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### PASTOR'S WORDS

Pentecost is often considered the birthday of the church. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church."

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit goes into over-drive – manifesting as a rushing violently-stormy-wind – and as flaming-tongues-of-fire dancing on gathered disciples – who now catch fire with the Spirit, and speak in foreign languages they didn't know they knew, praising God – and people from all over understand what they're saying in their own native languages.

Many come to listen, drawn by the Spirit to learn what God's doing. But others are skeptical, suggesting believers have been drinking (Acts 2:13). Even when the church is obviously caught up in the Spirit, some will doubt. However by the end of the day of Pentecost three thousand have come to Jesus, been baptized, and now are giving their lives to serving Jesus as disciples. The Holy Spirit gets the last word.

We have very few reports of the Spirit appearing again as visible fire and stormy wind – and few examples of the Spirit gifting people to speak or understand foreign languages they don't already know in all the years since. But Spirit-led communication across all kinds of cultural and linguistic barriers continues. Usually in quieter, less obvious ways, but –

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WORDS

perhaps anytime we live together in love and harmony bearing witness to God’s grace, this is certifiably miraculous.

Scripture tells us that all who believe in Jesus have the Holy Spirit living within us. The Spirit-led transformation that flows from Pentecost is our living legacy.

As we begin our journey into the season of Pentecost starting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will attempt to recreate what “the (early) church” might have looked and acted like. Fair warning, it was nothing like it is today and you will notice this as we move some things around and remove a few things temporarily during the first few weeks of Pentecost.

I will also be embarking on a sermon series during the first 16 weeks of Pentecost that will take us through the end of September with the theme of baseball in each message. Again, this is something different that isn’t typical of today’s church, and is more casual in the themes of conversations that may have been held back during that time, even though baseball wasn’t around back then. Try to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking as we speak in different tongues by doing things differently, yet we all understand each other.

Pastor B.J.

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June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Jack & Lynn LaRose	2 Michigan Annual Conference	3 Michigan Annual Conference	4 Michigan Annual Conference Robert Morrow
5 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	6 10 Vitality 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	7 10 Trustee 10:30 Pasty Prep 1 PM UMW	8 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	9 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales James Gaffney	10 Janet Helmbold	11 Trustee Spring Work Day 9-12
12 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	13 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	14 Kelly Ash	15 3:45 Ad Council	16 9:30 Education	17 Ted Burson	18
19 Father’s Day Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	20 Newsletter deadline 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group	21 10:30 Folkfest Pasty Prep	22 7:30 AM Folkfest Pasty Make/Bake/Freeze	23 7:30 AM Folkfest Pasty Make/Bake/Freeze	24 MacKenzie Billings	25 Sara Blanchard Penny Tracy William Tufnell
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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.

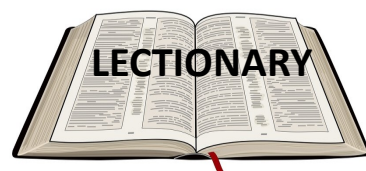
These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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



### June 5 — Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); Rom 8:14-17; Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)

### June 12 — Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday

Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps 8 (UMH 743); Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

### June 19 — 2nd Sunday After Pentecost, Father's Day, Juneteenth

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Ps 42 (UMH 777); Gal 3:23-29; Lk 8:26-39

### June 26 — 3rd Sunday After Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798); Gal 5:1, 13-25; Lk 9:51-62

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## FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Bob Whinnen, Michael Haynes, Family of Hank Weinert, 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**  
**June, 2022**

# HUH????

Uh, hello. This is Benny, a very confused bat!! You see, a week or so ago an acquaintance of mine, that old woman who writes articles about lay leaders or something, went out of town. For some reason a group of otherwise very nice but apparently misguided ladies who don't know her very well gave her a really stupendous recognition affair. They collected a bunch of letters, gathered them together, and read them to the group of ladies gathered there! The reason I'm confused (aside from wondering why they gave her such an honor to begin with) is that one of those letters was supposedly signed by ME!! Benny, the Belfry Bat! Now, this in itself is confusing because I'm pretty sure I never wrote this letter!! In fact, I can guarantee I didn't, because there is only about one word in the entire thing I've ever heard of and know the meaning of, and that seems to be the one word the perpetrator of this crime didn't know,. This letter contained such phrases as "rodomontade or thrasonical bombast" and "setatious vacuity." Seriously??!!??The word this perpetrator didn't know was a very sensible word which I used in one of these articles a few months ago. It was 'secretaryizing." Now, that's a word which makes sense, even if it hasn't been given a place in the unabridged dictionaries of the world yet. For the person who signed my name to that long list of unpronounceable and totally unrecognizable words, "secretaryizing" obviously refers to the act of serving as a secretary even though you may never have been trained to be a secretary. See? It makes sense! I was so upset about this thief stealing my identity and forging my signature to that letter that I was thinking of filing a lawsuit. However that lay leader lady read some article about some places in Europe where, in the Middle Ages, animals could be tried, convicted, and punished for committing crimes! That's right! Animals. Like bats! One of the articles was about a sow and her piglets who destroyed somebody's garden or something. The sow was convicted and sentenced to death. Her piglets were let off on the grounds that they had an unfit mother who taught them to do bad things. They were given a second chance with the understanding that they would be turned into pork chops also if they didn't behave themselves. That lay leader lady hinted to me that bats who misbehave themselves might find themselves turned into bat chops. Now I don't really think that filing a lawsuit would be grounds for executing the one who files, but then, as a bat I know that there is a lot of prejudice against my kind, and I might not be seen as having the legal right to even file such a suit. I'm not an attorney and right now that mosquito prices in the grocery stores are sky-high, I just can't afford to hire one. Anyway, I guess I'll just set an example of batterly love and forgive that person who so wantonly stole my identity. Presumable he won't do it again. Right, Pastor B.J.? (If you want to see that article, ask the lay leader lady. She keeps all that sort of stuff around. You should see the clutter in her house! Not that I've ever been in her house, but my 14th half cousin, Bartimaeus Bat, stopped by once, and he told me. That lay leader lady wasn't very glad to see him, by the way, and she wasn't at all friendly when he showed up! I don't think that she and I will ever be very close friends!)

**Lay Leader Lines**  
**June, 2022**

**Q: I've heard that we're offering a Vacation Bible School here this summer. Why? We only have two kids who come to this church.**

A: Why not? We have two children who regularly attend this church! Shouldn't they have an opportunity to have a Vacation Bible School in their church instead of having to go elsewhere for it? We hope to have children from all over the area in attendance! Of course, we'll have to work hard to achieve that goal, but it's doable! Perhaps our focus should not be only on what we have right now, but in what's possible for the future. Perhaps we need to believe not in what we can do all by ourselves, but in what we can do when we change our focus from "our Bible School" to "God's Bible School." Let's try to focus on what God can do through us rather than on what we might be able to do if only...or on what we can do alone, or on what some of those other churches can do but we can't, or on how old we all are. Be optimistic! Pray hard! Ask for God's direction! Believe that you, even tired, old, not very gifted, short sighted and hard of hearing you, have something to offer! If each one of us can do a little, together we may just be able to pull this off, IF we think that with God's help, we CAN! Right now we are anticipating that we can do this if we have many volunteers, each of whom would work for 20 to 30 minutes! If you want to work longer you are welcome to do so, but we hope to be able to keep work assignments brief! There will be sign-up sheets and other information about what we need to make this a great experience for all those kids who attend. Look for ways you can help, even if only a little bit!

**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!

**Has anyone seen a clear**  
**punch bowl and scoop?**

They have come up missing from the UMW cupboards! If you know where they are, contact Lynn LaRose. Thank you!



**United Methodist Women News**  
**Submitted by Carol Weinert**

Eleven women from Manistique First United Methodist Church attended the Northern Skies District celebration of the United Methodist Women in St. Ignace on May 3rd. The morning session focused on UMW business and an explanation of the national group's name change from United Methodist Women to United Women of Faith.

The afternoon session featured guest speaker Faith Fowler, who gave an inspiring talk on the Prodigal Son and tied her message into the need for second chances. Vicky Pruitt gave an exciting presentation on what is happening this season at Camp Michigamme.

Also included in the afternoon program was an invitation to the 2023 Celebration to be held in May in L'Anse.

The afternoon concluded with the attendees participating in Holy Communion.

The next District meeting will be the annual Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held in October in Manistique. More information on this event will be presented when it is available.

The next meeting of the Manistique UMW will be Tuesday, June 7 at 1 PM. Final plans for the annual UMW picnic will be made at that time. The picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2.

*Thank You*

Thank you all so very much for your kind words, cards, and gifts, as well as for the beautiful cake and refreshments at the social hour recently, following the surprise recognition I received from Delta Kappa Gamma. I really can't say that it was all deserved (although many of you have done so!) However, it was very, very much appreciated. You are a great church family, and powerfully good secret keepers! (Even my family didn't spill the beans!)

Thanks again!  
Janet Helmbold

**ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!!**  
**Vacation Bible School News**

Calling all people of all ages who are looking for a little adventure in August (specifically the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>) 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