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**November, 2024**

PASTOR'S  
WORDS

I am excited to announce that all the equipment for  
our hearing loop system has been received at the church  
and we have started the process of installing it! We hope  
to have the new system up and running soon in the next few  
weeks.

Our yearly church conference is Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at  
1:30 PM at Gladstone Memorial UMC. Several of us will be car-  
pooling, so if you would like to attend and need a ride, please let  
us know.

At our church conference each year, we ratify our list of lead-  
ers within our local church and the committee areas that they  
serve. It is vital that the leaders of our church receive good com-  
munication from everyone within our church body. If you are not  
currently serving on a committee, then please communicate with  
any of our church leaders about your thoughts of our local church  
so they know your thoughts.

We are better together and much like the quilts that adorn  
our church walls, a square that is missing is very much noticed!

PASTOR'S WORDS

Even if your square of our quilt is a different shape or color than the neighboring pieces—it is still a part of the same quilt that makes us the one body in Christ.

I will be out of the office from November 13-22 during my annual vacation time of rest and renewal. If an urgent need arises and I can't be reached, please let Connie or Janet know and they can assist.

Pastor B.J.



**VOLUNTEERS are needed for USHER/GREETER, ALTAR FLOWERS, FELLOWSHIP, and an adult's caring eye during CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**ADVENT READERS are still needed for December 15, December 22, and Christmas Eve December 24. If you are interested, please sign up soon!**

Notes from your Worship Committee,

First, a list of areas covered by the worship committee. Basically, all things dealing with our worship experience. Music, ushers and greeters, acolytes, paraments and banners, communion, liturgists, altar flowers, technology support, lift assistance, and fellowship. The committee is in charge of the sacraments such as the palm on Palm Sunday, carnations on Mother's and Father's Days, Bibles at graduation services. We make sure the banners are changed, the communion table is prepared, the advent wreath with candles, and the cross with the crown of thorns are properly displayed. We supply the devotional booklets, make preparations for meaningful baptism renewal services. We work to make our worship area safe and functional.

Lastly, we listen to the congregation, for insights, feedback, and inspiration. So please continue to share we want to hear from you so we can continue to provide a worship service that nurtures and strengthens your faith and love of Christ.

Blessings, Worship chairperson Candace Haskell



First United Methodist Church

We exist to joyfully share God's love,  
preach the Good News, and make disciples.

November

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>November Mission Noisy Offering — Adopt-a-Family</b> A local family will be provided a Christmas box filled with groceries and presents! God is working through us. All donations will be accepted. Help support this mission project by dropping your donation into the glass jar as you enter or as you exit the sanctuary!					1 All Saints Day	2
3 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM  Charge Conference 1:30 PM Gladstone UMC	4 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM	5 Trustees 10 AM UWif 1 PM	6 Jean Smith Alex Ash	7 Celie Norton	8 Pixie Livingston	9
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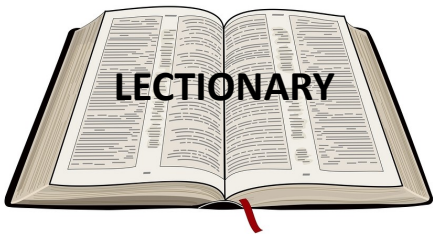


Prayer Chain

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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Committee updates and newsletter articles are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the next newsletter submit before **November 22, 2024** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to: [office@manistiquemethodist.org](mailto:office@manistiquemethodist.org)

A total of \$347 was collected for the October Mission Noisy Offering four Thanksgiving boxes. Thank you for your support!

- November 3** — 24th Sunday After Pentecost / All Saints Sunday / Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Ruth 1:1-18; Ps 146 (UMH 858); Heb 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34  
All Saints Lections: Isa 25:6-9; Ps 24 (UMH 755); Rev 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44
- November 10** — 25th Sunday After Pentecost / United Women in Faith Sunday  
Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps 127 or Ps 42 (UMH 777); Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- November 17** — 26th Sunday After Pentecost  
1 Sam 1:4-20; 1 Sam 2:1-10 or Ps 113 (UMH 834); Heb 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
- November 24** — Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday/United Methodist Student Day/ Thanksgiving Sunday  
2 Sam 23:1-7; Ps 132:1-12 (13-18) (UMH 849); Rev 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

**FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION** Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy family concerns, Fran Baker family, Jesse Baker, Sandi Kolder, Char Crosby, Curt & Celie Norton, Barbara Schneider, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Connie Whitsitt, Sharon V. & Celie's N. brother, Michael Haynes, the leaders in our church and country, our community, our unspoken requests, the joyous blessings received.



A View From the Belfry November, 2024

**Halloweenlujah!!!** The bat figurine was found in time for Trunk or Treat! The crabby old lady actually decorated her pathetic trunk with it! And I, little old Benny, found it! It was in the so- cial hall on the piano! Huh?? Oh hush!! Excuse me just a minute, but I have to attend to that crabby old lady. She's cackling again, uh, I mean calling me. What? Why? But..ok..no! Ok, ok, ok! (Big sigh.) Geez, some people. I guess I'd better explain. I said that I found the bat figurine. Well I did, but she wants me to tell everybody how I found it. See, actually, I had a teeny tiny bit of help. Huh? Sorry it's Crabby again! OH ALL RIGHT!!! I had a lot of help! See, I overheard Connie Kelsey tell C.O.L. (Crabby Old Lady) where it was. When nobody was looking I flew around and spotted it, right where Connie said it was, on the piano in the social hall! Well, to make sure it would be available for Halloween, I decided to put it in a safe place. Well, I'm not sure how safe it is actually, because I gave it to C.O.L. to keep until after Trunk or Treat so she could decorate her trunk with it. Who knows where it'll be after that! Anyway, we had a great Trunk or Treat this year. (I hope! I'm writing this before Trunk or Treat has actually happened, but with that figuring back in action, it can't be a bad event, can it?) What??!! You again? (C.O.L., of course!) Don't lose your cool! I'm about to get on with it, OK? C.O.L. wants me to stick to business and get this article done!! Actually, I really should, because this month we move from Bat Day to Turkey Day! (See how important animals and birds and bats and oth- er critters are?) Anyway, November is the time where we really demonstrate how thankful we are, by having a holiday especially for that purpose! As we have for the past few years, we are sponsoring a community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Big Boy in town so that nobody will have to go hungry or tur- keyless on Thanksgiving Day. Before that the Manistique Ministerial Association will be having an ecu- menical Thanksgiving worship service at the Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 26th at 7 PM. Our church will also be fixing Thanksgiving baskets for those who could use a little extra help to make the day really special. In addition to that, the women of this church will be in charge of the en- tire worship service on Sunday, November 10th. I have heard that the theme is using our gifts and tal- ents! Not only will they run the service, but some of them will display their gifts and talents in the so- cial hall during social hour after the service! We really do have a lot of talent in this church! You guys are included among the talented also, lest you feel forgotten and unappreciated!) Thanks, Bette Jahn and her elves for all the work they do on the baskets. Thanks to all you talented women, also! Well, I'd better close this article. We've had a busy September, a busy October, and are head- ing into a busy November, which is always followed by an even busier December, so I'd better get busy and take a long nap so I'll be all rested up for what's to come! What? You again!! Whaddya want this time? (C.O.L., still again!!!) Oh, yeah, I did forget that didn't I? She wants me to mention that No- vember is the month when Pastor B.J. makes his annual trip to hunting camp to terrorize the deer! Actually I like the deer pretty much. They don't bother us bats any, although I've never seen them be especially welcoming or friendly toward us, either. Anyway, Pastor B.J. deserves a little time running around in the woods and freezing his feet if that's what floats his boat. Good luck with your hunting Pastor, and enjoy your sojourn in the deep woodsy forest! I wish both the deer and the hunters good luck! (You'll have to work out how to have both parties get lucky for yourselves!)

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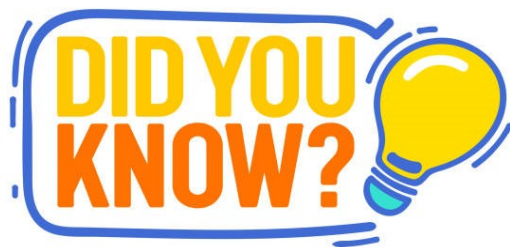


## Vitality/Mission Committee Update—Connie Kelsey

Hello everyone! We certainly have been very busy in church vitality and mission work. It was a great honor to give the Folkfest proceeds to two of our charities in October. Clare Lutgen from Bay Cliff Health Camp was here and received our donation of \$600. She gave a very informative presentation and thanks us very much! Pastor B.J. accepted the \$600 check for the Manistique Ministerial Association also. They also thank us for donating to their charity. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Progressive Dinner where we served 84 guests! Many guests enjoyed the lift operators.

It is always fun to see the children and parents enjoying our Trunk or Treat on October 31st. Everyone enjoys the refreshments and treats. Plus, I heard that we will have a photo booth too. Thanks everyone for volunteering!

We look forward to serving our congregation and community in the month of November. Who wants to help decorate our church for the Advent season after Thanksgiving? It is always a joyous event!



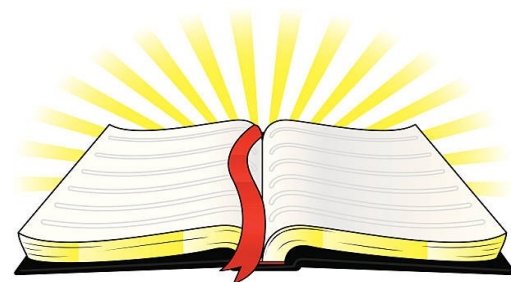
1. What were the names of Naomi's daughters-in-law?

- A. Nan and Flossie
- B. Oprah and Ruth
- C. Sarah and Salome
- D. Orpah and Rebekah
- E. Ruth and Orpah

2. What were the names of Naomi's sons?

- A. Elimelech and Boaz
- B. Chilion and Mahlon
- C. Bert and Ernie
- D. Paul and Silas
- E. Joshua and Xerses

The answer to this questions can be found in Ruth 1:1-4.



## United Women in Faith News

Submitted by Char Crosby



United  
Women  
in Faith

Bette called the meeting to order at 1 PM with Ruth giving the devotional from "God's Little Devotional" citing Philippians 2:4 - the best way to forget one's own problems is to help someone else. In light of that, Ruth asked if we might earmark a contribution to UMCOR for Hurricane Helene relief. A motion was made and seconded to allocate \$1000.00. Motion carried.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Old business involved further discussion and planning for UWIF Sunday, November 10. Members were asked to volunteer to explain or demonstrate their unique talent(s) with which God has blessed them. The Progressive Dinner begins at 4 PM with salads being served at 5:30 on Sunday, October 20. We will serve a variety of salads.

New business focused on the annual Christmas Tea planned for 1 PM on Saturday, December 7, with a theme of "Christmas with Friends." Each member may invite 2-3 friends. Individual table service and decorations will be provided by the table hostess(es). Guests will be invited to participate in the Cookie Walk. Bring an extra dozen cookies for each invited guest. Carolyn, Candace and Char will be responsible for additional fellowship hall tea decorations.

Cassandra Matchinski demonstrated pumpkin decorating with clever peel n' stick sequin designs and artificial flowers. They were glitzy, unique, quick and charming.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10. Members enjoyed a spooktacular dessert of pumpkin bars and Halloween candy provided by Sharon F.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be held on November 5th at 1 PM. All women are invited to attend the meetings.

