

# Birthdays and Anniversaries November

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## THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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### PASTOR'S WORDS

For most people, this harvest time of the year heading into the holidays brings about a sense of gratefulness, a feeling of thanksgiving, and wanting to share in our abundance with one another. Corinthians 9:11 echoes this sentiment with "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." So, in our giving to one another, we give praise and thanksgiving to God. That reminds me of our upcoming Thanksgiving meal that we sponsor at Big Boy and the UMW assembling the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that we donate each year. We also gather for the Manistique Ministerial Association's ecumenical Thanksgiving service that will be held here in our church on Nov. 22 at 7 PM to celebrate the blessings that God has placed in our lives.

I think about what will come in the months following this time of Thanksgiving (snow, cold, etc.), but I don't let it overpower me because in Philippians 4:6-7 it says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Sometimes we may also let the small details of "things" prevent us from accomplishing what God wants us to do. Don't let that anxiety prevent you from fulfilling God's blessings in our lives, but instead pray fervently that God's will be done.

Our upcoming family movie event on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is something brand new here, but we shouldn't let any anxiety prevent us from trying it. I also think about our long-term planning meetings and how we are organizing our efforts to be intentional about how we do ministry instead of being reactive like the "Whac-A-Mole" game.




PASTOR'S WORDS

When these things start falling into place, I am reminded of Matthew 6:21 that reads “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” I remember the great number of people that came through our church during the Progressive Dinner, and I think about how great it will be to participate in the Festival of Lessons & Carols in person again on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at St. Francis.

This time of year certainly is a time to take a look around us and see the great many blessings that God is working within each of us...and what each of us need to do about it!

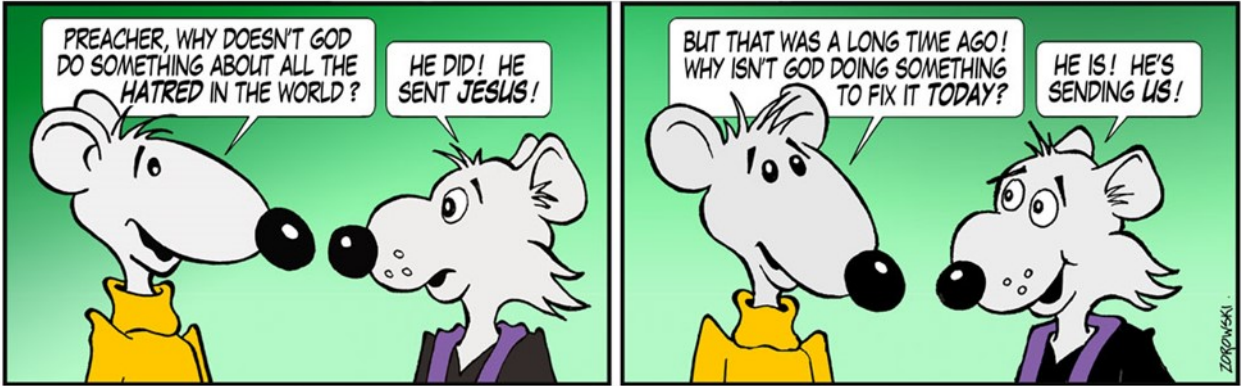
Pastor B.J.



The ovens are here!  
Praise God!

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Free Kid's Movie Event in our Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 5th.  
“Happy Feet”, PG, begins at 1 PM,  
followed by “Spider Man”, PG-13, from 3-5 PM  
Popcorn, juice and pop will be available free during the movie.  
The Kid's Movie Event is free, and we provide adult supervision for moviegoers.  
Parents are welcome to join their kids for this safe and fun day of entertainment.

Please return this portion of invitation

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend this event.

Emergency contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_










Address: \_\_\_\_\_



First United Methodist Church

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

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b><u>Pastor B.J. will be out of the office November 13-26th. Please contact the office or Janet if you have a pastoral need.</u></b>		1 Membership Class 10 AM UMW 1 PM	2	3 SPRC Zoom Call Charge Conference 6:30 PM	4 Karen Klaus 	5 Charge Conference Escanaba Central UMC 10AM Kid’s Movie Event 1-5PM
6 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM UMW Sunday Worship 11 AM Community Choir Rehearsal 2 PM at Zion Lutheran Alex Ash 	7 Ad Council 9:30 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 Celie Norton 	8 Trustees 10 AM  Pasty Prep 10:30 Pixie Livingston 	9  Pasty Prep 7:30 FUMC Bell Choir 8 Pasty Sales 10-1 Community Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM @ First Baptist Church	10  Pasty Prep 7:30 Pasty Sales 10-1	11	12
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27 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM UMW Sunday Worship 11 AM Community Choir Rehearsal 2 PM at Zion Lutheran	28 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12	29 Rita Salter 	30 Community Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:30 PM @ First Baptist Church	<b><u>Mission Noisy Offering —</u></b> <b><u>Adopt A Family-Thanksgiving boxes</u></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!		



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

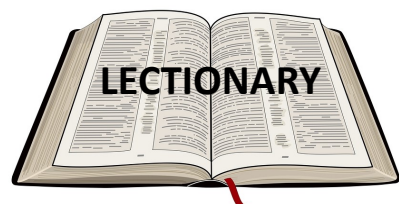
These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the September newsletter submit before **November 18th 2022** deadline.

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



October Mission Noisy Offering for Samaritan's Purse will be announced soon!

Thank you for your support!

### November 1 — All Saints Day

Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149 or Ps 150 (UMH 862); Eph 1:11-23; Lk 6:20-31

### November 6 — 22nd Sunday After Pentecost, All Saints Sunday, UMW Sunday

Hag 1:15b-2:9; Ps 145:1-5, 17-21 (UMH 857); 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17; Lk 20:27-38

### November 13 — 23rd Sunday After Pentecost, Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday

Isa 65:17-25; Isa 12 or Ps 118 (UMH 839); 2 Thess 3:6-13; Lk 21:5-19

### November 20 — 24th Sunday After Pentecost, Christ the King/Reign of Christ, Thanksgiving Sunday

Jer 23:1-6; Lk 1:68-79 (UMH 208); Col 1:11-20; Lk 23:33-43

### November 24 — Thanksgiving Day

Deut 26:1-11; Ps 100 (UMH 821); Phil 4:4-9; Jn 6:25-35

### November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent, Beginning Lectionary Year A, UM Student Sunday

Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122 (UMH 845); Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:36-44



## FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

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



## A View From the Belfry November, 2022

**Oh, my word!!! Wow!!!** I knew that food prices were high, but this is outrageous! Do you realize that people in this church recently spent an average of \$40.00 per pie to buy a bunch of pies at this church??? I know some people say that groceries are expensive these days, but I bet you don't have to spend \$40.00 to get a pie at Jack's! Actually, I also suspect that you wouldn't have nearly as much fun buying pies at Jack's as this congregation did buying them at the pie auction the church held recently. Actually, you were raising funds to contribute to a plea from the District Office for money to replace some really old showers at Camp Michigamme. The District Superintendent, Scott Harmon, suggested that every United Methodist Church in the Northern Skies District hold a spaghetti dinner to raise the money. Apparently whoever was sent to the grocery store to buy the spaghetti either forgot what he or she was there after and bought pie making stuff instead, or managed to get lost and ended up in the bakery section and thought pies looked really good so that was what was purchased. However it happened, this church raised \$1185 toward those showers. There were 28 pies for sale, and all of them were purchased! We even had a guest from the past here to help Jim Blanchard sell all those pies! Don and Polly Bedwell came, Don helped sell pies, and they also bought some pasties while they were at it! They even raised money for us by bidding against each other for some of the pies, and at one point Don was bidding against himself! Now that's really getting into the spirit of the game. (Or else maybe it suggests that nobody explained the rules of an auction to him. I guess it isn't against the rules to bid against yourself, but it does make the auctioneer wonder....) Anyway, I think this entire church deserves applause for making the auction a great way to help a worthy cause and have a lot of fun at the same time. (I'd applaud you myself, but every time I try it I tend to fly away instead of making any clapping sounds.)

In addition to the pie auction, this church is having a Trunk-or-Treat event on Halloween. By the time you receive this, that will probably be over, but as I write it, we are still anticipating a good turnout, lots of kids getting candy and hot dogs, plenty of weird, cute, scary, and funny costumes, and again, a lot of fun! Thank those of you who have helped make this a really fun time of year for the church and the community!

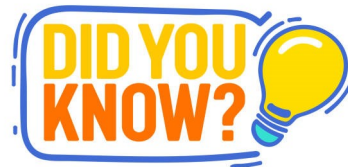
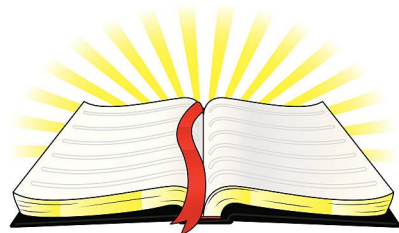
You would think that with auctions and Trunk-or-Treat, you folks have worked hard enough and had enough fun, but I hear that you're just starting! We're going to have a movie event, with popcorn and everything! We're also going to help sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner at Big Boy for those who may not have a big dinner at home. The community Thanksgiving service will be held in this church as well. We're going to have participants in the community choir and a community handbell choir at Christmas, in addition to all the other things we traditionally do at Christmas, such as the UMW Christmas tea, an adopt-a-family project, shoe box gifts, decorating the sanctuary for Christmas, and who knows what else? Well there is something else! We have acquired a new organist for as long as Mary is unavailable! Her name is Cindy Burgin. I was a little confused, however, when she first came. She said that she was a pianist and didn't play the organ...and then sat down at the organ and played it beautifully! Anyway, welcome, Cindy, and thank you so much for providing music for us. (I had about had it with that old lady and her clarinet!!) On that note, I'm going to go take a nap!! (I said that last month too, didn't I?)



## Lay Leader Lines November, 2022

**Q: I heard recently that the church had a special meeting on long-range planning for the church, but I haven't heard anything more about it. How did it go?**

A: There was indeed a long-range planning meeting held recently at the church. Exactly four people came. They did discuss concerns which we are beginning to have when we look ahead, but no decisions were made regarding the direction the church should take in planning for what may transpire down the road. While making decisions was not the objective of this meeting, at some point we will have to make wise decisions now in order to avoid major problems in the future. For this process to really work effectively, we need the input from EVERYBODY in the congregation, not just four people. We are planning to have another meeting the near future to again try to obtain input from more of the congregation. If you have suggestions or concerns or ideas of any kind, please let Pastor B.J. or one of the church leaders know. Not everybody feels comfortable speaking up in a group, and many people seem to think they have nothing to contribute. We aren't asking anybody to come up with the one great idea which will solve all the problems which this church may encounter in the distant future, or even in the immediate present. No idea is too trivial, or too difficult, or too anything else to merit consideration. Even if you are completely happy with the way things are right now, we can't rest on our laurels and continue to make progress. Please share your thoughts with your church family!



Thank You to the person who  
anonymously paid for my truck repair last  
Thursday! It was a genuine blessing and so  
gratefully appreciated!  
I am praising God for your generosity!  
Connie Kelsey

In the Old Testament, King David caused a lot of trouble for himself when he coveted his neighbor's wife. What was this beautiful woman's name?

- A. Beersheba    B. Bathsheba    C. Queen of Sheba    D. Godzilla

What was the woman's husband's name?

- A. Uzziah    B. Ukiah    C. Uriah    D. Ulysses

You can find the answers to these questions in II Samuel ch. 11, v 3.

**OR,** you can come to our Bible study group on Monday mornings at 11:00 am. We'd love to have you join us. (If you think studying the Bible is dry and boring, you should try us out! We actually have a lot of fun there!)



## United Methodist Women News Submitted by Carol Weinert

Be sure not to miss one of the big events of our church year. The Manistique United Methodist Women will present their annual Sunday worship service on Nov. 6. The theme is a continuation of the group's study, "The Fruit of the Spirit," based on the Scripture Galatians 5:22-23. Several UMW members will participate in the service and Holy Communion will be observed.

Plans for the annual Christmas Tea were discussed at the October UMW meeting. It will be held Dec. 3 at 1 PM in Fellowship Hall of the church. In addition to a seasonal program a Cookie Walk will be included. Due to the continuing Covid virus pandemic, the tea will not be open to the community. Watch for posters around the church coming soon announcing the event.

On Sunday, Oct. 16 a pie auction was held following the worship service to raise funds for a new shower house at Camp Michigamme. Under the talented efforts of auctioneer Jim Blanchard, assisted by retired pastor, Don Bedwell, the large group of attendees were entertained and more than \$1185 was raised. Thanks to all who provided the delicious pies for the auction.

The next meeting of the UMW will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 1 PM. The annual Thank Offering Service will be presented.

Manistique First UMW (currently known nationally as Women United in Faith) is open to all women interested in the welfare of women and children.

