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PASTOR'S  
WORDS

Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October and is important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted them with one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants:

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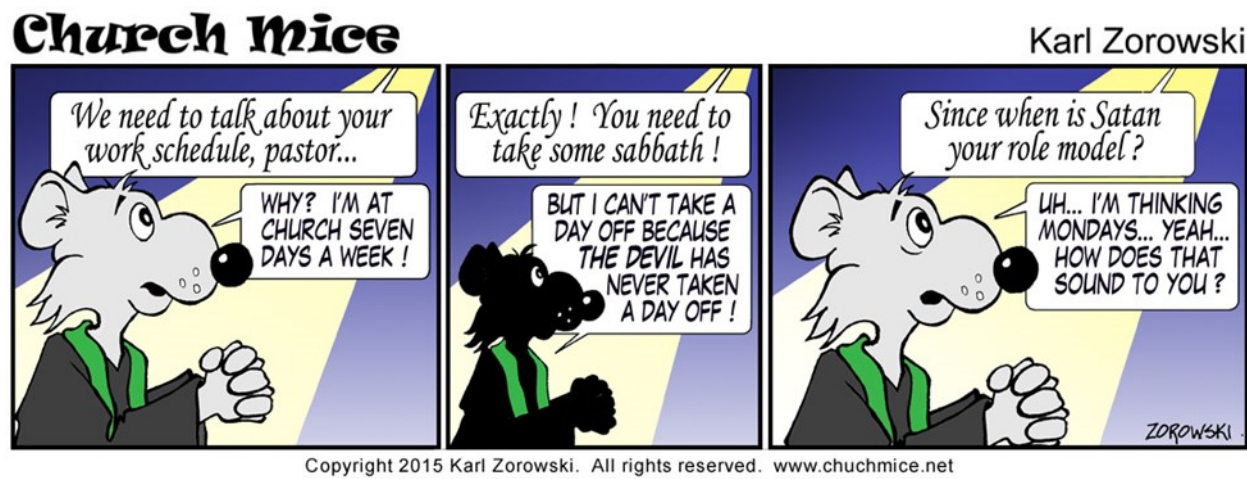
“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Pastor Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.

The most exhilarating moment a pastor can experience is to have a layperson say, “Pastor, I really want to make a difference in my world for Christ. I want to put on the whole armor of God and enter the fray. Will you help me? Will you train me? Will you pray for me?”

Wherever you feel the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding you, I’m here to help you discern, learn, and encourage you.

Pastor B.J.



THE 58TH ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS REHEARSALS  
BEGIN OCT. 9TH AT 2 PM, IN THE ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

This is a great way for our congregation to share its talents with the community. There are various areas in which you can participate, for example: reading scripture or singing in a choir or perhaps a special song! The performance will be Sunday, December 11, 3 PM in St. Francis de Sales sanctuary. Please let Pastor B.J. or Connie K. know if you are interested.



First United Methodist Church

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

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>Mission Noisy Offering — Samaritan’s Purse/Christmas Shoeboxes</b> 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!						1 Candace Haskell
2 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Progressive Dinner starts at 4 PM	3 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12	4 Trustees 10 AM UMW 1 PM	5 Community Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM @ First Baptist Church	6 Long Term Planning Meeting 9:30 AM	7 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat Registration 5 PM	8 Trustee’s Fall Work Day 9-12 UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat 9 AM-1 PM
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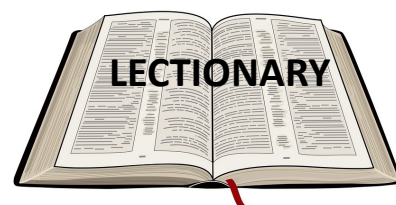
## Prayer Chain

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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**October 2** — 17th Sunday After Pentecost, World Communion Sunday

Lam 1:1-6; Ps 137 (UMH 852); 2 Tim 1:1-14; Lk 17:5-10

**October 9** — 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Jer 29:1, 4-7; Ps 66:1-12 (UMH 790); 2 Tim 2:8-15; Lk 17:11-19

**October 16** — 19th Sunday After Pentecost, Laity Sunday

Jer 31:27-34; Ps 119:97-104 or Ps 19 (UMH 750); 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Lk 18:1-8

**October 23** — 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32; Ps 65 (UMH 789); 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

**October 30** — 21st Sunday After Pentecost, Reformation Sunday

Heb 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps 119:137-144 (UMH 840); 2 Thes 1:1-4, 11-12; Lk 19:1-10

## FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Char Crosby and sister, Mary Prater, Dan Crosby, 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 November newsletter submit before

**October 20th, 2022** deadline.

Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : [office@manistiquemethodist.org](mailto:office@manistiquemethodist.org)

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## A View From the Belfry October, 2022

**Hello once again from the belfry!** My goodness, things have been hopping around this church recently! Pastor B.J. apparently either bought a baseball team or was appointed head coach of a baseball team, or maybe just wishes he could go to professional baseball games more often or something. For whatever reason, we've heard more about baseball recently than I have ever heard on a Sunday morning in church before. The thing is, we aren't watching baseball games, or getting training on how to play them. Nope! We're learning that baseball is a lot like preaching! At least, when he talks about baseball, he ends up giving us a message that has a lot to do with life, and theology, and being better Christians, and stuff like that. Who knew that baseball and the *Bible* had so much in common!!!

We've also had a few unexpected events which resulted in a bit of quick creativity during church services. We always knew that Mary Prater is indispensable to this church, and she proved it recently when she had to miss a couple of church services. During the first one she missed, Pastor B.J. was off studying how to be a minister (as if he didn't already know), so Gordie Barry was preaching and leading the service and was faced with a last minute change of plans regarding the music. He actually did play one of the hymns (Mary probably doesn't have to worry too much that he'll insist on taking over as pianist and organist, however), and Karen Klaus led us in a few more and did a fine job without any music to follow. The congregation did well with the last minute changes, but really, folks, I think the Quakers and other denominations who don't have music in their worship services lose something when it isn't there. At least, United Methodists and their resident bats seem to think so. Anyway, with that one glitch, (Mary, we hope you come back soon!) we are steaming ahead to prepare for the progressive dinner (canceled by COVID for awhile but back again!), gearing up for the annual church (or charge) conference, and best of all, aiming toward trunk or treat again for Halloween! That's my favorite holiday of all, and of bats everywhere! I understand that we may do it a little differently this year! We'll have to wait and see on that, but plans are afoot to maybe have hot dogs instead of just candy. (I think this is perhaps a last hurrah for the baseball theme we've had recently, since hot dogs are traditional at baseball games and nobody does much trick-or-treating at those games.) Meanwhile, all you busy people continue to go about accomplishing the routine business of the church. It's enough to exhaust a bat, especially when you consider that the days are getting shorter and colder, and bats typically start thinking about settling down for a long winter's nap. (Yawwwn!) On that note, I guess I'll go for a short autumn nap about now!

**Lay Leader Lines  
October, 2022**

**Q: I've heard rumors that our budget for next year is going to be significantly higher than the one we have this year. Is that so? Why?**

A: The budget for 2023 will probably be significantly higher than the one we had this year, but not higher than some we have had in past years, when we had a parsonage to maintain. Most of the increase is due to significantly higher costs of utilities. Apportionments have also increased, and in some areas the Finance Committee felt that we should provide more support and could do so without undue hardship. For example, the budgeted amount for missions was only \$100.00. We gave significantly more than that to missions, but with fund raisers and volunteer donations rather than as budgeted items. The Missions Committee was actually not financed except for the \$100.00 for Conference support for Haiti Children's Hospital and the Judith Craig Children's Village in Liberia. With a modest budget, this Committee has the ability to support other missions efforts, both locally and in other areas as the need arises. We are doing well financially, and can afford to increase our expenditures skimping on what we need to operate and maintain our church building. You can rest assured that money will not be spent frivolously!

The Ad Council is looking for input from the congregation!  
Will you help us in our visioning plan for the future of our church?  
This is an open discussion that will look into the needs and desires of the church building and where our focus lies.  
Please join us at the Long Term Planning/Visioning meeting  
to be held October 6th at 9:30 AM.

**PIE AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER!**

**October 16**

right after church in the  
Fellowship Hall.

Proceeds will benefit the Camp  
Michigamme Shower fund!

Halloween is October 31st!  
We will be hosting Trunk or Treat  
in our parking lot from 4-5 PM  
The church will be providing hot dogs  
and an invitation to a kid's movie event!  
If you are interested in providing a trunk  
with a treat please arrive by 3:45 PM.  
We have had between 50-60 visitors in the past!  
Dress warm; it has been chilly.



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

The new season is well underway for the Manistique United Methodist Women. At the September meeting, plans for the Nov. 6 UMW Sunday were finalized, and will include the monthly observance of Holy Communion. The theme will be "The Fruit of the spirit."

Plans for the annual Christmas Tea were discussed. The event will be held Dec. 3. More information will be presented at the October UMW meeting following the committee report.

A report was given on our church's participation in the recent Feeding America program at which more than 500 boxes of food were distributed. Many of our UMW members participated in the distribution and said they would be glad to help again.

The district office of Northern Skies (formerly the Marquette District of the UMW) has requested that each UM Church in the district hold a fund raiser for Camp Michigamme. The UMW decided to conduct a pie auction during the coffee hour following the Sunday worship service on Oct. 16. Please come and join in on the fun.

The next meeting of the UMW will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 1 PM. Ruth Annelin will present the program as the study of the Fruit of the Spirit continues.

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



**ECUMENICAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER —October 2nd**

You are invited to attend this dinner. As you travel from church to church enjoy the special meal presented by the area churches.

4:00 PM - APPETIZERS - Cedar Grove Mennonite Church  
1724N W. Kendall Rd., 8 miles Northeast of Manistique

5:00 PM—SOUP - Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church —435 Oak St., Manistique

5:30 PM—SALAD - First United Methodist Church —190 N. Cedar St., Manistique

6:00 PM—MAIN ENTREE - First Baptist Church—319 Walnut St., Manistique

6:45 PM—DESSERT - Church of the Redeemer Presbyterian—314 Main St., Manistique

**Upper Room  
Devotionals  
are available  
as you head  
downstairs  
to the  
Fellowship  
Hall.  
Feel free to  
pick one up  
today!**