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PASTOR'S WORDS

With all of the great weather we have been experiencing these past few weeks, I took a few moments to sit back, relax, and...take a breath! In looking back over the past couple of years, our world has been through a lot with the pandemic, social distancing/isolation, school shootings, war in Europe, and then there are the daily struggles that usually happen that may be magnified from any of the previously mentioned traumas. So, from time to time, we need to just sit back, relax, and...take a breath!

What should we do when we go through struggles such as these? What do we need to do after the event has passed before we go back to our "normal" lives? Here are some resources that I have found:

Pray for those involved in the trauma. Simple prayers like: Dear God, help and bless the people who were harmed. Guard them all with your loving care. Amen.

Discuss openly with those close to you what your family/congregation are doing to help those who have been hurt and are still hurting.

Limit exposure to continuing news stories about the trauma. This will limit trauma by protecting you from ongoing media images that may only contribute to fear and the sense of helplessness.

Reassure one another as you listen to their fears. This includes children and youth who experience the same feelings as adults, so it is important and reasonable to validate their feelings while keeping a positive outlook on the future.

Share your own feelings with one another. Fear is a part of the human condition, and it is appropriate to affirm feelings of fear.

Contact organizations in your area that address these types of needs. Following traumatic events, these organizations are ready to answer your questions and respond to your concerns. One of those organizations that I serve on is the Eastern U.P. Crisis Response Team.

Provide structure through routine and activity which help regain a sense of control and security when so much feels out of control.

PASTOR'S WORDS


Be encouraged to draw or write whatever comes to your mind. Create a group mural or collage that illustrates the images that you have seen. Follow up by talking with a trusted friend about what they may have to say about how you are feeling.

Do good. Doing good for other helps us overcome the sense of powerlessness. It puts us in control of how we are using our time to choose goodness.

Ongoing Communication is helpful for validating feelings about the images we see and conversations we hear about traumatic events. Most importantly, end each conversation on a positive note by assuring one another of God's love. Scripture like, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" or "God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need him," from Psalm 46 is one example of scripture that can bring comfort.

Pastor B.J.

Church Mice



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TODAY? OR ARE YOU FACING SOMETHING THAT HAS YOU FEELING ANXIOUS OR AFRAID? AS A PASTOR, I CAN'T FIX THINGS FOR YOU, BUT I CAN OFFER YOU THESE SIMPLE WORDS OF HOPE...

God's got this!

Karl Zorowski

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Great News!

We have hired a cleaning person. Welcome Emily from Tidy Up Cleaning!

We also have a piano player that has expressed interest during our Sunday worship service!

We welcome you both!

There are FREE books located on a shelf next to the lift. Feel free to take as many as you would like. Also, check out the FREE books downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Help yourself!

Adult Sunday School

Classes start at 9:30 AM

Sunday Mornings

Church service follows at 11 AM

First United Methodist Church

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

August

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 9:30 Education 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group Pastor B.J. out of the office	2 12 UMW Picnic Vic & Sharon Vanderville Pastor B.J. out of the office	3 Pastor B.J. out of the office	4 Ted & Louise Burson Michael Haynes	5	6
7 Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	8 9:30 Education 11 Bible Study 12 Prayer Group Ruth Annelin Kerry & Larry	9 9:30 Pasty Prep Jim & Sara Blanchard	10 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	11 7:30 Pasty Prep 10-1 Pasty Sales	12	13 District Conference Meeting 11 AM / Camp Michigamme 100 th Celebration
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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

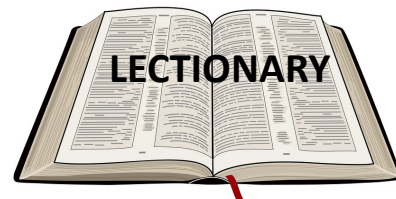
These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the September newsletter submit before **August 19th, 2022** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : office@manistiquemethodist.org



August 7 — 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Isa 1:1, 10-20; Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 (UMH 783); Heb 11:1-3,8-16; Lk 12:32-40

August 14 — 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801); Heb 11:29-12;2; Lk 12:49-56

August 21 — 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6 (UMH 794); Heb 12:18-29; Lk 13:10-17

August 28 — 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Jer 2:4-13; Ps 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803); Heb 13:1-8, 15-16; Lk 14:1, 7-14

FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Bob Whinnen, Kathleen Haynes, , Jo Nell Rubick, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy, Connie Whitsitt, Jason Coryell, Kali Lewis, Billings family and health concerns for the Chittle family.



A View From the Belfry August, 2022

Greetings from the belfry! Well, it doesn't seem to be baseball season in the sanctuary so much any more. At least, the place seems to have returned to normal, as far as the furniture being back and the vines and flowers being gone. I wonder what comes next. Football season? We'll have to wait and see!

Folk Fest is over, and the pasty booth was a huge success! We sold out of pasties, and earned enough money to completely pay for a Feeding America food truck load of food for the community. We even got more than \$100.00 in tips at the pasty booth! You know, I've heard some people complain that everybody an help themselves to the food from that food truck, including people who have the money to buy plenty of food for themselves. I guess that doesn't seem fair; it's kind of like my Uncle Brutus Bat. Uncle Brutus is healthy and able to fend for himself, yet he seems to always be pawing off freshly caught mosquitoes from everybody else. He has all kinds of excuses. Sometimes he claims that they don't look very fresh and he'll do you the favor of eating those old stale mosquitoes (even though he knows you caught them within the past 30 seconds). Once or twice he claimed that he actually caught the mosquito in question, and that you stole it from him because you grabbed it just as it was about to fly into his mouth. But mostly, Uncle Brutus doesn't seem to realize that he's doing anything unfair or wrong. To him, he thinks he's being just like everybody else because he takes what he can get when he can get it. I don't think he means to deprive anybody of anything. The truth is, there are plenty of mosquitos to go around, with lots left over. Nobody is being hurt by Uncle Brutus's actions, except for Uncle Brutus himself. He isn't being very nice to others, of course, and he never gets to realize how satisfying it an be to do for others for a change instead of just looking out for himself. Maybe the same holds true for the food truck. Does anybody really go hungry because somebody who really could afford the food took some? And do the other people there really know that some of those who don't look as if they need free food may actually have needs that others don't see? I guess I'd rather see everybody get the food whether or not they have an actual need, than to refuse somebody food who has a need which I don't recognize. Also, I'd rather see somebody without an actual need get the food than to see it go to waste. It seems to me that if you start to regulate who can get the food and who can't, you are going to be bogged down in red tape and extra paperwork to be sure that only those considered needy by somebody can get it. Who should decide who the needy are? The Government? The Department of Human Services? Somebody from the Ministerial Association? My Uncle Brutus? The owner of the food truck? The farmers who grow the food? That adds a layer of possible shame or embarrassment to the scene. After all, if everybody can get the food, there isn't any stigma attached. If only the needy can get it, and you can, that brands you as one of those needy folks, which may also mean that you aren't capable of taking care of yourself, or are too lazy to get a job, or aren't smart enough to hold a job, or don't manage your money well, or have drug or drinking or gambling problem...the list goes on and on. I'm just a bat, and a rather batty one at that, but maybe sometimes it's better just to welcome everybody and let all the other stuff go. Isn't that what Jesus did?

**Lay Leader Lines
August, 2022**

Q: Are we EVER going to get the new pasty ovens? I thought they were supposed to be here in June! I heard that some of them are in and have been for awhile. Why don't we install those and do the rest if and when they get here?

A: As far as we know, we ARE going to get the new pasty ovens! We just don't know when. Some have arrived, and while it sounds good to install those which are here and the rest whenever they come in, it isn't that simple. The new ovens are arranged differently than our current ovens, so it isn't a matter of just moving the old ovens out and putting in the new ones. We are going to have to redesign the base on which the new ovens will sit, and that needs to be done all at the same time in order for it to work well. Thus we will need to move all the old ovens out at the same time, and put the new ones in as a group. We can do that work ourselves, but really will need to do all the ovens together.

The "Pasties For a Purpose" fundraiser raised around \$1900, including \$108 in tips. We were able to sponsor the entire \$1800 cost for the July 27th Feeding America food truck. Thank you again for your support from planning, preparing, working during Folk Fest and volunteering at the event! We are blessed by you and our community.



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

The annual UMW picnic will be held in the church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday Aug. 2 at noon. The menu will be a salad luncheon with members bringing their favorite salad or dessert to share. The program will be presented by Janet Helmbold, who will speak on her recent trip to Croatia.

Those attending are asked to wear a hat for a game of True or False. Each lady will tell a story about the significance of her hat and the audience must decide whether or not her story is true.

This year the luncheon will not be open to guests due the on-going Covid 19 virus that is still circulating in the Upper Peninsula.

The next regular meeting of the UMW will be held Tuesday Sept. 6 at 1 PM. UMW meetings are open to all women interested in the welfare of women and children.

Mary Prater announced that the current Reading Program concludes in December but there is still time to join in. See her for more information.

She also said there are several "outdated" program books as well as others from the church library on a table in Fellowship Hall. These books are free for the taking and you are urged to take as many as you choose to keep, (Do not bring them back!) Be sure to check these "freebies" the next time you are downstairs for Sunday School, Coffee Hour or whatever.

Summer is a good time for leisure reading.



Vacation Bible School

Date: August 15-18, 2022

Place: First United Methodist Church

Address: 190 N. Cedar St., Manistique

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon

Ages: Preschool - 6th grade

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.