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PASTOR'S
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So, how do we show love to one another? There are many books written on the topic, including one that talks about the 5 love languages: gifts, acts of service, words of affirmation, quality time, and physical touch. Speaking of physical touch, yes, there will be times when we will step on one another's toes while attempting to show love, but that allows us the opportunity to ask for forgiveness and for the other person to grant us some grace as we have all been shown grace.

Forgiveness is an important part of relationships and also a part of showing love to one another. It can be difficult for us to give forgiveness at times. While I was at a conference last month in Dallas, we received some breaking news on March 30th that the Vatican had repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery as being no longer a part of the Catholic faith.

For those unfamiliar with this doctrine from nearly 500 years ago, it allowed the conquest of the Americas with the blessing of the Catholic church at that time and also set a precedent for how our nation interpreted laws regarding who is allowed to own the land. This was further backed through the U.S. Supreme Court to justify the cultural and racial superiority over other groups including Native Americans and would also include African Americans through the Civil Rights movement and other minority groups.

With this repudiation being less than a month old, it's important for us to take the

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the time to understand the impacts that this will have on our culture today that has been shaped from our past history and how it will impact our future understanding of what our culture is. Over the past several years we have heard about land acknowledgments taking place during our annual conference meetings which acknowledges that this land was originally the ancestral lands of Native people before they were displaced (exiled). So, how does this fit in with our church? Back to the forgiveness part: in order to receive forgiveness, you have to ask for it. We know that through God's gift to us with Jesus' work through the cross that we are already forgiven, but we still need to intentionally ask for it. Jesus summed up the greatest commandment of all: love God and love one another. As a part of loving one another is forgiving each other of our sins.

Land acknowledgments are a step on the forgiveness path, but there is much more work to be done to being in right relationship with a people that are still in exile today. As Christians, we too are from an exiled people that are in a foreign, dominant society where we oftentimes see the great need for more work to be done for the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth. Let us not forget the reason why we do the things we do and also be able to drown out the "noise" of this world's politics that don't align with our Christian way of life as it is written in the biblical teachings.

Pastor B.J.

Pastor B.J. will be out of the office May 2nd-4th.
Please contact Janet or the office if you have pastoral needs.

Beautiful front doors have been installed!

They look amazing!

Thank you to all who made this possible!

The trustees have been working on several other projects in the church.

We are blessed by your talents.



First United Methodist Church

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

May

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
NOTE: Pastor B.J. will be out of the office May 2nd-4th	1 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM	2 UWiF (UMW) District Mtg Crystal Falls	3	4	5	6 Kid's Games & Fun 3-5 PM
7 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Mary & Bob Whinnen	8 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM Pastor B.J. & Kelly Ash	9 Ad Council 10AM	10 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10am-1pm	11 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10am-1pm	12 Education 9:30 Worship 11 AM	13
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May Mission Noisy Offering — Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

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!

Prayer Chain

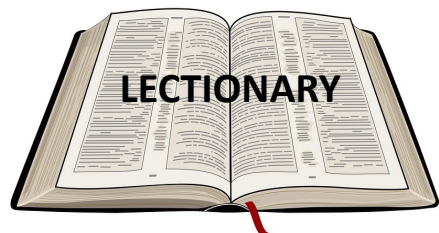
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

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



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May 7 — 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764); 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 14 — 6th Sunday of Easter/Heritage Sunday/Mother's Day

Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790); 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 21 — 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792); 1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Ascension of the Lord Lections:

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 (UMH 781); Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 28 — Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); 1 Cor 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39



FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

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



Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the next newsletter submit before **May 22nd, 2023** deadline.

Pictures and other additions can be emailed to : office@manistiquemethodist.org

April Mission Noisy Offering for Heifer International will be announced soon! Thank you for your support!



A View From the Belfry May, 2023

Spring is here! The early flowers such as crocuses are blooming! In some places, especially in town, there is more grass showing than snow, and it is no longer dark by 5:30 pm. It's too soon for the mosquitoes to be out, which seems to bring joy to people, but fear of starving for the bats. It also brings the snowbirds back home, and the summer residents are seriously thinking of heading north for the summer. It also means that the Education Committee members are planning the program for Vacation Bible School, which will be held in June this year! The theme this year is superheroes, but instead of Spiderman and Superman and Mighty Mouse and Mighty Mosquito, these superheroes have more to do with the Bible! If anyone wants to help with Vacation Bible School, please see Penny Tracy, the Mighty Superleader of this committee! We would especially appreciate a few super energetic teens or older young persons (or younger old persons) who can dance and do hand motions to the music. Somehow even our really energetic octogenarians don't see themselves as quite up to the peppy theme music. (Quite frankly, I personally think that all those creaky joints and moans and groans which accompany them add quite a bit to the music!) We can also use volunteers who would like to help with the program in other capacities. Finally, we could use kids! If you have any kids lying around with nothing to do, bring them along! We can handle kids from about 4 or 5 to about 11 or 12. All are welcome!

The First United Methodist Church will be hosting a Free Kid's Games & Fun Event in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 6th from 3-5 PM. Ages 3-12 year are invited. All are welcome, including parents.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please signup at the office.

Parents/Guardians: Please return this portion of invitation on May 6th.

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

Emergency contact information:

Name: _____ Telephone Number _____ Age(s) _____

Address: _____

Allergies: _____ Special Medical Needs: _____

I, also, agree that photographs may used for promotional uses.

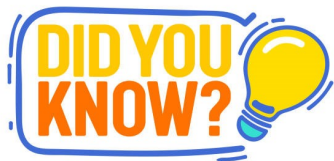
**Lay Leader Lines
May, 2023**

Q: I know we are planning a big celebration of this church's 150th year anniversary sometime this summer. I also know that the women quilt makers are making a quilt in honor of the occasion, and we also heard that we are inviting all former pastors of this church to come. However, I am wondering if there is going to be a special worship service, or a program, or speeches, or some such thing. If so, what, and when, and where?

A: We don't have all the details worked out yet. We do have an ad hoc committee working on the anniversary celebration, but are not sure just what is being planned. Perhaps someone on the committee can enlighten us! If you have additional plans, or would like more input from the congregation, or want to serve on the ad hoc committee dealing with this celebration, please notify Pastor B.J. or Connie Kelsey. We are hoping to get organized soon!

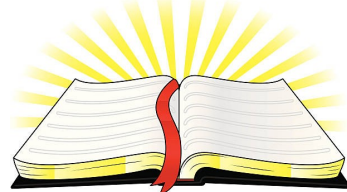
Our Weekly *Bible* Study meets in-person Monday mornings at 11 AM.
If you are interested in joining through Zoom, please let Janet or the office know.

Our Prayer Group meets every Monday at 12 PM. Feel free to stop in and pray.



1. Which of the following happened on the Day of Pentecost?
 1. Everybody started speaking in tongues
 2. The sound of a roaring wind suddenly came upon the crowd.
 3. Everybody from many different lands heard the disciples speaking in their own languages.
 4. People sat around a huge bonfire, and some of them were burned.
 5. Tongues like fire came and rested on each of the people there.
 6. A fist fight broke out between the Jews and the Samaritans.
2. Why is Pentecost important?
 1. It is considered the birthday of the Christian Church.
 2. It gave the Christian Church a liturgical season to follow Easter.
 3. The Holy Spirit was given to those assembled who believed that Jesus was God's Son.
 4. Jesus was taken up to Heaven as His followers watched.
 5. It was the day the Pentecostal Church was founded.

The answers to both questions can be found in Acts 2:1-21.



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

Because several women of our church will be attending the annual district meeting of the Northern Skies United Women in Faith on Tuesday May 2 in Crystal Falls, there will be no local UMW May meeting here at Manistique First United Methodist Church. Our next regular general meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, at 1 PM.

A few changes have been made to our local UMW board: Connie Kelsey will be the new Mission Coordinator of Education/Interpretation and Mary Whinnen will replace Connie Meade as the third member of the Nominating Committee. Phyllis Burge will officially replace Mary Prater as Reading Program Coordinator (a service she has been performing for several months due to Mary's absence). Louise Burson will continue as Secretary as she is able, assisted by Candace Haskell.

May we suggest it is not too late to join in the 2023 Reading Program sponsored by United Women in Faith (still called United Methodist Women at our church). There are many books in this program available in our church library on many interesting subjects. See Phyllis Burge for more information on the Reading Program. Read and be informed!

The Manistique UMW is open to all women interested in the welfare of women and children. Please join us! Contact President Bette Jahn for more information.

Books are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Help yourself, they are Free!

We are updating our church family directory. It is very important that we have everyone's current information including a picture. Please try to make time to schedule an updated picture with the directory photographer on Friday, May 19th from 2 PM to 8:30 PM or Saturday, May 20th from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM. We will have sign-up sheets available in the church office or you can schedule online.

To schedule online, go to ucdir.com and click on Photography Appointment Scheduling Login. The church code is mi1717 and the password is photos for you to schedule online.

This is an important directory update for our church as this will also serve as our 150th Anniversary directory. If you are unable to make it to the photographer session on May 19th or 20th, please submit a photo and your contact information to our office so that we can still include you in our directory.

While there is no charge for the photographs for our church directory, you may choose to purchase photos for yourself separately. This helps the directory company to pay for their costs of printing our directories for our church which are provided to our church at no cost to us.

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Pastor B.J.