First United Methodist Church

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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 11 AM /United Women in Faith 1 PM
Wednesday (3/4)	Lenten Soup, Bread, Devotional Service 5:30 PM
Thursday (3/5)	
Friday (3/6)	

March 8, 2026 — March 14, 2026

"3rd Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Needed
Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Janet Helmbold
Youth's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert
Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Noisy Offering: UMCOR—Emergency Relief

Monday (3/9)	Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (3/10)	
Wednesday (3/11)	Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
	Lenten Soup, Bread, Devotional Service 5:30 PM
Thursday (3/12)	Pasty Prep 7:30 AM / Sales 10 AM-1 PM
Friday (3/13)	
Saturday (3/14)	Family Game Night 5-7 PM

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

3/1/26	Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121; Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
3/8/26	Exo 17:1-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Gordie Barry, Louise Burson & family, Mary Prater, 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 world needs.

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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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March 1, 2026

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

First United Methodist Church
March 1, 2026
"2nd Sunday in Lent"

WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Andante Tranquillo by W.H. Maxfield

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

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 121

***PRAISE CHORUS**: UMH 328 Surely the Presence of the Lord

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

P: Is that all there is to it? Just believe in Jesus? That's easy! But is that all we have to do?

L: We have food enough and to spare around us, but if we don't make use of it and eat it, we will eventually die physically. If you believe in Jesus but do nothing to build a relationship with Him, obey Him, and tell others about Him, will you benefit from believing in Him? Will you grow spiritually?

P: We are busy people. We don't have time to read the Bible and go to church every Sunday and pray and do religious stuff.

L: We have time to play golf, or go fishing, or read murder mysteries. We have time for fun things, trivial things, our hobbies, and those things we enjoy. How much time does it take to pray, read the Bible, and do "religious stuff?" If you eat, in a few hours you will be hungry again, and you will know you need food. If you do not pray, take time with Jesus, and attend church regularly, you may be starving spiritually. You will likely know that something is wrong, but you may not know what it is. Try connecting with God again!

P: O God, it is so easy for us to put off staying connected with You when we are busy satisfying our own selfish desires! Please forgive us, and hold us tight!

***OPENING HYMN**: UMH 580 Lead On, O King Eternal

***APOSTLES' CREED**

YOUTH TIME

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**: UMH 371 (v 1,2,4,5) I Stand Amazed in the Presence

***GOSPEL READING**: John 3:1-17

SERMON: Guided by the Promise

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: That Beautiful Name by Jean Perry

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

COMMUNION HYMN: UMH 599 Break Thou, The Bread of Life

COMMUNION: SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE II

***CLOSING HYMN**: UMH 98 To God Be the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

***PARTING HYMN**: UMH 389 (v 1,2) Freely, Freely

POSTLUDE: Ceremonial March by George Blake

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

March Mission Noisy Offering—UMCOR (Emergency Relief)

This noisy offering assists those in need of disaster relief around the world.

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