

First United Methodist Church

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October 15, 2023 — October 21, 2023

"20th Sunday After Pentecost"

Usher/Greeter: Connie Kelsey

Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Ralph Livingston

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert

Fellowship: Candace Haskell

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Pastor B.J. will be out of the office Tuesday afternoon—Thursday afternoon

Monday (10/16) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (10/17) Ad Council 10 AM

Wednesday (10/18)

Thursday (10/19)

Friday (10/20)

Saturday (10/21)

October 22, 2023 — October 28, 2023

"21st Sunday After Pentecost"

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Rita Salter

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Sunday (10/22) Ecumenical Progressive Dinner 4 PM, we are serving salads at 5:30 PM

Monday (10/23) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (10/24)

Wednesday (10/25)

Thursday (10/26) Missions Committee 11 AM

Friday (10/27)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

10/15/23 Ex 32:1-14; Ps 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14

10/22/23 Ex 33:12-23; Ps 99; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22



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



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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



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October 15, 2023
“20th Sunday After Pentecost” “Laity Sunday”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: The Power and the Glory by C. Nordman

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2270 He Has Made Me Glad

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Apostle Paul advised two women in the church at Philippi who disagreed about some issue to be of the same mind. Today there are also issues in the church which serve to divide us. Can we somehow work together and be of the same mind despite our differences?

P: We are grieved by the problems facing this church and all other churches in the United Methodist denomination. Many have strong feelings about the issues under discussion. We are saddened by this, and wonder what the future will bring.

L: We all worked together before these issues became highly publicized, and when we did not know what others thought. Are these issues so important that we somehow cannot work together now that we know we have varying opinions?

P: We tend to become very emotional about these issues, and sometimes we let our emotions run away with us. We need help!

L: We are instructed to love one another as God loves us, to treat others as we would like them to treat us, and not to judge others. God loves all sinners even though He does not love sin. We are all sinners. How do these many instructions fit the situation we face today?

P: O God, we need Your help! Give us loving spirits, wisdom, and the ability to focus on what YOU want us to do, and the desire to actually do it. Help us also to understand the meanings of Your Words so that we interpret the Scriptures as You intend us to do.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*APOSTLE’S CREED: UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 395 Take Time to Be Holy

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON Stiff-Necked People

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: Near to the Heart of God by C.B. McAfee

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Cyndi Burgin

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 396 O Jesus, I Have Promised

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN: Front cover of hymnal God Now in Peace

POSTLUDE: Built on the Rock by J. M. Rasley

October Mission Noisy Offering — Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts delight the hearts of boys and girls in more than 100 countries where Samaritan’s Purse local partners deliver the shoeboxes along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 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