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PASTOR'S
WORDS

“April showers bring May flowers.” “If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb.” “A swarm of bees in May, is worth a load of hay.” These proverbs have been repeated for many centuries and are thought to be universal truth by many. But are they true? Well, yes....if you live in England, where most of them were written. In that climate two months of a gentle spring pops out in dainty flowers. Here in the U.P. it is more like May showers bring June flowers...as long as it doesn’t snow again. The weather proverbs are still true but need to be considered in terms of into our geography. They are true in general, but not Truth that applies to everyone.

Truth is bigger than context. The resurrection of Jesus Christ does not require interpretation but application. It is truth regardless of the weather or the location. Paul is writing in 1 Corinthians 15 of the many times that Jesus appeared alive to people. Then it became personal. He applied the resurrected Christ to himself. Resurrection rained on him and then reigned in Paul’s life. He would never be the same.

We finished our journey through Lent on Easter Sunday, but the trip isn’t over! The next step is to make the empty tomb bigger and more personal. How will you and I and Manistique First UMC live the Truth that “He appeared also to ME?” We are what we do? Simply accept Christ afresh as your daily walk. Choose to do things that build your faith and stop doing things that dim your faith.

HOW? For a start, look into your heart and get comfortable with using your spiritual gifts. Look at the church calendar and pick a time to worship, a time to learn and a time to serve. You don’t have to do everything. Find your place to both grow and share your faith. That is resurrection living. That is the way of Truth and the path to a peace filled and fruitful life.

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

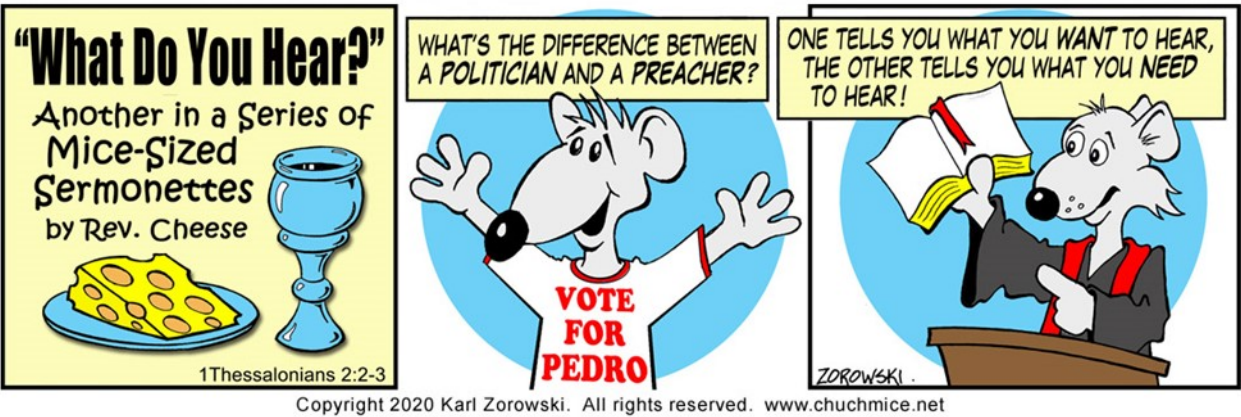
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God’s peace to you as we celebrate through the rest of Easter Sun-
days and watch God work in and through us as we approach Pente-
cost.

Pastor B.J.

Church Mice



Trustee Update

The trustees continue to work on a variety of areas for our church:

- Plan an upcoming Spring Work Day sometime in May.
- Replace the basement windows and repair the trim.
- We continue to work on the policies of the church in the areas of Building Use, Sexual Abuse/ Safe Space, and Intruder/Emergency Action Plan. These are concerns to which most churches have given serious thought, and for which they have developed an action plan.
- Finish the rear exterior stairwell project we began last October.
- We are also looking into adding AC to the building.
- The trustees continue to gather information the options, cost and feasibility of adding a steeple to the church.
- We are waiting on the final shipment of replacement ovens for the kitchen. The last word was some time in June.
- Another idea that has come to the attention of the trustees is to look into adding a restroom on the main floor. We are checking with the building inspector to see the codes and cost for the project.
- Working with our Vitality and Worship Ministry Areas, we are looking at ways we can share in-formation of the church with everyone.

We have lots to do to help our church meet the needs of the congregation and ministries to which God is calling us.

Submitted by Gordie Barry



First United Methodist Church

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

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Native American Ministries Sunday	2 10 AM Vitality 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	3 10 AM Trustee UMW District Mtg in St. Ignace	4	5 World Day of Prayer	6	7 Mary & Bob Whinnen
8 Mother’s Day Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am Rev, B.J. & Kelly Ash	9 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	10 11 Pasty Prep	11 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	12 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	13	14
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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

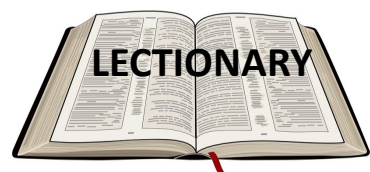
These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the May newsletter submit before **May 20th, 2022** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : office@manistiquemethodist.org



May 1 — 3rd Sunday of Easter, Native American Ministries Sunday, May Day

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20), Ps 30 (UMH 762), Rev 5:11-14, Jn 21:1-19

May 8 — 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Festival of the Christian Home

Acts 9:36-43, Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137), Rev 7:9-17, Jn 10:22-30

May 15 — 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Ps 148 (UMH 861), Rev 21:1-6, Jn 13:31-35

May 22 — 6th Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday

Acts 16:9-15, Ps 67 (UMH 791), Rev 21:10, 22-22:5, Jn 14:23-29

May 29 — 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday

Acts 16:16-34, Ps 97 (UMH 816), Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, Jn 17:20-26

Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47 (UMH 781), Eph 1:15-23, Lk 24:44-53



FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Family of Hank Weinert, Family of Tom Burge Jr., Jo Nell Rubick, 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.



A View From the Belfry May, 2022

Howdy from the belfry! As much as I thought spring would never come this year, I think it actually may have finally arrived. I've seen crocuses in bloom, with hints that tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils may also be on their way! I've also heard birds singing in the morning and the deer are certainly on the move out in the woods and on the highways! Here at the church we've finished the soup and bread Lenten suppers, had the ecumenical Good Friday service, and enjoyed a very nice Easter service followed by a really scrumptious Easter potluck at the church. A great thank you to all who worked on setting up and preparing all the terrific food we had!

We also have enjoyed the special music selections from Mary Prater on the organ and pump organ, and the vocal selections offered by Roger Chard, Darrell Dixon, and Karen Klaus! What talent we have! If anyone would like to volunteer to provide special music for a Sunday service, contact Janet Helmbold. She'll consider any musical offering, including kazoo and spoons! In addition to the special music we've had, I've heard rumors that we may have something special planned for the worship service in the weeks ahead. That's all I'm going to say right now, but I suspect that whatever is being planned will be both a surprise and also very meaningful for those in attendance!

We also are planning to offer a Vacation Bible School later on in the summer, which we haven't done for a few years. We'll need some volunteers to help with this, and we'll have more information later about that. It looks as if we're in for a busy summer ahead, in addition to a spring which may be filled with surprises! Keep coming, everybody, so you don't miss anything which this church has in store!

Does anyone feel called to join an Adult VBS? Give us your thoughts and interests. Possible 3 or 4 days of fun and enlightenment. Contact Penny Tracy if interested.

Is there any interest in a "Walk to Emmaus"? There will be a 3-day weekend retreat in Camp Michigamme, September 15-18 Men's Retreat and September 22-25 Women's Retreat. If so, please let Connie Kelsey know to help with registration.

May Mission Noisy Offering — Red Bird Mission-Henderson Settlement

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, drop it in as you enter or as you exit the sanctuary! Thank you for your support!

February \$54.19 Randy Hildebrant at GCCP

March \$194.70 UMCOR

April \$84.43 Heifer International

Lay Leader Lines
May, 2022

Q: Are we going to have a booth at Folk Fest this year? We missed a couple of years because of the pandemic, and people are asking if we'll be back.

A: We do plan to have a pasty booth at Folk Fest, with the understanding that the regulars who have done it for many years will need more assistance this year. Vic and Sharon Vanderville have been the organizers and leaders of the Folk Fest booth effort since its inception many years ago. Like the rest of us, they aren't getting any younger, and it is becoming more of an effort for them. This year they would like to train someone to take over as the managers and planners so that they can retire from this job after Folk Fest is over. If you are interested and would be willing to step up to the plate on this, please give them a call! Many people have been involved in this effort over the years, and whoever assumes the leadership position will have a lot of help, but we do need someone to spearhead the effort in order to keep things running smoothly. Any volunteers?

Adult Sunday School
Classes start at 9:30 AM
Sunday Mornings
Church service follows at 11 AM

Weekly 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!

ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!

Calling all people of all ages who are looking for a little adventure in August (specifically the 15th, 16th 17th and 18th) in any one or more of the following areas: 1. Bible stories, 2. Pathfinder, 3. Music (not just singing but motions), 4. Crafts, 5. Science, 6. Recreation (recess) and our favorite 7. Snacks! Each of these will only be a half hour per day. You are welcome to pick one or more!! They will take place during the hours of 9am to 12 noon on each of the four days listed above. Don't miss out on your opportunity to join in the fun and merriment! You can catch me at church or give me a call. My phone number is 286-4176.

Joyfully yours, Penny Tracy



United Methodist Women News
Submitted by Carol Weinert

There will not be a May meeting of the Manistique United Methodist Women since the date falls on the same day as the district UMW meeting in St. Ignace, which several of our members will be attending. A car pool schedule for transportation to this meeting was drawn up at the April meeting.

Other business at the April meeting included tying up loose ends for the Reflection Breakfast which was held April 9. Some discussion was also held concerning upcoming programs for the rest of the year, including the August picnic meeting and the district UMW Spiritual Growth meeting to be held in the Fall. More information on these programs will be announced at a later date.

In keeping with the new century, there has been a name change in the National United Methodist Women. The organization will now be known as United Women of Faith. Our local group will continue to be called United Methodist Women, however.

The next meeting of Manistique UMW will be June 7. There will be no meeting in July.

Thank You

The family of Hank Weinert would like to thank the members of the congregation for their cards, prayers, and other expressions of concern during his recent illness and passing. Thank you for being such a caring people of God.

Thank you Penny Tracy for the beautiful crocheted baby blanket that you made for the layette.
Bless you,
Lynn LaRose

