

**First United Methodist Church**

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**September 17, 2023 — September 23, 2023**

*“16th Sunday After Pentecost”*

Usher / Greeter: Ellen Derber Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Carol Weinert Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Char Crosby Fellowship: Char Crosby  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God’s Country Cooperative Parish  
Pastor B.J. will be out of the office Tuesday afternoon—Thursday afternoon

Monday (9/18) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (9/19)

Wednesday (9/20)

Thursday (9/21)

Friday (9/22)

Saturday (9/23) Northern Skies District Meeting, 10 AM, Marquette

**September 24, 2023 — September 30, 2023**

*“17th Sunday After Pentecost”*

Usher / Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Louise Burson Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Connie Kelsey  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: God’s Country Cooperative Parish

Monday (9/25) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (9/26) SPRC10 AM

Wednesday (9/27)

Thursday (9/28)


Friday (9/29)

Saturday (9/30)

**Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study**

9/17/23 Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Ps 114; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

9/24/23 Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16

 Let us please keep the following joys and concerns in our prayers: Gayle Tufnell, Cynthia Burgin, Sharon V. & Celie N.’s brother, Lynn LaRose, Ken Burgin, Karen Klaus, Connie Meade, Katie Putnam, Mary Prater, Michael Haynes, Phyllis Burge, Jo Nell Rubick, Martha Weeks, Joel Prater, Ted Burson, Penny Tracy family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and David Stout.

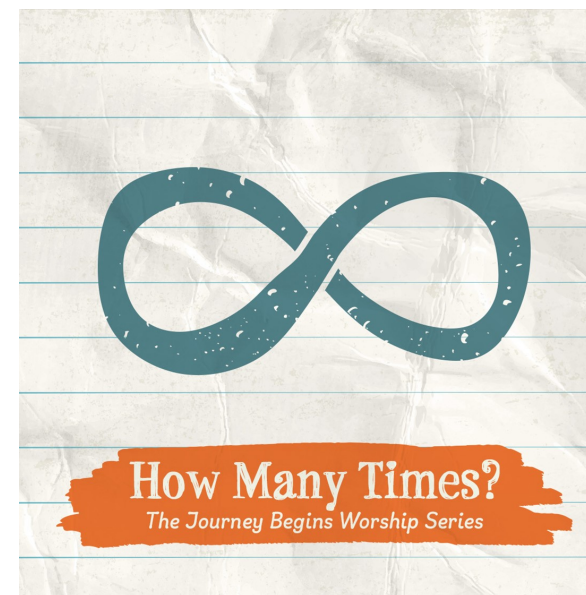


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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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September 17, 2023



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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arrg. J. Manisfield

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

EXODUS 15:1b-11, 20-21

\*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 177 (2x) He Is Lord

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Respect those whose opinions are different from your own.

**P: What if I know that my opinion is right, and those who have different opinions than mine are wrong?**

L: Opinions are not the same as truths or facts. One person may refrain from eating meat on Friday in honor of God. Another may eat anything on Friday in honor of God. Respect both opinions and do not quarrel over who is right. Each is doing what is right for that person.

**P: But what if someone is doing something I believe to be wrong, even if that person does not think so? Should I not condemn him?**

L: Why do you pass judgment on a child of God, whom God loves? Do you not know that we are not to judge one another? Leave that to God! We are to love one another. If we see one of His children following the wrong path, gently correct that one and lead that person back to the fold, but do not condemn him or her. Leave it to God to pass judgment.

**P: Dear God, help me to love others more completely. When I see someone going astray, guide my words and actions so that I deal with that person gently, without condemnation or scorn. Remind me to treat others as I want to be treated, and not as I may be tempted to treat them.**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 170 O How I Love Jesus

\*APOSTLE’S CREED: UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 402

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

\*GOSPEL READING:

**Matthew 18:21-35**

SERMON

Forgiveness

PRAYER TIME

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: As the Deer

by M. Nystrom

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Favorite Hymn – UMH 370 (all verses)

Victory in Jesus  
 In Memory of Dan Crosby

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 389

Freely, Freely

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN: UMH 420 (v 1)

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

POSTLUDE:

Now Thank We All Our God

arrg. T. Chesterton

**September Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Cooperative Parish**

GCCP is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Seven communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish. These goals are accomplished by mission trips, *Bible* studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries. God is working through us.

Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

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