

First United Methodist Church

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May 4, 2025 — May 10, 2025

"3rd Sunday of Easter" "Native American Ministries Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Connie Kelsey

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies

Fellowship: Ralph & Pixie Livingston

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/5) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/6) UWF 1 PM

Wednesday (5/7)

Thursday (5/8) Education Committee 10 AM

Friday (5/9)

May 11, 2025 — May 17, 2025

"4th Sunday of Easter" "Mother's Day" "Festival of the Christian Home"

Usher/Greeter: Barbara Collins

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Jim Gaffney

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/12) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/13) Trustees 10 AM

Wednesday (5/14) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM - 1 PM

Thursday (5/15) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM - 1 PM

Friday (5/16)

Saturday (5/17)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

5/4/25 Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps 30 (UMH 762); Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-9

5/11/25 Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23 (UMH 754); Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Penny Tracy, Carol Weinert, Char Crosby, Ken Burgin, Jeanie Smith, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Margo Withey & family, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Joel Prater, Connie Whatsitt, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, our snowbirds, and unspoken requests.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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“3rd Sunday of Easter” “Native American Ministries Sunday”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Moment of Worship by Gregory P. Cohn

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

***PRAISE CHORUS:** UMH 158 (v. 1) Come Christians, Join to Sing

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: After Jesus’ resurrection, He appeared to the disciples several times. They gradually moved from disbelief to a firm belief that Jesus was alive and would remain with them forever. Do we also believe that Jesus is alive and will stay with us?

P: We believe that Jesus is alive. We hope that He is with us always. Sometimes we are pretty certain of this. At other times we doubt, because we cannot feel His presence.

L: Jesus often chose unlikely people to spread His message to all the world. He chose Saul, a bitter enemy who did his best to destroy Jesus’ early followers, to be the one to carry His message to the gentiles. Do we believe that Jesus still chooses those we think are not disciple material, to continue His work in the world today?

P: We may know of people who did not appear to be likely followers of Jesus who are spreading His word to the world, but we aren’t at all sure that He would choose us. We aren’t good enough. Our faith isn’t strong enough. We don’t have what it takes to be a missionary, or a minister, or another Paul or Billy Graham or Mother Theresa.

L: We are not asked to be Paul, or Billy Graham, or Mother Theresa. We may be asked to enter the ministry, or to become a missionary in a foreign land, but we may also be asked to stay in Manistique and be a loving parent to our children, or a caring neighbor to a shut-in, or a listening ear to someone who needs one. God can use all who strive to do His will, whatever that may be. Are we ready?

P: O God, forgive us for excusing ourselves from serving You with our flimsy excuses. Forgive us for assuming that You have not given us gifts which can be used in Your service. Open our hearts and minds to obey Your will. Teach us to value the gifts we have so that we will use them in Your service, no matter how limited they seem to us.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

***APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

YOUTH TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** FWS 2086 Open our Eyes

***SCRIPTURE READING** Ecclesiastes 3:9-15, 22

SERMON: Mino-Bimaadiziwin: Living the Good Life

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: Ave Verum by W.A. Mozart

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH 398 Jesus Calls Us

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN:** (front cover of hymnal) Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: Celebration by James Denton

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

May Mission Noisy Offering—Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

This is a mission as part of the body of Christ, to lift up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs to people in the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky, through God’s love. Thank you for your support!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)
* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE