

## First United Methodist Church

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### August 17, 2025 — August 23, 2025

*"10th Sunday After Pentecost"*

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Dan & Connie Kelsey

Fellowship: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Monthly Noisy Offering: Backpack Buddies (Zion Lutheran Church)

Sunday (8/17) Ron Elrod Concert 6 PM here in the sanctuary

Monday (8/18) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM / Pastor B.J. out of the office-Thurs.

Tuesday (8/19)

Wednesday (8/20)

Thursday (8/21)

Friday (8/22)

Saturday (8/23) Annual Picnic 3-5 PM, Pastor B.J. and Kelly house on Indian Lake

### August 24, 2025 — August 30, 2025

*"11th Sunday After Pentecost"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: James Gaffney

Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Connie & Dan Kelsey

Fellowship: Ed & Mary Atwood

Monthly Noisy Offering: Backpack Buddies (Zion Lutheran Church)

Monday (8/25) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (8/26)

Wednesday (8/27)

Thursday (8/28)

Friday (8/29)

Saturday (8/30)

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

8/17 Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 (UMH 801); Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

8/24 Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6 (UMH 794); Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Char Crosby, Mary Prater, Rita Salter, Joel Prater, Penny Tracy & granddaughter Mandy, Carol Weinert, Jeanie Smith, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes & granddaughter Chloe, Connie Meade, Kevin Thorell, Connie Whitsitt, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, church ministries, and our world.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

**Pastor B.J. Ash**

August 17, 2025



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PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES."**



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“10th Sunday After Pentecost”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Chorale by C. Sergisson

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19

\*PRAISE CHORUS: UMH 393 Spirit of the Living God

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: How we love peaceful times! We cherish good feelings, and a sense of safety and happiness with the world. Yet the world is constantly beset with war, turmoil, discontent, hatred, and a host of other negative and hurtful things.

P: **Why, if God is in charge of everything, do we have wars and strife, hatred and evil?**

L: God did not make people to be His puppets. We have choices. Too often we choose the wrong things. We seek peace, but we also want a lot of pleasures. We want love, but only on our own terms. We tend to love those who agree with us, and dislike or even hate those who see things differently. We do not choose God and obedience all of the time.

P: **Sometimes the path God seems to choose for us is too hard, and we cannot walk it alone.**

L: Why do we think we must walk it alone? God is always by our side, yet we pay little attention to Him. Other Christians are at hand, but we do not share our burdens, or we are afraid we will be asking too much of them, or that they may think we are too weak or too lazy to carry our own burdens.

P: **O God, forgive us our foolish ways. Give us the Spirit to help us, the willingness to ask for and accept the help we need, and the desire to walk the path which You have prepared for us, no matter where it leads.**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

\*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

YOUTH TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 415 Take Up Thy Cross

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

SERMON: For the Sake of Joy

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: Offertoire by E. B. Clark

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

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

FAVORITE HYMN (from the red Hymnal) Congregation’s choice

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 396 O Jesus, I Have Promised

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN: UMH 389 (v. 1 and chorus) Freely, Freely

POSTLUDE: Lift Up Your Song of Praise by C. Saint-Saens

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

August Mission Noisy Offering—Backpack Buddies (Zion Lutheran Church)

This collection provides meals to local school age children up to the age of 19 who are in need of food assistance in our community. 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