

First United Methodist Church

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September 8, 2024 — September 14, 2024

"16th Sunday After Pentecost"

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Ralph Livingston Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Vic & Sharon Vanderville Fellowship: Pixie & Ralph Livingston
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Monday (9/9) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (9/10) Ad Council Meeting 10 AM
Wednesday (9/11) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Thursday (9/12) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Friday (9/13)

September 15, 2024 — September 21, 2024

"17th Sunday After Pentecost"

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Liturgist: Ralph Livingston Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Needed
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Monday (9/16)
Tuesday (9/17)
Wednesday (9/18)
Thursday (9/19)
Friday (9/20)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

9/8/24 Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125 or Ps 124 (UMH 846); James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

9/15/24 Prov 1:20-33; Ps 19 (UMH 750); James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Don Carlson, Penny Tracy & her family concerns, Fran Baker, Barb & Jude Collins, Sandi Kolder, Pat Foldenauer, Martha Weeks, Doug Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Carol Weinert, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Brooklyn, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whitsitt, and those who are suffering health, mental and spiritual needs plus the unspoken needs.

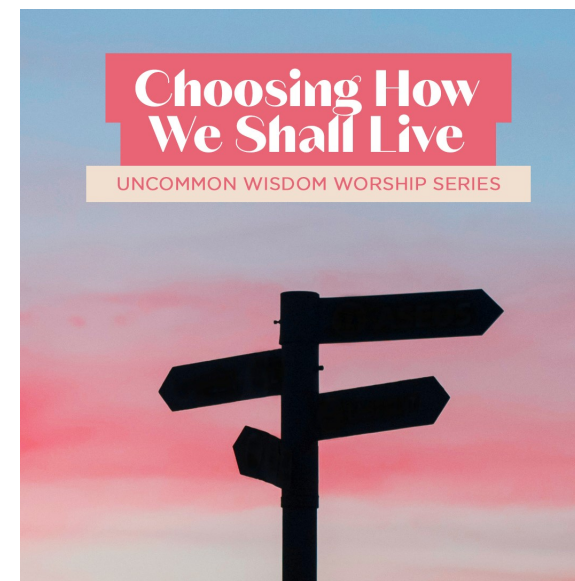


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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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September 8, 2024



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



First United Methodist Church
September 8, 2024
“16th Sunday After Pentecost”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: A Prayer by W. Stickler

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 125

***PRAISE CHORUS:** FWS 2086 Open Our Eyes

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: There is an old saying that you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover. Yet we do this constantly, when we judge people by their outward appearances, or their clothing, or their job titles. Is this fair?

P: It is not fair to favor the attractive person over the homely one, or the wealthy business magnate over the lowly manual laborer. However, it seems to be built into our society. If we were to treat an unskilled hod carrier and the chairman of the board of a wealthy corporation the same, we would ourselves be subject to scorn and ridicule, and possibly we would be chastised for our social ineptitude. Isn’t it better not to make waves by making an issue of the unfairness?

L: Today there is an increasing awareness of the unfairness of judging people by their skin color, the neighborhood in which they live, their gender, and the language they speak, among other things. Perhaps now is the time to treat everybody fairly, without worrying about how others see us when we do so. Such a concern should not govern our actions!

P: O God, fill our hearts with Your love for each other, and take away our tendency to treat some people better than others based on things which are irrelevant. God loves everybody, not just those who are the best looking or richest or most talented or the whitest. He loves EVERYONE! We should do the same. Help us, O Lord, to do Your will!

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 57 (v. 1, 2, 3, 7) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN’S TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

***SCRIPTURE READING** Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

SERMON Choosing How We Shall Live

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC: Maurita Holland & Roger Chard
 Trees (poem by Joyce Kilmer; music by Oscar Rasbach)
 Deep River (American spiritual arranged by H.T. Burleigh)

OFFERTORY: Take the Name of Jesus With You arr. S. Landon

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 664 Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

PARTING HYMN: Maurita Holland & Roger Chard
 The Lost Chord (words by Adelaide Proctor; music by Arthur Sullivan)

POSTLUDE: Postlude in A Minor by E.H. Wetherill

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

This noisy offering provides Christmas shoeboxes to needy children throughout the world!

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