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I like the church season of Pentecost. It goes for 20+ weeks following Easter and it ends with us coming into Advent in preparation for Christmas. It's roughly half of the church worship calendar for the year. So, if I'm not talking about Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, or some of the other special Sundays, then we're in Pentecost for our worship. So what is our theme for Pentecost? The lectionary moves us around over 3 years for different readings during Pentecost, but I look forward to the constant stream of different series that provide guidance for themes to use for worship series. You may recall I did something like this a couple years ago with a baseball theme. I think the coming summer months is a perfect time for a worship series about: worship.

Wait, what? A worship series about "worship"--what kind of double play (baseball pun intended) on words is that? We do Bible studies on *The Bible* so why not a worship series on our different parts of worship? Some of the things we do during worship each and every week during worship may be muscle memory to the

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point that we have forgotten their significance and the reasoning *why* we do them.

Starting on July 14th and going through the end of August, each week will have a different focus on each part of the worship service that we have every week. For example, what exactly is a call to worship and why is it the only thing in the worship service that we do responsorially? And how about that benediction—is it a sermon summary, a call to action, a blessing, or something totally different?

Pentecost is anything but “ordinary” for me. It’s a chance to cover all of the other things that we don’t get to do during the rest of the year. What questions do you have about our worship? What other questions do you bring about why we as the church do things in a certain way or call something a particular name? This is one of the reasons that I love Pentecost because it’s us being the church and not only doing these actions but also remembering the reason behind what they represent for us.

The next worship series kicks off in 2 weeks and I can’t wait!

How about you?

Pastor B.J.

Church mice



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preach the Good News, and make disciples.

July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM	2	3	4 Independence Day-Office closed Carol Livingston	5 Ron Annelin	6 Independence Day Parade lineup—12 PM
7 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM	8 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM	9	10 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10AM-1PM	11 Pasty Prep 7:30 Sales 10AM-1PM	12 Ed Atwood	13 Folkfest 10AM Downtown
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AD COUNCIL NOTE: Ad Council will meet quarterly. The meeting dates are: Sept. 10, Dec. 10 starting at 10 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend!						

Prayer Chain

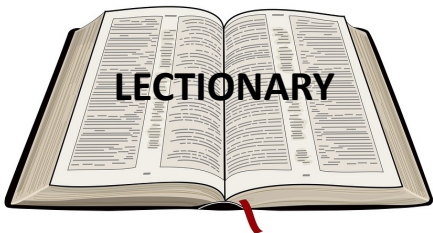
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (Pastor B.J. cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the next newsletter submit before **July 19, 2024** deadline.

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June Mission Noisy Offering for God’s Country Community Ministries will be announced soon.

Thank you for your support!

- July 7 — 7th Sunday After Pentecost**
2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps 48 (UMH 782); 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- July 14— 8th Sunday After Pentecost**
2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ps 24 (UMH 755); Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- July 21— 9th Sunday After Pentecost**
2 Sam 7:1-14a; Ps 89:20-37, 45 (UMH 807); Eph 2:11-12; Mark 6:30-34; 53-56
- July 28 — 10th Sunday After Pentecost**
2 Sam 11:1-15; Ps 14 (UMH 746); Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION Let us please keep the following people in our prayers:

Jim Gaffney family, Char Crosby, Joe & Sandi Kolder, Pat Foldenauer, Curt & Celie Norton, Mary Whinnen, Barbara Schneider, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Penny Tracy family, Kerry Billings family, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Connie Whatsitt, Sharon V. & Celie’s N. brother, Carolyn Williams brother-in-law Tom, Michael Haynes, the leaders in our church and country, our community, our unspoken requests and all the joyous blessings received.



A View From the Belfry July, 2024

Greetings and happiness from the belfry! The greetings are because I enjoy saying hello to all of you nice people here in the First U.M.C. in Manistique. The happiness is because it is really making me happy to watch all of the things which are happening in this church this summer! First, we had Vacation Bible School, even though we don’t have very many children attending this church! We didn’t have as many attending this year as we did last year, but the kids who did come were all great kids! They also had a great time, and were they ever busy! The social hall (ok, basement) was turned into Camp Firelight. It had a tent, a hammock, stones, trees, even a campfire! They also had camp counselors, story tellers, a song leader, and great camp chefs. These chefs served wonderful snacks, such as frogs, spiders, snakes, worms, even ladders (although as a bat I found the ladders kind of hard to digest). They played lots of fun games, and had some neat science experiments! Also, and most important, they learned some very helpful Bible verses. Our camp callout Bible verse was Psalm 56:3 “Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in You.”. By the end of camp these kids knew that verse by heart! I leaned a lot, too! Did you know that black pepper, that stuff people put on their food to make themselves sneeze, that pepper is afraid of dish soap! Honest! Mad scientist B.J. showed us that in one of his science sessions. He put some pepper in some water and it just floated around on top of the water. The he put a little bit of dish soap in the dish and all the pepper bits quickly swam away from that soap, as far as they could get! He did a lot of other neat things, too. Pixie helped by giving the kids weightless arms. I don’t have any arms, and my wings don’t weigh very much as it is, so I didn’t try to get anything weightless.

In addition to science, the kids had a lot of crafts. They made picture frames, painted on driftwood, cut, colored and ended up with lots of neat things to take home each day. When they weren’t being crafty, they were singing, or eating snacks or eating breakfast, or learning Bible verses, or listening to stories, or running around outside, or watching Firefly Lou (also know as Pam Tallman) flicker her firefly lights. They listened to Camp Counselor Sam (she has another name, Linda Moon) tell about how nervous she was, but fortunately by the end of camp she had gotten over it. For people who don’t know what nervituous means, it means being nervous and excited at the same time. I guess that Counselor Sam is good at multitasking! At least, she did really well at being nervituous!

I mentioned all the running around outside. We were really lucky that it never rained! Even on the day we had some rain, it didn’t fall while the kids were outside. We did have wind, which made it hard to throw light plastic frisbees at a target and have them actually land on that target. However, the kids had a great time trying, and Tobias actually managed to do it! Way to go, Tobias! Connie Kelsey was our recreation director, and she did a great job, with help from all the other camp staff!

There were a lot of other fun things at camp, and I wish I had enough space to tell about them all, but if I did, we wouldn’t have room for anything else in this newsletter. I did want to mention one of the closing remarks, however. When the kids were asked if there was anything about camp they didn’t like, one camper (Alex) exclaimed, “It’s too short!”

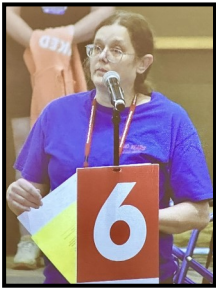
Our camp staffers were: Penny Tracy, Camp Director, chief encourager, prayer master, all around goodwill ambassador; Linda Moon, Counselor Sam, the nervituous but fearless camp opener; Pam Tallman, Firefly Lou, the beautiful source of light at camp; Louise Burson, visiting Firefly, another beautiful source of light at camp; Carolyn Williams, our creative head camp chef; Connie Kelsey, the energetic recreation director; Trina Rochna, our music director, songwriter, pianist, and driftwood provider; Pastor B.J. Ash, the mad scientist at camp; Char Crosby, camp planner, suggestions maker, and bench provider, all from her house!; Pixie Livingston, kitchen helper, registration helper, recreation helper and everything else we needed her to do; Carol Livingston, registrar, sous chef, and van owner who parked her van where we could rest; Mary Livingston, general helper with everything and chief smiling face in camp; Brandon Ash, kitchen helper, chief role model for the kids, all around helper; Alex Ash, under sous chef and food taster; Frenchy, chief carpenter and bench maker; Janet Helmbold, really out of date garment wearer (like 2000 years out of date) and Bible storyteller; and all of the supporters and supplier of food and camp props from the First UMC and the surrounding community!

Second...uh, way up near the beginning of this article, I said “first” which means there should be a ...second, but I think I’m out of room! Sorry folk! No second, even though we could have another page or three...well, maybe we’ll cover all of that next month!

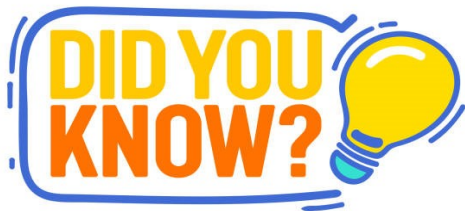
Lay Leader Lines—Connie Kelsey

What a busy month we have had! Our UMC Michigan Annual Conference wrapped up on June 1st! The theme was: Fearless: Embracing A New Future. Bishop Bard set the tone to ‘Lean into Fearlessness’. We can face the future because the church is built on the faithful ministry of those who have come before us. Laity shared stories of being brave in ministry. Guest speaker, Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, invited us to reclaim our calling in a time of uncertainty, fear, and change. Building relationships are at the heart of fearless innovation. We are called to be intentional in our ministry. Small groups discussed the possibilities of innovation. I became a “rock star” and represented our group with seeking opportunities in outreach programs. God is love and we need to share His love with everyone! Yes, legislation was addressed including the budget decrease! Bishop Bard ended the legislative session with “You have demonstrated what it’s like to talk about tough things together as a community of faith.”

Other happenings: Preparations for the Independence Day float are being completed. Check it out in the parade on July 6th! The pasty crew has made over 480 pasties for our booth. Thank you! We hope to see you on July 13th downtown during Folkfest. Thank you to the Vitality committee for organizing this event.

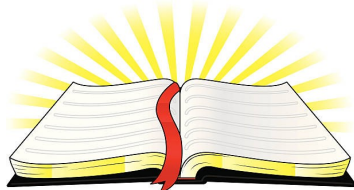


1. When Jesus began His ministry, He went to His hometown of Nazareth. How did the people there receive Him?
 - A. They welcomed Him and were very proud that a local hometown boy was doing so well.
 - B. They didn’t remember who He was and ignored Him.
 - C. They wanted Him to become the town mayor.
 - D. They were offended that a lowly carpenter’s son was acting like a high and mighty religious leader who acted like He was qualified to be a priest.
 - E. They asked Him to go away.



2. When Jesus sent His disciples out to preach in the local villages, what did He tell them to wear or take with them?
 - A. Wear sandals and a tunic, and carry a staff and a lunch bag of bread and figs.
 - B. Take whatever they thought they would need for the journey.
 - C. Wear only a tunic. Carry nothing with them.
 - D. Carry a staff, and wear a tunic and sandals. Do not bring an extra tunic or any money.
 - E. Dress as well as they could in their very best clothes. Bring a pack with extra clothing, a change of shoes, and money enough to buy whatever else they might need.

The answers to these questions can be found in Mark 8: 1-13.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith News

Submitted by Candace Haskell

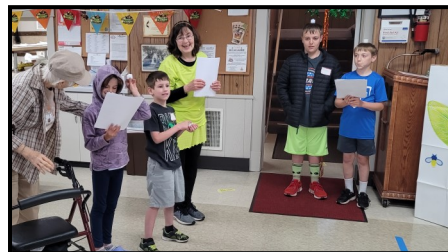


Our June meeting was attended by Christie Ryan from the "Hot Spot" who shared information about the growth and response from the community and other organizations since it opening. Christy prepared and shared a wish list for our group and information on how we can assist as well as a vision for it's future.

The May sewing bee was a lovely day of sewing, layout of quilts, fellowship and lunch. Thanks to all who attended and or supplied items for the day. 9 quilts were made.

The Northern Skies District retreat was attended by many ladies from our group as well as Pastor B.J. Ash who served communion at the conclusion of the event.

There will be no July meeting. August 6th at 12:00 noon will be the UWif annual picnic of salads and card making with Rosemary McCormick. September will be our pledge to mission meeting. Please contact Carolyn Williams about how you can help with the November UWif Sunday program. All women are invited to attend.



Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School fun! Thank you everyone who helped make this adventure exciting!