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**PASTOR'S  
WORDS**

What a joy! What joy indeed it has been this past month as we start to wrap up our summer activities. We have had a great past month of Folkfest pasties which led us into providing the Feeding America food truck for the end of July.

Then the fun didn't end there; in fact it grew into our Vacation Bible School program in mid-August with around 7 kids being involved in our 4-day program. We also had more adult volunteers than kids helping out which made all of the activities go exceptionally well. Then we wrapped up all of that excitement with a church picnic at our house on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> and the rain cooperated with our plans despite the forecast!

Another joy during our summer months has been our Sunday morning worship numbers that have consistently been in the 40's with an occasional 50+ count. Great job everyone in continuing to be a welcoming congregation to all who come to worship with us and return!

Speaking of good growth, also in August we attended the Northern Skies District Conference at Camp Michigamme and also celebrated Camp Michigamme's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this year. While there we received news that our district will be growing in size (both in area and number of churches). With the consolidation of the Michigan Annual Conference districts from 9 districts to 7 districts, our district will now extend further south into in the lower peninsula and we will be growing from 54 churches to around 90 churches within our district. While this does present some healthy challenges for our District Superintendent, he is looking forward to it. There are some other districts within our conference that serve well over 100 churches, although in a much smaller geographical footprint than our district.

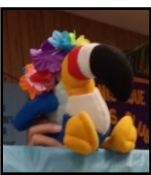
As we head into fall and the kids go back to school, I'm grateful for all of the mighty things that we have accomplished so far this year and I pray that we continue doing the work of God's kingdom in our community and the world with great anticipation for what lies ahead!

Pastor B.J.



Vacation Bible School Wrap-Up

I want to thank everyone for your help and participation in Vacation Bible School. I think it was a successful VBS because of you by the Grace of God! Penny Tracy



Church Mice

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September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Mission Noisy Offering —</b></p> <p><b>God’s Country Cooperative Parish</b></p> <p>God is working through us. All donations will be accepted, drop it in as you enter or as you exit the sanctuary! Include your church envelope number if you want it tracked in your financial giving. Thank you for your support!</p>				1	2	3
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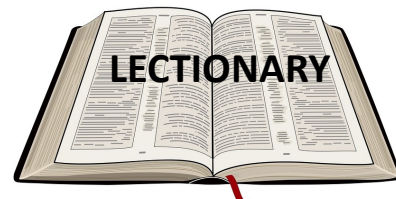
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

## 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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**September 4** — *13th Sunday After Pentecost*

Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854); Philem 1-21; Lk 14:25-33

**September 11** — *14th Sunday After Pentecost*

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28; Ps 14 (UMH 746); 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-10

**September 18** — *15th Sunday After Pentecost*

Jer 8:18-9:1; Ps 79:1-9 or Ps 4 (UMH 741); 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13

**September 25** — *16th Sunday After Pentecost*

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810); 1 Tim 6:6-19; Lk 16:19-31

## FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



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



Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the September newsletter submit before **September 22nd, 2022** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : [office@manistiquemethodist.org](mailto:office@manistiquemethodist.org)

August Mission Noisy Offering for Backpack Buddies, Zion Lutheran Church will be announced soon!

Thank you for your support!

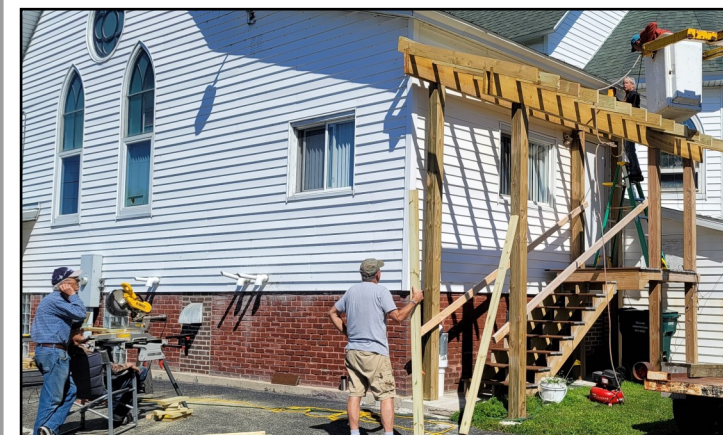


## A View From the Belfry September, 2022

**Greetings from the belfry!** Wow, is there a lot going on at church these days! A work crew is just about done getting the back steps to the Pastor's study in tip-top shape. They've put on a new roof over the steps, a railing (almost anyway), the steps themselves, and everything else they needed to make that a safe entrance and exit for those inclined to climb lots of steps! Thanks, you busy beavers! The workers on the steps included Gordie Barry, Ted Burson, John Livingston, Pastor B.J. Ash and Vic Vanderville.

We also have had a successful Vacation Bible School! There were more volunteers to help than we had children, but it worked out very well. The kids seemed to be enjoying themselves, and so did the volunteers! In addition to Brandon and Alex Ash, we had the minister's kids from the First Baptist Church here, plus a friend of these kids. They did everything from painting picture frames, to building trees and then eating them, to making rainbows in the parking lot, to learning about God's love, to rounding up balloon sheep with pool noodles, to talking with a stuffed bird, to singing songs with lots of motions, to...you name it, they probably did it! It goes to show that a church doesn't need a whole bunch of kids to have a successful Bible School experience! Thanks to all those who volunteered for this endeavor. The volunteers include Pastor B.J. Ash, Brutus Bat,\* Sara Blanchard, Char Crosby, Janet Helmbold, Connie Kelsey, Carol Livingston, Mary Livingston, Linda Moon, Mary Prater, Pam Tallman, Penny Tracy, and Carolyn Williams. A special thanks goes to Penny Tracy, who spearheaded the whole thing! What a great time we had! I must say, it about wore me out just watching everybody! I guess I'll go take a bat nap!

\*I felt I should mention my Uncle Brutus, because he really did try to help. He was so embarrassed by my mentioning his tendency to take from others in the August newsletter article that he felt he should contribute something. His contribution? He diligently patrolled the church grounds the night before each of the Bible School days and ate as many mosquitoes as he could possibly hold! I think it must have worked, because I didn't see anybody slapping at biting mosquitoes during the event! Way to go, Uncle Brutus!





## Lay Leader Lines September, 2022

**Q: I heard that there was a District Conference at Camp Michigamme recently. Is that anything like the Michigan Annual Conference we hear about every year?**

A: The District Conference is similar to the Michigan Annual Conference, in that it is where the business of the Northern Skies District is conducted. Because the District Conference pertains only to our own District rather than to all the Districts in the State Conference, there is less business to conduct. A budget is set for the District, local apportionments for each of the local churches are set, and any business which pertains to the District as a whole but not to the Conference is conducted. In addition, because Camp Michigamme is unique in that it is a District camp rather than a Conference camp, we adopt a budget for the camp itself. We also choose a Mission Project of the year, which has traditionally been a local church or Camp Michigamme. Local churches are asked to help provide support for some special need of the church which is chosen. In past years we have selected churches which were dealing with major expenses, such as the need to replace a failing roof or to remodel an area of the church which is not handicapped accessible. Somewhat surprisingly, no church has applied to be the mission church of the year for 2023. Camp Michigamme was the mission of the year recipient for 2022, and although a great deal of work has been done on the camp properties, there is still more work which needs to be completed. In particular, the showers are in need of replacement. One shower facility has showers which were installed in the 1940's. They no longer function adequately and have been repaired about as often as is possible. The total cost of the shower replacement is not yet settled but it appears that it may well be between \$250,000 and \$300,000. As a result, it was decided to name Camp Michigamme the mission church of the year again for 2023.

In addition to the business meeting, the attendees participated in a worship service, had a picnic lunch (in Grace Hall instead of outdoors because of the rain), brought books for a book exchange for those who wished to participate, and celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of Camp Michigamme. We also had time to wander around the campground. For those who remember what the camp was like many years ago, there have been many changes and improvements made over the past several years. As at any facility of "a certain age," there are always additional improvements which will be needed in future years. As a District rather than a Conference camp, Camp Michigamme does not receive Conference support. All funding is drawn from the District alone. Through the years the local churches have done well at keeping our camp going. For many residents of the Upper Peninsula, Camp Michigamme is a very special place which has contributed a great deal to the faith development of those campers who have attended sessions there.

Did you lose a plastic serving spoon at the BBQ Picnic? If so, please contact Carol Weinert. If it is not claimed it will wind up in the church kitchen.



## United Methodist Women News Submitted by Carol Weinert

Fun, food and fellowship were the order of the day as the Manistique United Methodist Women celebrated its annual summer picnic in August.

While the women dined on a bountiful buffet of assorted salads and desserts, they played a game of "True or False." Each woman wore a special hat and told a story of the significance of the head gear. Then the others were to decide whether the story was true or false. Gales of laughter filled the room as they enjoyed some of the fabricated tales.

Janet Helmbold was the featured speaker. She shared some of her experiences from her recent trip to Croatia and the surrounding countries in Europe. The informative and humorous travelogue was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the UMW will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 1 PM. As the group resumes its study of the Fruits of the Spirit, Penny Tracy will present the program. Plans for the November UMW Sunday as well as other programs for the year will be discussed.

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



### Church Picnic

I apologize that I missed some people! There were around 24 in attendance.

