

## First United Methodist Church

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### April 30, 2023 — May 6, 2023

*"4th Sunday of Easter"*

Usher / Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen      Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey      Children's Worship: Natalie G./Linda M.  
Altar Flowers: Connie & Dan Kelsey      Fellowship: Rita Salter  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Heifer International

Monday (5/1)      Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (5/2)      UWIF (UMW) District Meeting in Crystal Falls/Pastor B.J. Clergy Retreat  
Wednesday (5/3)      Pastor B.J. Clergy Retreat (He will be out of the office)  
Thursday (5/4)      Pastor B.J. Clergy Retreat (He will be out of the office)  
Friday (5/5)  
Saturday (5/6)      Kid's Games & Fun 3-5 PM, Ages 3-12 are invited

### May 7, 2023 — May 13, 2023

*"5th Sunday of Easter"*

Usher / Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck      Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: James Gaffney      Children's Worship: Natalie G./Connie K.  
Altar Flowers: Needed      Fellowship: Carol Livingston  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/8)      Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (5/9)      Ad Council 10 AM  
Wednesday (5/10)      Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM  
Thursday (5/11)      Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM  
Friday (5/12)      Education 9:30 AM / Worship 11 AM  
Saturday (5/13)

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

4/30/23 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23; 1 Pet 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

5/7/23 Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-145



Let us please keep the following joys and concerns in our prayers: Lynn LaRose, Ken & Cyndi Burgin family, Linda Moon's friend's mom, Ruth Annelin family, Dan Crosby, Karen Klaus, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Kathleen & Michael Haynes, Mary and Bob Whinnen, Phyllis Burge, Jo Nell Rubick, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Kali Lewis, Connie Whitsitt.



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190 North Cedar Manistique, MI 49854

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April 30, 2023



*"WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD'S LOVE, PREACH THE  
GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."*



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**April 30, 2023**  
**“4th Sunday of Easter”**



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE Symphonic Prelude by J. Brahms

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 23

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 174 His Name Is Wonderful

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Sheep are noted for being rather unintelligent animals. They need a shepherd to lead them. Without one, they are confused and lost. Jesus often referred to people as sheep. People also need a shepherd.

**P:** **We resent being compared to sheep, yet we have many similarities. We also need a leader to follow. Even in informal groups, we often look to someone in the group to lead us in making plans, in discussing a topic, or in solving a problem.**

**L:** Sheep know their shepherds by their voices, and will follow only their leader. They will not follow a stranger. How about us?

**P:** **People have the ability to discern some of the qualities of a leader by the content of what is said. Even so, we are too often led astray by those with the ability to speak fluently and with conviction, even though their message may be nonsense or only what is popular and not what is true.**

**L:** Jesus used parables taken from daily life to convey His messages. Even when people disliked the contents of His messages. He spoke what was true and necessary for the benefit of His listeners.

**P:** **Lord, help us to follow those leaders who speak the truth rather than those who tell us what we want to hear whether or not it is correct. Give us the ability to know the truth and to allow the truth to guide our thoughts and our actions.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 128 He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED:** UMH 881

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN’S TIME

**HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 381 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**\*GOSPEL READING** **John 10:1-10**

SERMON Guardian of the Soul

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,  
 Incline Thine ear to us,  
 And grant us Thy peace. (2x)  
 Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER: UMH 895

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY Come Holy Spirit by W. Gaither

**\*DOXOLOGY:** UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 261 Lord of the Dance

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*PARTING HYMN:** UMH 672 (vs 1) God Be with You till We Meet Again

POSTLUDE: Lift Up Your Song of Praise by C. Saint-Saens

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE