, and soon the more permanent fix will be undertaken. There is talk of replacing what we have with shingles, which will be slanted rather than flat like the current roof. I guess it won't be a steeple as some of you have been discussing, but there will be enough of a slant so the water will run off when it rains. Meanwhile, I'll remain in the attic and stay out of the way, although I do like the belfry to be available on nice mosquitoey evenings when I can hunt those tasty little critters without having to dodge car wind-shields and those slapping hands of folks who are opposed to feeding mosquitoes with their arms and legs!





A View From the Belfry (Continued)



Once the church is cleaned, painted, refreshed, refurbished, and in top-notch condition, you'd assume that you could take a nice long, well deserved rest, wouldn't you? Not a chance! Beginning in June, the pasty crew will be busily rolling dough, chopping potatoes and onions, mixing filling, "buttoning" pasties, and baking those tasty bundles of goodness, then selling them to a town full of pasty deprived citizens who have been waiting impatiently for their pasty fixes for over a year! That's a long, long time for a Yooper to go without a pasty! For those of you who have never made a pasty before, why not join the pasty crew? The folks who have been doing them since about 1946 would gladly show you how to make them, and they could really use the help! Men, women, old, young, in-between, professional chefs, and rank amateurs who don't know how to boil water—all are welcome! Come on down to the church on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings the second week of every month except December, and you'll find plenty of willing teachers to help you become an experienced pasty maker! What is more, you'll have a lot of fun hanging out with these great and friendly pasty chefs!



Lay Leader Lines June 2021

Q: I heard that some people would like to replace the pasty ovens because the ones we have are old and starting to need repairs, but parts are no longer available. Is that true? Where will we get the money, and how much will it take?

A: We have been talking about looking into replacing the pasty ovens. One of the ovens is no longer working and we have been unable to replace the broken part because the parts are unavailable. We still have seven ovens which are operational and can get by with those. Before we invest in new pasty ovens, we would like to hear from the members of the congregation about what they think. The current ovens are old, and we don't know how much longer they will last. It will cost about \$13,000 to replace them all, and we could use money from the sale of the parsonage to pay for them. Pasties have been made in this church since the 1940's, and this project has become an integral part of the church's ministry in Manistique. We earn a significant amount of money which has helped us sustain ministry and mission programs. We have heard from the community that people very much miss our pasties and are wondering when we will start making them again. On the other hand, the pasty crew is aging, and we don't have many younger replacements available to take up the rolling pins as members of our crew become unable to do the work any more. As a result we don't know how much longer we are likely to continue with the project. We would like input from the congregation before we make a decision on whether or not to buy new ovens. We have also been asked to consider building a new steeple on the base of the old steeple that was removed years ago. We do not know how much this would cost, or whether we could even find someone to do the job at this point, but we would get the information if there is enough interest in doing something like this. Again, we could use the money from the sale of the parsonage for this project. While this issue has not received nearly as much attention as the pasty ovens, we would like your input on it also. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or opinions, please see the pastor, one of the lay leaders, or any member of the Administrative Council and share your thoughts!



United Methodist Women News Submitted by Carol Weinert

A program of Prayer and Self -Denial was presented by Katie Putnam at the April meeting of the Manistique United Methodist Women. Offerings received will benefit the welfare of women and children.

During the general meeting, church trustee Vic Vanderville presented a report on his study of replacing the church kitchen ovens. It was recommended that the current ovens be replaced "down the road," due to their age and condition, which constantly necessitate repairs.

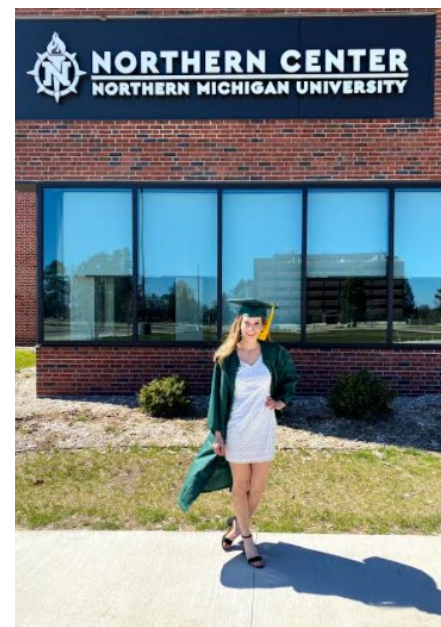
Pasty sales are to resume June 9 and 10. Sharon Feichtenbiner has completed the food handling course and continues to be certified. Masks will still be required to be worn by the workers. Potato peelers are needed June 8. See Sharon for more information.

There is still no decision on when the hymn sing program will resume at the Medical Care Facility.

A correction on the UMW Reading Program has been announced. Books from 2017 to the present only will be accepted for credit. The date of 2015 as stated at an earlier UMW meeting was in error. See Mary Prater for more information on the Reading Program.

The next meeting of the UMW will be Tuesday, June 1, at 1 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. Meetings are open to all interested church women.

**Pasty Sales will resume June 9th and 10th,
call to place your order today!**



Taylor Holmberg, daughter of Lisa Braun and Scott Holmberg, graduated from Northern Michigan University. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree, with a major in Finance and Risk Management, Magna Cum Laude. Taylor is employed at State Savings Banks in Manistique.