

First United Methodist Church

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January 21, 2024 — January 27, 2024

“3rd Sunday after Epiphany”

Usher/Greeter: Needed Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Gordie Barry Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Manistique Ministerial Association

Monday (1/22) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (1/23) Worship Committee 10 AM
Wednesday (1/24)
Thursday (1/25)
Friday (1/26)

January 28, 2024 — February 3, 2024

“4th Sunday After Epiphany”

Usher/Greeter: Needed Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Manistique Ministerial Association

Monday (1/29) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (1/30)
Wednesday (1/31)
Thursday (2/1) SPPRC 10 AM
Friday (2/2)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

1/21/24 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
1/28/24 Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1: 21-28



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Bette Jahn and Kurt Jahn family, Sue Freberg, Carol Weinert, 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

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**“WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD’S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES.”**



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January 21, 2024
“Third Sunday after Epiphany”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Sing Praise to God by E. Broughton

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 62:5-12

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2066 Praise the Name of Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God called Jonah to go to Nineveh, a large city which had been an enemy of Israel for some time. He asked Jonah to warn the people of Nineveh that if they did not turn from their evil ways they would be destroyed. Jonah immediately headed to Tarshish, which was as far away from Nineveh as he could get. What will we do if God calls us to do something we find repulsive?

P: We want to obey God, but we would have difficulty doing so if it would help those who persecute us. We, too, might turn away and head the other direction.

L: Jesus called Andrew and Simon, James and John, all fishermen, to leave what they were doing and follow Him. All of them immediately obeyed. What would we do in such a situation?

P: We don't know. If we knew it was Jesus, we might go eagerly. If it was someone we really didn't know and we didn't know what we would be asked to do, we might very well refuse.

We would want more information.

L: There are times when we have to make hard choices, between what we know and the unknown, between earning a living for ourselves and our family and trusting God to provide without knowing how or what He might do. How do we choose?

P: O Lord, we want to do Your bidding, but we are too often afraid, too often fearing the unknown, and too often trusting You so little that we are afraid to commit our lives to You. Forgive us we pray, and strengthen us for whatever task You give us to do.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 256 We Would See Jesus

*APOSTLES' CREED: UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

SERMON A Whale of a Tale

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: Happy the Home When God is There by J. B. Dykes

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

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC Ken Burgin

*CLOSING HYMN: FWS 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*BENEDICTION

*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Let All the Heavens Adore Him by P. Nicolai

January Mission Noisy Offering — Manistique Ministerial Association

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 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

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