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**PASTOR'S
WORDS**

In the past decade or so, I have noticed an increase in the use of misinformation that is being spread about in our society. Without getting political, I think that both sides can agree that even during the past couple of national elections there has been a great deal of misinformation or disinformation that has been purported to be truthful. So, what does the *Bible* say about misinformation? Depending upon your translation, you could translate misinformation as lying to one another or trying to deceive another person, both of which we know are not a part of the Christian life and are only harmful to one another because they do not show our love to one another nor to God.

Matthew 15:18 states, “But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you.” So, if we speak misinformation, those words come from our heart and that shows the condition of our heart. But what if we spread misinformation that we don’t know is misinformation? Some people might be quick to label this as gossip and they would be correct. Proverbs 4:23 says, “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.” If we allow for this misinformation to enter into hearts, it will guide our lives and actions and mislead us to take false actions.

As the world watches the atrocities being committed in Ukraine at the hands of the Russian soldiers and the catastrophic loss of human life, I can’t help but think about how this situation is being represented across the border in Russia under the command of President Putin. This humanitarian crisis unfolding before us is the worst since WWII with the number of people being displaced.

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UMCOR is helping with international relief to assist those families needing assistance. You can give through our church and we will forward it onto UMCOR, or you can give directly to UMCOR through advance #982450-Ukraine. Our noisy offering for this past month of March has also been directed to UMCOR for relief of the Ukrainian people.

However this situation turns out in Ukraine, let's make sure that the people of Ukraine remember that God is with them every step of the way through our support, whether it be through donating to UMCOR or showing some blue and gold colors as many in our community have already done. While our United Methodist footprint in Ukraine is small at around 500 members across 10 congregations, we know that God always does great things with small numbers.

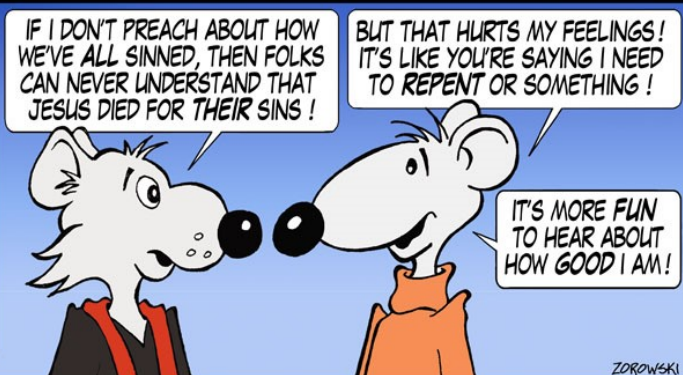
Speaking of small numbers, our Adult Sunday School is looking to do great things by growing our numbers and we are in need of you! Join us each Sunday morning before worship beginning at 9:30 AM for conversations about practical faith and how you can better equip yourselves for living a faithful life in Christ. We have a great time together with some wonderful conversations and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Pastor B.J.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.
~ 2 Timothy 4:3



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First United Methodist Church

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

April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	4 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	5 Hank Weinert	6 5PM Lenten Soup & Devotion	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	11 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	12 11 Pasty Prep Bill & Gayle Tufnell, 1958	13 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales 5PM Lenten Soup & Devotion	14 Maundy Thursday 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	15 Good Friday 3 pm Ecumenical Service at Zion Lutheran Church Gayle Tufnell Mike Tevelde	16
17 EASTER 7 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Lakeview Cemetery Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	18 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	19	20 3:45 Ad Council	21 9:30 Education 11 Mission	22	23
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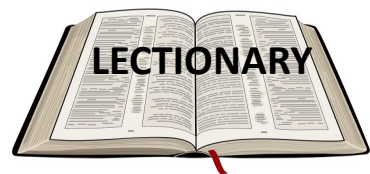
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

Prayer Chain

These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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April 3 — 5th Sunday in Lent

Isa 43:16-21, Ps 126 (UMH 847), Phil 3:4b-14, Jn 12:1-8

April 10 — Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms: Lk 19:28-40, Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

Passion: Isa 50:4-9a, Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764), Phil 2:5-11, Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

April 11 — Monday of Holy Week

Isa 42:1-9, Ps 36:5-11 (UMH 771), Heb 9:11-15, Jn 12:1-11

April 12 — Tuesday of Holy Week

Isa 49:1-7, Ps 71:1-14 (UMH 794), 1 Cor 1:18-31, Jn 12:20-36

April 13 — Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa 50:4-9a, Ps 70 (UMH 793), Heb 12:1-3, Jn 13:21-32

April 14 — Maundy Thursday

Ex 12:1-4(5-10)11-14, Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837), 1 Cor 11:23-26, Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 — Good Friday

Isa 52:13-53:12, Ps 22 (UMH 752), Heb 10:16-25, Jn 18:1-19:42

April 17 — EASTER Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839), 1 Cor 15:19-26, Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12

April 24 — 2nd Sunday of Easter, Festival of God's Creation

Acts 5:27-32, Ps 150 (UMH 862), Rev 1:4-8, Jn 20:19-31

FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Family of Tom Burge Jr., Jo Nell Rubick, Hank Weinert, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Connie Whitsitt, Jason Coryell, Kali Lewis, Family of John Gauthier and health concerns for the Chittle family.



Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the April newsletter submit before **April 21st, 2022** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : office@manistiquemethodist.org



A View From the Belfry April, 2022

Howdy from the belfry! It must be spring in Manistique. Every possible kind of weather except for nice has hit us recently! Well, that isn't quite true. I've heard that there was a short period of a few days in which the sun shone brightly, the sky was blue, and the temperature hit the 50's, but I was out of town and missed it! Of course that was followed by a major ice storm, snow, heavy rain, and fierce winds, all the same day! Yep, a typical U.P. spring! Of much greater concern to me is a suggestion that maybe I should do something about all that bad weather! Oh, me! I'm at a loss! (I flunked the weather modification course in Bat School.) However, I did do a little research on the subject, in Florida! (Even bats need a vacation now and then, you know!) I have found that in Florida, a temperature in the 50's is considered arctic weather! They also seem to think that a temperature in the 90's is a little warm, instead of appropriate for an oven! It occurred to me that people may have differences of opinion as to what constitutes good or bad weather, which made me wonder how I could possibly arrange good weather when folks don't seem to agree on what is good weather and what isn't. Then I heard about the tornadoes in Texas, and somehow a little ice and snow when it's supposed to be spring doesn't seem so bad, even with the slippery roads and power outages we've had. I think it must be better to lose your electricity for a few hours than to lose your house and everything in it and have to start over. Somehow, from there I jumped to the situation in Ukraine, and the devastation those people are enduring, and it occurred to me that sometimes we all need a reminder that we don't have it too bad in comparison with what some folks are suffering. I decided that I probably can't do too much about the weather, but maybe I can remind everybody that things could be worse—much, much worse—than they are here. Thus, I guess I'll leave the weather up to those weather people who know all about it except how to change it, and I'll concentrate on seeing what I can do to make this batty world a better place to be for those who are in the middle of a war zone through no fault of their own. I might start by sending some surplus food to those who are going hungry in Ukraine. I wonder, though, whether or not Ukrainians eat mosquitoes, and whether or not they would really want a supply of them. I guess I'll have to give that some more thought. Meanwhile, many of you are contributing to UMCOR, which, along with many other humanitarian organizations, is working to assist the besieged people in Ukraine. If you want to contribute, just write out a check to this church and designate it for UMCOR Ukrainian relief. If you make your check out to this church, we will get credit as a church for contributing to a mission project with 100% of your donation going directly to UMCOR Ukraine relief. If you prefer to send it directly to UMCOR yourself, make the check out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line and mail it to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068.

**Lay Leader Lines
April, 2022**

Q: I am so upset about the terrible situation in the Ukraine that I want to do something about it. I do give money toward helping those suffering people as I can, but I can't give much more than I already do. Is there something else I can do?

A: Right now, as always, there is a need for funds to obtain the necessary food and materials, medical supplies, and the like to assist those who are in dire need of the basic necessities of life. I do not know of any well established ways of actually going to the area and providing hands-on labor. If anyone knows of any means of helping beyond contributing money, please contact Janet Helmbold with the information. There may be ways of donating blankets, clothing, building materials, and other necessities to the area. There may also be ways we can support those who are displaced in other areas such as Poland. If anyone hears of other efforts to support the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, please share that information with us. My impression is that going over to the area is unlikely to be helpful unless you are connected with an ongoing program which has indicated a need for personnel, and I have not heard of any requests for this type of support. Of course, we can ALL, ALWAYS provide support through our prayers!

Paper Easter Lily donations

Gayle and Bill Tufnell In Memory of Theresa & Joseph Carlson and Emma & George Tufnell

Pastor B.J., Kelly, Brandon & Alex Ash In Memory of Ash and Freberg Families

Tom and Phyllis Burge In Honor of Our Grandchildren

David Hokensen In Memory of Edward Hokenson, Gunhild Hokenson and Mary Ann Mills

Easter Lily donations

Pastor B.J., Kelly, Brandon & Alex Ash In Honor of the continued Grace of God

Karen Klaus In Memory of Tom Klaus

Carol Hollenbeck To the Glory of God



Adult Sunday School
Classes start at 9:30 AM
Sunday Mornings

We have started a new study book and look forward to you joining the class.

Church service follows at 11 AM



United Methodist Women News
Submitted by Carol Weinert

The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) is the theme for 2022 at the local United Methodist Women's meetings. At the March meeting, Candace Haskell presented a program on the first fruit, "Love." She outlined the many ways love is shown through the actions of the UMW, including: making and gathering items for baby layettes, participation in the Prayer Chain, presenting the hymn sing at the local Medical Care Facility (when once again visitors are permitted), etc.

Final plans were wrapped up for the annual Reflection Breakfast to be held Saturday, April 9, at 9:30 AM. Guest speaker will be Christy Ryan. Although this pre-Easter event has always been open to the community, this year it will be only for our church members due the pandemic restrictions. We hope you plan to attend as this is a good way to prepare your hearts for Holy Week and Easter. The Annual Celebration of the District UMW will be held Tuesday, May 3, in St. Ignace. Faith Fowler of Cass Community Center in Detroit will be the featured speaker.

Registration for this event closes soon but if you are interested in attending, contact Linda Moon. Car pooling will be arranged.

The next general meeting of the Manistique UMW will be held Tuesday, April 5, at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. Penny Tracy will present a program on "Joy."

The UMW is open to all women interested in missions and the welfare of women and children.

Bible Study/Prayer Group

You are personally invited to attend the *Bible* Study group starting at 11 AM. Prayer Group follows at 12 PM every Monday morning. These two groups meet in the sanctuary! If you have any questions ask Janet Helmbold or Penny Tracy. If only one interests you, feel free to attend that one, both are very powerful!

Be sure to pick up the new

Upper Room Devotional.

It is available in the shelves by the stairs.
Regular and Large Print versions are available.
There is no charge.

April Mission Noisy Offering
Heifer International

Help support this mission project by dropping your donation into the glass jar, located in the back of the sanctuary. Loose change makes a great ringing sound to remind us that God is working through us. However, all donations will be accepted. Feel free to drop it in as you enter or as you exit the sanctuary! Thank you for your donation!

In February, \$54.19 has been collected for
Randy Hildebrant at
God's Country Cooperative Parish