First United Methodist Church

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January 25, 2026 — January 31, 2026

"3rd Sunday After Epiphany" "Ecumenical Sunday"

Usher/Greeter: Needed
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Hollenbeck
Fellowship: Candace Haskell
Monthly Noisy Offering: Pastor's Discretionary (Deacon's) Fund

Monday (1/26)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (1/27)	SPPRC 10 AM / Vitality Committee 11 AM
Wednesday (1/28)	
Thursday (1/29)	Education Committee 10 AM
Friday (1/30)	
Saturday (1/31)	

February 1, 2026 — February 7, 2026

"4th Sunday After Epiphany"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: Manistique Public Schools Helpful Hotspot

Monday (2/2)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (2/3)	United Women in Faith 1 PM
Wednesday (2/4)	
Thursday (2/5)	
Friday (2/6)	
Saturday (2/7)	Open Mic Night 7-8:30 PM, Fellowship Room

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

1/25/26	Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23
2/1/26	Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Gordie Barry, Ron Williams, Ted & Louise Burson, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, 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, and our world.

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

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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: By Faith by Bertha R. Frick

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

***PRAISE CHORUS**: UMH 367 He Touched Me

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." This verse from the Old Testament book of Isaiah was quoted in the New Testament Gospel of Matthew several centuries after it was written.

P: Today we believe that Jesus is the great light, the promised Messiah, the Son of God.

L: The Jewish people recognized that they had been set aside by God as His chosen people, the ones with whom He entered into a covenant. All other people were excluded, and were considered unclean and not to be included in God's family.

P: Today Christians recognize that all people who believe in God and that Jesus is God's Son, the Messiah, are welcome into God's family.

L: God's love extends to all races, all skin colors, all socioeconomic levels, all languages, all people. He created us all. He loves us all. He does not love everything we do and say, nor does He excuse any of us from His wrath when we willfully remain unrepentant sinners. He gives all the opportunity to repent, and to know Him personally. What will we respond?

P: O Lord, forgive us our sinful ways, our pride, our willfulness, and our tendency to think we are somehow better than others who in some way seem "not like us." Remind us that unless we are Jewish, we are adopted children. All are invited to come to Him.

***OPENING HYMN**: UMH 529 How Firm a Foundation

***APOSTLES' CREED**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

YOUTH TIME—NOISY OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**: UMH 344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

***GOSPEL READING:** Isaiah 9:1-4

SERMON: Carrying the Light

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: Now I Belong to Jesus by N. Clayton, arr. by S. Landon

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN (from the red Hymnal) Congregation's Choice

***CLOSING HYMN**: UMH 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**: FWS 2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

POSTLUDE: The Glory Way by M. Isabelle Ritter

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

January Mission Noisy Offering—Pastor's Discretionary (Deacon's) Fund

This noisy offering is used by Pastor B.J. per his discretion for emergency needs in the 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