

**First United Methodist Church**

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**September 20, 2026 — September 26, 2026**

*“17th Sunday after Pentecost”*

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter                      Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner              Youth’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Rita Salter                      Fellowship: Needed  
Monthly Noisy Offering: Samaritan’s Purse-Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Sunday (9/20)              Pie Auction rescheduled for October 11 at 1 pm  
Monday (9/21)              Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (9/22)  
Wednesday (9/23)              Sex Trafficking Awareness Program 5:30 PM, MHS Auditorium  
Thursday (9/24)  
Friday (9/25)              Pastor B.J. out of the office  
Saturday (9/26)

**September 27, 2026 — October 3, 2026**

*“18th Sunday after Pentecost”*

Usher/Greeter: Needed                      Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin  
Liturgist: Lisa Jones                      Youth’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed  
Altar Flowers: Needed                      Fellowship: Needed  
Monthly Noisy Offering: Samaritan’s Purse-Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Monday (9/28)              Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM  
Tuesday (9/29)  
Wednesday (9/30)  
Thursday (10/1)  
Friday (10/2)  
Saturday (10/3)

**Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study**

9/20/26              Exo 16:2-25; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45 or Ps 78; Phil 1:21-30; Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matt 20:1-16  
9/27/26              Exo 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Acts 3:1-19; Matt 21:23-32



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Gayle Tufnell, Ken & Cyndi Burgin, Gordie & Susan Barry, Martha Weeks, Mary Prater, Louise Burson, Ron Williams, Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Joel Prater, Jean Smith, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Carol Weinert, Curt & Celie Norton, Katie Putnam, Rita Salter, Janet Helmbold’s sister Karen, Vic & Sharon’s son Ron, Kerry Billings & family concerns, Michael & Kathleen Haynes family concerns, Connie Meade, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, and unspoken joys/concerns.

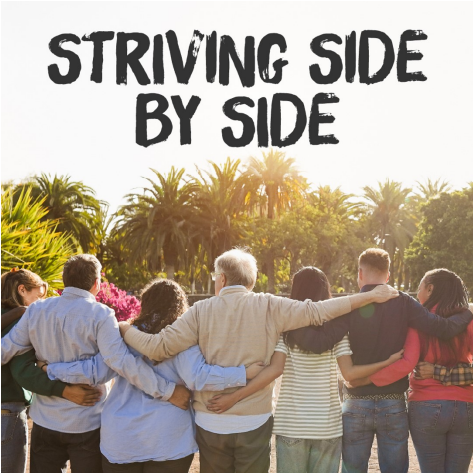


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190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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September 20, 2026



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



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September 20, 2026  
“17th Sunday after Pentecost”



WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Sing Praise to God by Edward Broughton

**\*WELCOME FRIENDS SONG**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

WELCOME—INVOCATION

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

**\*PRAISE CHORUS:** W&S 3007 (2 times) Sing Praise and Bless the Lord

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P: Let us sing praises to Him, for He is a wondrous and bountiful God.**

L: What does our God desire of us, but to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God?

**P: This sounds easy! Yet too often we are not just in our relationships with others. Too often we seek revenge on our enemies and are reluctant to show mercy. Too often also we tend to wonder why God doesn’t do things our way, instead of seeking His will.**

L: As God loves mercy and wants us to show mercy to each other, let us plead for mercy from Him for the many times we are not fair to others, wish for retaliation rather than mercy for those we deem unfair and evil, and seek our own way rather than His will.

**P: Dear Lord, we confess that we are too often unmerciful, unjust, and unforgiving. Please forgive us for the many sins we have, and turn our hearts and minds to You so that we can be the loving, merciful, and humble people You would have us be.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** UMH 539 (v 1,3,4) O Spirit of the Living God

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED:** UMH 881

YOUTH TIME

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** UMH 430 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON: Striving Side by Side

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 Savior by J.M. Harris

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

FAVORITE HYMN Congregation’s Choice

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

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**\*PARTING HYMN** (front cover of hymnal) Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE: Crown Him with Many Crowns by David H. Hagerty

**The Altar Rail is always open to all.**

**Mission Noisy Offering—Samaritan’s Purse-Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**  
This noisy offering provides Christmas shoeboxes to needy children throughout 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