

First United Methodist Church

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February 23, 2025 — March 1, 2025

“Seventh Sunday After Epiphany”

Usher/Greeter: Rita Salter Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Lisa Jones Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Char C.
Altar Flowers: Bette Jahn Fellowship: Lynn & Jack LaRose
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Manistique Public Schools Helpful Hotspot

Monday (2/24) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (2/25) Discernment Team Meeting 10 AM

Wednesday (2/26)

Thursday (2/27) Vitality Committee 10 AM

Friday (2/28)

Saturday (3/1)

March 2, 2025 — March 8, 2025

“Transfiguration Sunday”

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children’s Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Needed Fellowship: Ted & Louise Burson
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: UMCOR Emergency Relief

Monday (3/3) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (3/4) UWF 1 PM / Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 PM

Wednesday (3/5) Ash Wednesday Service 5 PM

Thursday (3/6) Education Committee 10 AM

Friday (3/7)

Saturday (3/8)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

2/23/25 Gen 45:3-11, 15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40 (UMH 772); 1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

3/2/25 Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99 (UMH 819); 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

3/5/25 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17 (UMH 785); 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Char Crosby, Penny Tracy, Jean Smith, Carol Weinert, Martha Weeks, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Sharon V. & Celie N.’s brother, Kerry Billings family concerns, Michael Haynes, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Joel Prater, Connie Whitsitt, Sandi Kolder, Betty Tracy, Jesse Baker, and unspoken requests.

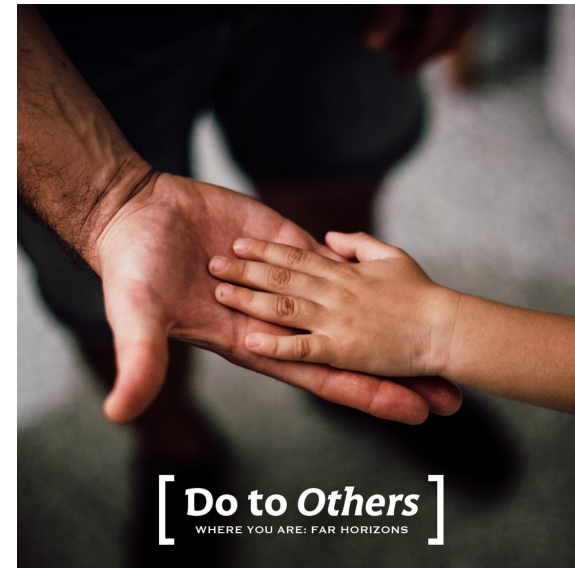


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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Worship by Nancy Heyward

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 37:1-11, 39-40

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2066 Praise the Name of Jesus

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The Bible tells us to love our enemies.

P: We know we are told to love our enemies, but this is so very hard to do! How can we love those who mistreat us, who make it clear that they hate us and wish us harm?

L: The Bible tells us to bless those who curse us.

P: We have heard that we should bless those who abuse us, but how can we do this? It seems impossible that we can bless those who cause us great pain and anguish!

L: Jesus, while being nailed to the cross, forgave His tormenters. We do not have to love the pain they cause us or the torment we feel. We are, however, called to remember that these are humans, and that God loves them, and us, even though we do wrong. Treat your enemies as you would like to be treated, not as you are being treated.

P: O God, forgive us for our desires to get even and to punish those who hurt us. We are humbled by the enormous love You have for us, even though our thoughts and actions may be causing You as much pain as we experience from our enemies. Strengthen us to act toward others with the love You show to us.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 102 Now Thank We All Our God

*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON:

Do to Others

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: Near the Cross arr. Robt. Hughes

*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SPECIAL MUSIC Darrell Dixon

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 389 Freely, Freely

***BENEDICTION**

*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord of All Creation by Gregg Sewell

February Mission Noisy Offering—Helpful Hotspot
 This noisy offering is used by the Manistique Public School students for basic needs.
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

There are 2 round and 2 rectangle tables in the entryway, free if you are interested!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE