



# The Parish Print

March & April 2024

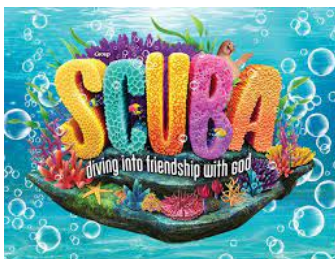
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## VBS 2024 DATES SET June 2nd-6th



Mark your calendars! Come dive into friendship with God - Sunday, June 2nd - Thursday, June 6th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Registration will begin on April 1st!

## Thursday After School Club

After School Club has been a big success! We are averaging 8-10 students every Thursday. All students grades 5th-8th grade are welcome to join us every Thursday from 3-4:30 for snacks, homework help, sports, games, and more!

Parents may register their students here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEtKChoQVLdIT0fybkXoECrIWhi4zIxeMGWdtrLdYEB92TOg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEtKChoQVLdIT0fybkXoECrIWhi4zIxeMGWdtrLdYEB92TOg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We are also in need of HS & adults to help with this program. We need adults to prepare snacks, help students with homework, and connect with students. Please contact Jenny or Pastor Lana if you would like to volunteer.

## UWF (United Women in Faith)

United Women in Faith are sponsoring a Craft Fair on **Saturday, March 16 from the hours of 9 am to 2 pm**. Besides the vendors, treats will be available from Love A Latte and Nothing Bundt Cakes. Please come out and support our local vendors.



## Midwest Missions Rice Packing

Thank you to everyone that come out for an amazing Sunday of mission work. In just about an hour we assembled food to feed 7,200 people. We will learn soon where our food was sent. Thank you to everyone that made this possible with your generous donations of time and money.

**ANNOUNCING**

THE MANTENO UNITED METHODIST  
**CRAFT FAIR**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16  
9:00AM - 2:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
EMAIL: [mantenoumcraftfair@yahoo.com](mailto:mantenoumcraftfair@yahoo.com)  
TEXT/CALL: Sue Ross, 815-405-5021

LOCATION  
255 W 2nd St  
Manteno

TREATS AVAILABLE FROM

Love A Latte  
Nothing Bundt Cakes



On **Wednesday, April 10 from 6-8pm** we will sponsor a "Paint Night" with Kathy Eastman. A fee of \$25 will cover your supplies for the project.

Refreshments will be served during the event. It will be a night of great fun and fellowship while we create our masterpieces. A portion of the cost will go towards our Mission pledge for the year. More information is to come.

We just want to remind the women of the church that all are welcome to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sue Turner at 815-351-6894.

## **Flashlight Pancake Dinner & Easter Egg Hunt**

**Thursday, March 21st**

**6:30-7:30 PM**

Grab a flashlight & your Easter basket and join us for a delicious night of pancakes, crafts, and fun! The Easter bunny may even make an appearance!

RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/8WJ8iMhVZqUGRrvc7>

## **Up to Date! Check Out Team Notes & the Church Calendar**

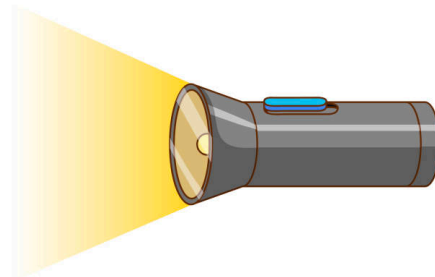
You may have noticed a lot more paperwork on the bulletin board! Minutes from Team meetings are now being posted for all to view. They are also available online at <http://tinyurl.com/mumcnotes>. If you are interested in joining a team, please speak with one of the Nominations Team leaders: Pastor Lana (Chair) or Sue Gallois (Vice Chair).

Also, remember that there is an online calendar for all church events. You can view it on our church website at <https://mantenoumc.org>. If you are a Google Calendar user, you can add it to your own calendar with this link: <http://tinyurl.com/mumcaddcalendar>. There are a lot of events during the Lent and Easter season so check 'em out!

Submitted by Denise Caparula, Ad Council Secretary

## *Sleep in Heavenly Sleep Bed Build*

The next SiHP bed build is April 20th at Grace Community UMC. Please contact Pastor Lana for more information. This is a wonderful mission to support those in our local community - no child should sleep on the floor!



## PALM SUNDAY EVENING

Join Pastor Lana at Caldwell Chapel AME Zion in Kankakee on Palm Sunday where she will be preaching. The service will begin at 6:30 PM.



## Raise Right Gift Cards Orders Placed every Tuesday Visit the church website

[mantenoumc.org](http://mantenoumc.org) to view the list of gift cards. The church earns a rebate on each card that is ordered to help pay off the mortgage.

## MUMS - All are welcome!

Do you work from home or are you newly retired — you are invited and welcome to join MUMS! It is always a great time of fellowship. Join us on March 19th at noon for a delicious luncheon.

Please RSVP to Sue Cronin at 815-468-9765

## Lenten Offering 2024

This year our home church's Lenten Offering will be split between UMCOR and Midwest Mission. I would like to share the services of UMCOR and Midwest Missions.

**First is UMCOR.** As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief – UMCOR – assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Midwest Mission, on the other hand, is more of a "local" organization that helps serve the Midwest region. Initial Midwest projects such as the Beans & Rice Project, and Project Schoolroom (the original desk project) for Haiti and the developing countries of the Caribbean had been growing in Illinois for many years.

Here are more current broad examples of how Midwest Mission serves:

### DISASTER RELIEF

When disaster strikes, they send requested supplies and prepared kits. Disasters have four stages: 1. Readiness 2. Rescue 3. Relief 4. Recovery. We work with US and global partners in each stage except for the rescue stage.

### HEALTH

Health is a basic human need, but many lack equipment and supplies to sustain and improve their health. They send resources like Rice Meals and medical supplies to meet community health needs. When someone's health is in jeopardy, everything else is.

## EDUCATION

Education is a key to improving a child's circumstances. Students need tools that will set them up for success. They equip them with resources that empower them to build a better future for themselves.

## MICRO BUSINESS

They refurbish bikes and sewing machines to send to men and women to give them the means to make a living for their family.

There is absolutely no indebtedness for any project or operations of Midwest Mission. Everything has been done with donations from individuals, churches and groups, and with volunteer labor. Midwest Mission borrows no money and receives no money from church apportionments or from the UMCOR yearly offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. The Center works closely with UMCOR, but is not a part of UMCOR.

Please help support our church's Lenten Offering!

## U ARE U PRESCHOOL



## REGISTER NOW FOR FALL 2024

Happy Spring from U are U Preschool! Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit [www.uareupreschool.com/register](http://www.uareupreschool.com/register) for more information. Thank you to

everyone that came out for our Subway Fundraiser Night! We were able to raise over \$200 for our program.

## OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ONLINE!

To view the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in.

There is also a free mobile app available for download at the Apple® App store in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "[Instant Church Directory](#)" to get the download. You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a log-in the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.

You may also access the directory on our website at [mantenoumc.org](http://mantenoumc.org) with the password: MantenoUMC. Please contact Jenny at 815-468-0057 with any questions.

## BLESSING BOX ITEM OF THE MONTH CANNED MEAT & FOODS

The Missions /Outreach team will have a basket by the sanctuary door each Sunday for the Blessings Box. Each month we will have certain items highlighted but any items are come.

**During the remainder of March & April we will be collecting canned meat, spaghetti-o's, ravioli, etc.**



## **Raise Right Gift Cards**

Did you know you can buy gift cards from the Raise Right app for the stores you are already shopping and the church earns money for free! Use this code: <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=L8FL41D863681>

Also, orders are placed most Tuesdays for physical cards that arrive by Sunday of the same week. Order forms are available at church.

## **YOUTH GROUP LOCK IN**

Our middle school youth group is excited for our Lock-In on March 22nd from 9PM-7AM. This is the end of year celebration for a fantastic year of youth group!

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/CYziMXu6if9pSPaE9>

## **March 29 - Interfaith Crosswalk Good Friday at 10:00 AM**

Join us on Good Friday for a wonderful event involving many of the churches in Manteno. Meet at the Manteno Church of the Nazarene at 10:00 AM in your best walking shoes. The walk will end around noon at Community Presbyterian Church with a soup luncheon.

We are in need of hosts for this event at our church. Please contact Jenny if you are interested.



Pictured above: Tonya Hoots :)

## **MANTENO UMC ICE SKATING OUTING**

We had a wonderful time skating on Sunday! We have a few members of our church with hidden talents! Keep an eye out for all of the wonderful programs we have for families.



## March/April 2024 Calendar

### Upcoming Events

- March 16 - UWF Craft Fair, 9am
- March 16 - Everett Johnson's 90th Birthday Party, 11-2pm  
117 Uncle Leo Drive, Bradley, IL 60915
- March 17 - Cluster Lenten Service, St. Mark UMC, 6:30pm
- March 19th - MUMS Luncheon, 12:00pm
- March 21 - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, 6:30-7:30pm
- March 22 - Middle School Youth Group Lock In, 9pm-7am
- March 23 - Church Clean-Up Day with pizza, 8am-1pm
- March 24 - Cluster Lenten Service, Caldwell Chapel, 6:30pm
- March 25-28 - Holy Week Devotions, 6:30am
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday Service, Wesley UMC, 7pm
- March 29 - Interfaith Crosswalk, 10am
- March 29 - Good Friday Service, Aroma Park UMC, 7pm
- March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am
- March 31 - Easter Service, 9:30am

- April 9 - Finance Meeting, 5:30pm
- April 9 - Ad Council Meeting, 7:00pm
- April 10 - UWF Paint Night, 6-8pm
- April 14 - Rev. Herb Thompson preaches at 9:30 AM service
- April 21 - Missions & Outreach Meeting, 10:30am

### Weekly Ministries

- Mondays - Bible Study, 7pm
- Wednesdays - Book Club, 3pm
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study, 6pm
- Thursdays - Loving Stitches, 1-3pm
- Thursdays - MS Kids After School Club, 3-4:30pm
- Fridays - Yoga 8am in sanctuary

