

## First United Methodist Church

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**December 24, 2022 — December 30, 2023**

*"Christmas Eve"*

Usher / Greeter: Bill & Gayle Tufnell Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Pastor B.J. will be out of the office December 25—January 3, 2024

Monday (12/25) Christmas Day, Office closed

Tuesday (12/26)

Wednesday (12/27)

Thursday (12/28)

Friday (12/29)

**December 31, 2023 — January 6, 2024**

*"1st Sunday After Christmas" "New Year's Eve" "Watch Night"*

Usher / Greeter: Rita Salter Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children's Worship: Natalie/Needed  
Altar Flowers: Poinsettias Fellowship: Needed  
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Monday (1/1) Office closed; Pastor B.J. out of the office through January 3rd

Tuesday (1/2) UWif 1 PM

Wednesday (1/3)

Thursday (1/4) Worship committee 10 AM

Friday (1/5)

Saturday (1/6)

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/25/23 Christmas Day: Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

12/31/23 Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

1/6/24 Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Sharon Feichtenbiner, Catherine Koch, Bill & Gayle Tufnell, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, 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 & her family health concerns, Kerry Billings family health concerns, Connie Whitsitt, and the unspoken needs.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

**Pastor B.J. Ash**

December 24, 2023—7 PM



OUR SPIRIT WAITS WORSHIP SERIES

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



**First United Methodist Church**  
**December 24th, 2023**  
**“Christmas Eve”**



WORSHIP 7 PM

PRELUDE: Ave Maria by F. Schubert

WELCOMING SONG: A Christmas Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, Lyrics by Allen Gee

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

\***CAROL:** UMH 234 (v 1,3,6) O Come All Ye Faithful

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

**HYMN:** FWS 2090 (v 5) Light the Advent Candle

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, faithful watchers, and behold, your salvation is here!

**P: We greet the Wondrous Light, our Messiah, Christ the Lord.**

L: We have waited and watched, longing for God to show up and save us from the suffering and pain in our world.

**P: We greet the Wondrous Light, the fulfillment of our shocking hope.**

L: We have waited and watched, longing for peace to reign among us, a peace that removes unjust barriers, frees us from sin, and binds us together as neighbors, family, and friends.

**P: We greet the Wondrous Light, the bringer of our just peace.**

L: We have waited and watched, longing for joy that is persistent in the face of the grief, lament, chaos, and oppression that weigh on us day in and day out.

**P: We greet the Wondrous Light, the source of our fierce joy.**

L: We have waited and watched, longing to encounter the love that transforms us the Love that is now here among us, first as a babe in a manger, then as a teacher, a friend, and our Savior.

**P: We greet the Wondrous Light, Love Incarnate who has come to save us and transform us. Amen.**

\***CAROL:** UMH 230 (v 1, 4)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

\***CAROL:** UMH 218 (v 1, 4)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

READING

Psalms 96

\***CAROL:** UMH 224

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

READING

Titus 2:11-14

\***CAROL:** UMH 246 (v 1, 2, 4)

Joy to the World

\***GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 2:1-20**

MEDITATION/REFLECTION

The Colors of Christmas

\***CAROL:** UMH 227 (v 1, 2, 4, 6)

The Friendly Beasts

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMUNION: SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE II

\***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 239

Silent Night

\***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Joy to the World by G. F. Handel

**December Mission Noisy Offering — Adopt-a-Family Christmas**

Every year, we adopt a family for which we supply Christmas gifts!

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