

First United Methodist Church

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April 28, 2024 — May 4, 2024

"5th Sunday of Easter"

Usher/Greeter: Ruth Annelin Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Ruth Annelin Fellowship: Pixie Livingston

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Heifer International

Monday (4/29) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (4/30) Special Planning Meeting 9:30 AM / All are welcome
Wednesday (5/1)
Thursday (5/2)
Friday (5/3) UWif Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat, Comfort Inn
Registration begins at 5 PM, meal 6 PM
Saturday (5/4) UWif Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat, 9 AM-1:30 PM

May 5, 2024 — May 11, 2024

"6th Sunday of Easter"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Lynn LaRose

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/6) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (5/7) Education 10 AM / Trustees 10 AM / UWif 1 PM
Wednesday (5/8) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Thursday (5/9) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Friday (5/10)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

4/28/24 Acts 8:26-40; Ps 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

5/5/24 Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Joe & Sandi Kolder, Mary Whinnen, Phyllis Burge, Ted Burson, Carol Weinert, Lynn LaRose, Martha Weeks, , Katie Putnam, Penny Tracy & her family health concerns (Fran & Sue), Curt & Celie Norton, Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Lisa Braun, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Barbara Schneider, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Carolyn Williams brother-in-law Tom, Michael Haynes, Connie Whitsitt, and unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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WHAT IS

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.

IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT OF WRONGS, LOVE

DELIGHTS IN EVIL, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT

ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

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



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April 28, 2024
“5th Sunday of Easter”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth by C. Kocher

WELCOME Pastor B.J. Ash

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 145:8-19 Janet Helmbold

EPISTLE READING; 1 Corinthians 13

***PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 405 Seek Ye First

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Our God is a God of love, but our God is also a God of tough love. Sometimes the most necessary thing for us to do what is best for us can be painful.

P: Why should love be painful? Why should it not be soft and easy?

L: Can a long-distance runner endure the long distance, even though it leaves him exhausted and aching, if he never runs beyond what is easy and effortless for him? One who never builds up his stamina and works through the pain can hope to achieve the long goal. Love takes practice, even if that is painful at times, if it is to be put into action in the hard places.

P: Why can't we choose who we love and who we do not love? Some people really aren't worthy of our love.

L: God loves everybody, even though NOBODY is worthy of the immeasurable, unending love He gives us. Who among us would sacrifice his or her only, most beloved child, for unworthy, selfish, unloving and sinful people who won't appreciate that love? Yet that is what God does, patiently, constantly. How can we do less if we would be truly the children of God, as we are called?

P: O God, please forgive our selfish, prideful, and unloving nature. Teach us to love, even if we find the lessons hard and painful. Remind us that as You love, we are called to love, and as You forgive, we also are called to forgive, and help us to do so.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***APOSTLES' CREED:** UMH 881 Janet Helmbold

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Janet Helmbold

CHILDREN'S TIME Pastor B.J. Ash

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide arr. R. Hughes

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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 Pastor B.J. Ash

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 408 The Gift of Love

***GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 5:43-48** Janet Helmbold

SERMON A Lesson in Love Penny Tracy

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

***BENEDICTION** Pastor B.J. Ash

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

POSTLUDE: Our Hymn of Grateful Praise arr. J. M. Rasley

April Mission Noisy Offering — Heifer International
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* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
 * PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE