First United Methodist Church

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February 22, 2026 — February 28, 2026

"1st Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Lisa Jones
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: Manistique Public Schools Helpful Hotspot

Monday (2/23)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (2/24)	Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/PPRC) 10 AM
Wednesday (2/25)	Lenten Soup, Bread & Devotional 5:30 PM
Thursday (2/26)	
Friday (2/27)	
Saturday (2/28)	

March 1, 2026 — March 7, 2026

"2nd Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: James Gaffney
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: UMCOR—Emergency Relief

Monday (3/2)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (3/3)	Vitality Committee 11 AM / United Women in Faith 1 PM
Wednesday (3/4)	Lenten Soup, Bread & Devotional 5:30 PM
Thursday (3/5)	
Friday (3/6)	
Saturday (3/7)	

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

2/22/26	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11
3/1/26	Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Lynn LaRose & family, Louise Burson & family, Mary Prater & family, Gordie Barry, Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Martha Weeks, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, 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 joys and concerns, and for our church and world needs.

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February 22, 2026

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

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February 22, 2026
"1st Sunday of Lent"

WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Andante Maestoso by Arcangelo Corelli

*"**WELCOME FRIENDS" SONG** & **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 32

***PRAISE CHORUS:** W&S 3008 Open the Eyes of My Heart

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: This is the first Sunday of Lent, a time of meditation over the events which began with the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and which continues throughout history and remains with us and in us today.

P: Why are we to be held accountable for the sin of Adam and Eve? We weren't even there when it happened!

L: We are not held accountable for the sin of Adam and Eve. We are held accountable for our own sins. We all are guilty of sinning.

P: Yes we all probably have sinned, but most of us have only committed little sins. We don't murder people or rob banks. Maybe we bend the truth a little, or possibly we have taken some little thing that wasn't rightly ours, but we don't commit the really big sins. Why should these tiny little sins matter?

L: God does not discriminate between big sins and little sins. Sin is sin. It is wrong, and even a sin which seems unimportant to us is counted as sin by God. Why? Because any sin can corrupt us so that we more easily sin again the next time. Any sin can be harmful to other people, as well as to the one who has sinned. That is why we must repent of our sins if we want to be right with God.

P: Dear God, please forgive us for the sins which we commit, the so-called big ones and the ones which appear to us to be little and unimportant. Remind us that sin is sin, and all sins will separate us from You if we do not truly repent of them.

***OPENING HYMN**: UMH 269 (v. 1,3,4,5) (#707 tune) Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

***APOSTLES' CREED**

YOUTH TIME—NOISY OFFERING

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**: UMH 365 Grace Greater than Our Sin

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON: Mercy on the Wilderness Road

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: Wonderful Words of Life by Phillip P. Bliss

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

***CLOSING HYMN**: UMH 378 (v. 1,2,3,4,6) Amazing Grace

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**: FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord of All Creation by Gregg Sewell

<u>The Altar Rail is always open to all.</u>

<u>February Mission Noisy Offering—Manistique Public Schools Helpful Hotspot</u>

This noisy offering is used by the Helpful Hotspot to provide local students personal necessities.
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**