

First United Methodist Church

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December 24, 2025— December 27, 2025

“Christmas Eve”

Usher / Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgists: Emma & Lisa Jones

Thursday (12/25) Christmas Day, Office closed

Friday (12/26)

Saturday (12/27)

December 28, 2025 — January 3, 2026

“1st Sunday After Christmas”

Usher / Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Connie Kelsey

Children’s Worship: Natalie/Needed

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias

Fellowship: Needed

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

Monday (12/29) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (12/30)

Wednesday (12/31)

Thursday (1/1) New Year’s Day/Watch Night, Office closed

Friday (1/2)

Saturday (1/3)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

12/24/25 Christmas Eve: Isa 9:2-7; Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

12/25/25 Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

12/28/25 Isa 63:7-9; Ps 148; Heb 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, Ted & Louise Burson, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Mary Prater, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Lynn La Rose, Katie Putnam, Rita Salter, Sharon V. & Celie N.’s brother, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, travel mercies, church ministries, unspoken requests, our nation and world leaders.



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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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December 24, 2025—7 PM



**“WE EXIST TO JOYFULLY SHARE GOD’S LOVE,
PREACH THE GOOD NEWS AND MAKE DISCIPLES.”**



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December 24th, 2025
“Christmas Eve”



WORSHIP 7 PM

PRELUDE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Cyndi & Pastor B.J.) by Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING Jones family

HYMN: FWS 2090 (v 5 verse, refrain, verse) Light the Advent Candle

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who lived in a land of great darkness—on them a light has shined.

P: Rejoice, for a child has been born to us, a son given to us! Authority rests upon His shoulders.

L: Great shall be His authority, and there shall be endless peace.

P: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

L: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice, for today our savior is born!

P: Rejoice, and again, we say rejoice, for our Redeemer is here among us!

*CAROL: UMH 240 (v 1, 2) The First Noel

READING Isaiah 9:2-7

*CAROL: UMH 234 (v 1, 3) O Come, All Ye Faithful

READING Psalm 96

*CAROL: UMH 238 Angels We Have Heard on High

READING Titus 2:11-14

SPECIAL MUSIC What Child Is This (Cyndi & Pastor B.J.)

*CAROL: UMH 229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*GOSPEL READING Luke 2:1-20

MEDITATION/REFLECTION Signs and Glory

*CAROL: UMH 246 (v. 1, 2, 4) Joy to the World

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE II—CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 239 (Candlelight) Silent Night

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. James Denton

December Mission Noisy Offering—God’s Country Community Ministry

GCCM is in the eastern part of the U.P.; it covers a 2500 square mile area. Communities of faith combine their resources, share their faith and, through their active presence, work to bring self-esteem, hope and faith to all God’s children throughout their vast parish.

These goals are accomplished by mission trips, Bible studies, youth activities, leadership and training events, mission projects and missionaries.

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