

First United Methodist Church

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March 30, 2025 — April 5, 2025

"4th Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Carol Hollenbeck Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Connie Kelsey Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Sharon Vanderville Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: UMCOR Emergency Relief

Monday (3/31) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM / Pastor B.J. at Clergy Retreat
Tuesday (4/1) Pastor B.J. at Clergy Retreat / UWF 1 PM
Wednesday (4/2) Lenten Soup & Devotion 5:30 PM
Thursday (4/3)
Friday (4/4)
Saturday (4/5)

April 6, 2025 — April 12, 2025

"5th Sunday in Lent"

Usher/Greeter: Bob & Mary Whinnen Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin
Liturgist: Bette Jahn Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed
Altar Flowers: Carol Weinert Fellowship: Needed
Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Heifer International

Monday (4/7) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM
Tuesday (4/8) Trustee Committee Meeting 10 AM
Wednesday (4/9) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM/Sales 10-1 PM / Lenten Soup & Devotion 5:30 PM
Thursday (4/10) Pasty Prep 7:30 AM/Sales 10-1 PM
Friday (4/11)
Saturday (4/12) UWF Reflection Breakfast 9:30 AM (Open to community)

Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

3/30/25 Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8
4/6/25 Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126 (UMH 847); Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Carol Weinert, Char Crosby, Ken Burgin, Penny Tracy, Jean Smith, 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, travel mercies, our snowbirds, and unspoken requests.



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CHURCH**

190 North Cedar St., Manistique, MI 49854

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March 30, 2025



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



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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: In His Holy Temple by EJ Lounz

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 32

*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2022 Great Is the Lord

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: God loves all of His sheep, but He is especially joyful when a lost one returns to His fold.
P: Why does the lost sheep who willfully wanders away from the fold receive more love when it returns than those sheep who remain where they belong? It doesn't seem fair.
 L: God does not love the lost sheep more than the faithful ones. All are dear to Him. However, the one who wanders away is in great danger of being lost forever whereas those who remain in the fold are in no such danger. God rejoices not because He loves the wanderer more, but because the wanderer has returned and is again part of the fold. This is cause for celebration.
P: Lord, help us to see Your people as You do, as all people You love dearly. Remind us that those who do Your work and obey Your will are loved as much as the returning wanderer, and help your faithful ones to understand this, rather than becoming jealous or feeling left out somehow. Above all, help us to love the straying ones as fully as You do.

*OPENING HYMN: UMH 160 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*APOSTLES' CREED: UMH 881

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S TIME—NOISY OFFERING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 384 Love Divine, All Love Excelling

*GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON: Steadfast Love

PRAYER TIME Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY: Offertoire by Ethel B. Clarke

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 98 To God Be the Glory

***BENEDICTION**

*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186 Song of Hope

POSTLUDE: Postlude Pomposo by George Baker

The Altar Rail is always open to all.

March Mission Noisy Offering—UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

This noisy offering is used to provide emergency relief to those affected by disasters.
 God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

There is a retro orange loveseat available, FREE, if you are interested!

* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

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