

## First United Methodist Church

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### May 14, 2023 — May 20, 2023

*"6th Sunday of Easter" "Holy Humor Sunday" "Mother's Day"*

Usher / Greeter: Connie & Dan Kelsey

Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Ralph Livingston

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Mary W.

Altar Flowers: Bette Jahn

Fellowship: Mary Whinnen/Bette Jahn

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/15) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/16) Vitality 1 PM

Wednesday (5/17) Staff Parish 3 PM

Thursday (5/18)

Friday (5/19) Photo Directory 2 PM—8:30 PM

Saturday (5/20) Photo Directory 10:30 AM—5 PM

### May 21, 2023 — May 27, 2023

*"7th Sunday of Easter" "Ascension Sunday"*

Usher / Greeter: Needed

Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Candace H

Altar Flowers: Ruth Annelin

Fellowship: Candace Haskell

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/22) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/23) Education 9:30 AM

Wednesday (5/24)

Thursday (5/25)

Friday (5/26)

Saturday (5/27)

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

5/14/23 Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20; 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14: 15-21

5/21/23 Acts 1;6-14; Ps 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11



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.

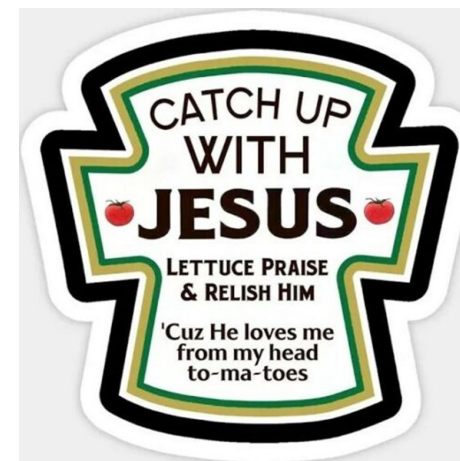


## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

190 North Cedar Manistique, MI 49854

Pastor B.J. Ash

May 14, 2023



Bulletin:

1. something to read during the sermon;
2. a fan used in churches without air conditioning;
3. your receipt for attending church.

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



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May 14, 2023

“6th Sunday of Easter” “Holy Humor Sunday” “Mother’s Day”

WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE Andante Maestro by A. Corelli

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 100

\*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 395 Take Time To Be Funny

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The *Bible* says that we are made in God’s image. This means that God must have a sense of humor. How else can we explain the silliness which sometimes runs rampant among us?

**P: You mean that it’s ok to laugh, and joke around? Are you sure?**

L: God made the giraffe, with a ridiculously long neck. He made the narwhal, with one long horn on its head. He made the dodo bird and the cuckoo, the kangaroo and the camel. Do these creatures not need a sense of humor to explain them? God wants us to laugh!

**P: But what if we laugh in church? Aren’t we supposed to be serious and sober, quiet and solemn?**

L: There are times for being serious and solemn, and there are times for being joy-filled with laughter - even in church! God doesn’t want us to laugh **at** others, except for comedians doing their routines. However, He is pleased when we laugh **with** others, sharing their joy and happiness. Laugh! Even at church!

**P: Thank You, O God, for the gift of humor, for laughter, for funny things in a world too often focused on the serious, the tragic, and the cruel. Remind us always that You gave us the gift of laughter and want us to use it! Ha ha ha ha!!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 64 Coffee, Coffee, Coffee

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

NOTE: THE MUSIC TUNES ARE FAMILIAR. THE HUMOROUS LYRICS WILL BE ON THE SCREEN!

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 451

Give To Us Laughter

### \*GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

Catch Up With Jesus

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY I Must Tell Jesus by E.A. Hoffman

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

REVERSE OFFERING

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 545 We Lack the Gift of Laughter

### \*BENEDICTION

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

The final hymn of a Church service; this hymn is usually the quietest of all hymns because so many parishioners have already left before it is sung.

POSTLUDE: To God Be the Glory by W.H. Dean

**MAY NOISY OFFERING:** Henderson Settlement and Red Bird Mission are located in rural Appalachia, Kentucky. Both seek to meet the needs of those in poverty. The Henderson Settlement seeks to provide for basic needs (education, housing, food, clothing, jobs) of residents in the community, as the church offers God’s love through acts of service and financial support. The Red Bird Mission School has educated and shaped the faith of children from families of coal miners and loggers from three different counties in the Appalachia region of Kentucky.

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

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