

Manistee First Congregational Church UCC with Rev. Elizabeth Hoy
In person worship: 412 4th Street Manistee MI
Virtual Worship uccmanistee.org
Fourth Sunday After Easter: May 8, 2022

+ Indicates when to stand

Welcome, Announcements and Prelude

+ **Call To Worship (Adapted from liturgy written by Roddy Hammlton)**

One: God is our Shepherd we shall not want

All: We seek the grace of God and our cup runneth over

One: We seek the will of God and our cup runneth over

All: We seek the strength of God and our cup runneth over

One: How generous is God's love so much the world cannot contain it

All: The Lord is our Shepherd and we lack nothing

+ **Opening Hymn: Bring Many Names #6**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

God, our shepherd—Restorer of our souls—

The one who calls us to nap in green pastures—

We enter into this moment of worshipful gathering

trusting that you will guide us along the paths of righteousness.

Wherever we may be in this world, let us know the comforting presence of

your rod and staff. We are expectant, O God, that our fears will fade,

that our cups will overflow, and that your goodness and mercy will accompany us

in this hour and beyond. Now, let us worship you in spirit and in truth.

Amen

Passing of the Peace

Story for All Generations

First Reading Psalm 23

Special Music

Reading John 10:22-30

Sermon

+ **Hymn: Break Not The Circle #367**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering



This QR code makes it possible for you to donate using your phone and a Paypal account .

+ **Prayer of Dedication (The Doxology)**

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing today with one accord.

The life laid down, the life restored;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

+ **We dedicate these gifts that have been shared for the fortification of the beloved community. Let these gifts do justice in the world. Let them be a sign of our belief in the God who saves, heals, and sets free. Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, be a blessing to all in need.**

+ **Hymn: There is a Wideness in God's Mercy #72**

Benediction

Postlude

In Our Prayers...Please keep these members and friends in your prayers this coming week. **If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please speak with Liz or contact the church office @ 723-5361 or officemfcucc@gmail.com**

Bob & Pat Sluis, Ron's brother & sister in law.

Eric Terdel, son-in-law of Marcia & David Vande Vusse.

Pastor Mike Nank, Maggie Patterson's brother, and all those ministering Ukrainian refugees, pray to give these missionaries protection, strength, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Quinn, granddaughter & **Rachel**, daughter of Susan Flarity.

Rianna Hof, David & Marcia Vande Vusse's Daughter.

Mike Zimmerman, Church Member.

Our homebound and care center members and friends:

Al Mahler, Margaret Johnson, Greg Gamache & Tootie Rowell
Members and Friends serving in the military.

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Weekly Financial Update

Offering May 1 (Pledges/Unpledged/Plate)		\$ 2,593
Offering (Budget) Goal per Week		\$ 2,155
Offering Total for May		\$ 2,593
Offering (Budget) Goal for May (5 Sunday's)		\$10,775
Offering Total YTD	18 Weeks	\$32,884
Offering Goal YTD	18 Weeks	\$38,790

Year to Date Stewardship Goal (Shortage) or Overage \$ (5,906)
2022 Pledge Update: Pledge Cards Received 23 totalling \$75,600

This Week at Church

Craft Group Wednesday May 11 , 9-12

Coming up:

Clock Winding Training May 15 after worship

Craft Group Wednesday May 18, 9-12

Graduating Senior Sunday May 22

Congregational Meeting to Approve Budget May 22 after worship

If you would like a copy of the proposed budget prior to the meeting, contact the office by noon Thursday May 19th and Deb can either print for you to pick up or email it to you.

Used Book/Puzzle/Game Sale June 4, 2022

Outreach Committee Monthly Mission:

Items for Homeward Bound: Items needed; bleach, kitty litter, blankets, HE detergent

Full list @ <https://homewardboundmanistee.org/shelter-needs>

Please put into the collection tub in the Fellowship Hall

Signups in the Fellowship Hall for

- Coffee Hour
- Greeters
- Liturgist (readers in worship)
- Garden Angels- Helping to keep our church as lovely on the outside as the inside.

NU2U is doing a drive for Ukraine. They are collecting; blankets, bedding (pillows and sheets), towels, OTC medicine for children and adults (not expired), MRE (Meal ready to eat)- type food (not expired), toiletries for children and adults, hygiene items for women, stationery items, and diapers for children and adults. Please drop off at the NU2U store located at 353 River St. Manistee, Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm.

Sanctuary Funds Update!

We have been fundraising for this sanctuary restoration project for a while now.... As you may notice on our bulletin board we proudly met our first goal of \$13,000 and received the very generous matching gift of \$13,000, and now are over \$30,000. We thank all of you!!!

But we have some more good news... We have received a new donation match of \$20,000! When we raise another \$20,000, we will receive \$20,000 more. Isn't that amazing! With this match we will be sooo close to our goal of \$75,000. What a generous gift to support our efforts.

We will continue to have the paint can on the table in the fellowship hall and you can still donate online, but we know it will take more than that.

We have some fundraising ideas, ONE, a used book,puzzle and games sale on June 4. Please start bringing in any books you'd like to donate. TWO... maybe an organ concert.....

If you can think of other ways to help reach our goal, please don't be shy. We know that we can only give what we can! So we need to broaden our focus. Let's put our heads and hands together and reach this next goal of \$20,000.

Used Book and Puzzle Sale!

We will be holding a used book and used puzzles and games sale in the fellowship hall on Saturday, June 4, from 10-1pm.

If you have any gently used books, puzzles or games to donate, there will be a labeled box in the fellowship hall to put them in. The books can be infant/toddler board books, early readers, young adult, and adult books.

We will also need a few volunteers to help sort and organize the books, and a few to help on the day of the sale. If you're interested, please contact Sandy Turk (231-233-4137).