



The Parish Print

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MUMS will be meeting on Wednesday, October 17th for a potluck at 12:00 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and \$1.



to cover the cost of the meat. Hope to see you!



Ice Cream Social

Sunday School Ice Cream Social

Sunday Oct. 14th
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Pre-school - 5th grade

Ice Cream - Games- Fun



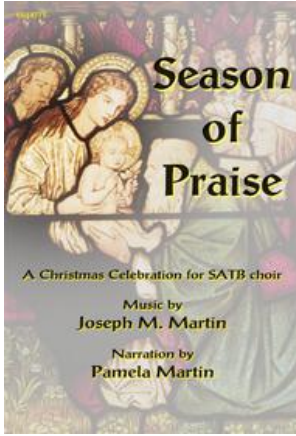
Put a Sock in It

During the month of October, the mission team will be sponsoring "Put a Sock in it" for Pembroke schools. We will be collecting socks for students in grades K-12. There will be a box in the narthex for collection. Help the children of Pembroke to keep their feet warm this winter.



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Cantata rehearsals to begin



Rehearsals for the Cantata will begin on Sunday, October 21 at 11:45 am at the Methodist Church. Performances will be at the Methodist Church on December 2 and December 9 at the First Presbyterian Church. Both services will be at 10:30.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Turner at 815-468-6894 to get a music score. This year's cantata is titled "Season of Praise."



Veteran's Day Special Service

There will be only one service on Sunday, November 11 for Veteran's Day at 9:30 am. R.A. Brass will present special music throughout the service. Donations for the cost are being accepted. You can give directly to the office or place it in an enveloped marked "Brass Quintet".

ePay Options

- 1) "Set and Forget" option - <https://mantenoumc.breezechms.com/give/online>
This can be used to setup recurring (or onetime) contributions
- 2) PayPal option - You can also make a one-time contribution through [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com). You would make the contribution to mantenoumcgiving@gmail.com. You must already have a PayPal account to use this option. Please leave a note on what you are contributing to (General, Building, Mission, etc.)



The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone for their donations to Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Neighbor Hood House. Thank you for all your generosity. The kids are all excited as work on their new school is near completion.

The Swiss Steak Supper is drawing near. It is October 27th. We are still in need of pies and workers. You can sign up on the clipboards or contact the church office. Don't forget the bake sale that night. We will take your baked goods starting that morning.

Our next UMW meeting is November 6th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Ladies please come join us.



The annual Swiss Steak Supper is fast approaching!

Save the date – October 27!
See you there!

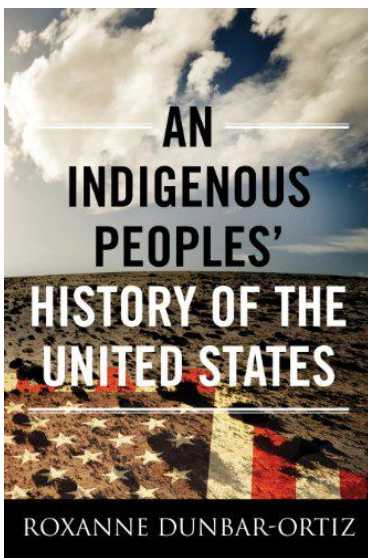


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Nurturing for Community

"An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.



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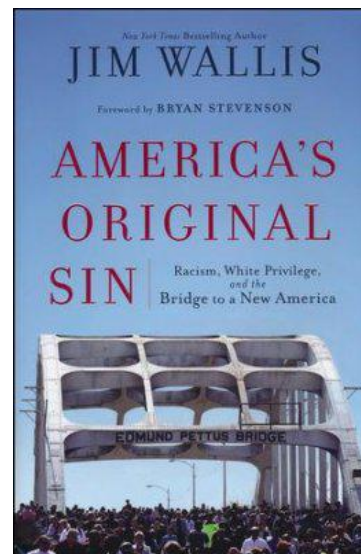
displacing or eliminating them. This centuries-long genocidal program of the U.S. settler-colonial regimen has largely been omitted from history. Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans actively resisted, and continue to resist, expansion of the U.S. empire.

Social Action

"America's Original Sin" by Jim Wallis.

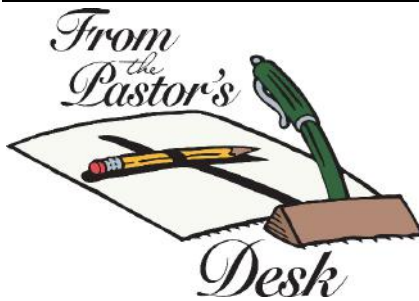
Jim Wallis has grasped with amazing clarity and insight the persistent pain and sin of racism in America. In America's Original Sin, we have not only a recounting of the pain of racism and xenophobia but also a hope-filled map for a new, reconciled reality. In this

powerful book, he calls for a new conversation in our homes, churches, sports arenas and schools - conversations our nation desperately needs right now, especially parents and grandparents raising our next generation of children - and action on the ground.



Pecan Pie season is upon us. Don't forget to order your pecans at church. Sale continues through October 21st.

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A large crowd was gathering my very first Sunday in Manteno, (more than 2 years ago!) In the excitement and anticipation, I asked Mike and someone else to step to the back of the sanctuary and pray for me. Now I vaguely remember that moment, asking for a prayer before the service began. Little did I know, that it was the very first time Mike had ever been asked to pray out loud, in front of others! And he jumped right in and did it. I had no clue he hadn't done it before, but I do remember it was a great Sunday, felt very positive, and I got lots of good feedback. I even enjoyed myself! It was a happy and joyful beginning, thanks in part to Mike's prayer!

Now I find out that it was a good beginning for Mike too, having served in the church as a leader for a year or more. He took a step in his prayer life, and I didn't even know it. I had simply asked him to do it and he responded!

In a way it's a metaphor for the way this church in Manteno works! A simple invitation to do something in the life of the church (which really began with Mike and Denise deciding to come here, and with the Nominating Committee asking Mike to be chair of SPR) gave someone an opportunity to take a step of faith. It's not a totally organized "system of discipleship" but people notice each other and they think of inviting. And most of the time when someone says yes, they get an opportunity to get in on serving God and having fun with others in the process!

The annual garage sale was a huge success! Even the sale has become an opportunity for service, a time to welcome people who are new, a chance to help some homeless families get set up in their new homes! There is fellowship and fun and lots of hard work. And a competition

for picking out the funniest or strangest item donated. Picture a stuffed ducky that sings "You Are My Sunshine" or a rusted, cast-iron tool used for something related to raising cows!

Now we get the joy of figuring out which mission organizations we will give to as we tithe 10% (or more) of the proceeds!

Working together, serving together, praying together... thinking of others beyond our own inner circle. That's what church is all about. These activities, along with worship and Bible study, are the foundation for growing in Christ. How have you grown on these foundations?

Our Mission Statement: The Manteno United Methodist Church is a community of believers, who, as disciples of Jesus Christ, will:

Reach up to know God through worship and study.

Reach in to develop our strengths to serve God in the community and the larger world. And

Reach out to others in Christian fellowship. Remember YOU are the Body of Christ in Manteno and in the world!

Blessings, Rev. Joy

SERMON SERIES FOR OCTOBER, 2018:

October 7: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16: Jesus: Higher Than Angels

October 14: Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31: Jesus: Sympathizing with Our Weaknesses.

October 21: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45: Jesus: Bowing Low to be Lifted High

October 28: Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52: Jesus: Sacrificed, Once for All

November 4: Celebration Sunday, with guest speaker Ken Miller

November 11: Veterans Day: NOTE: ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 9:30 A.M. Honoring Our Veterans!

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Moments With Miles

Well, it's been pretty busy in Manteno, Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the rapidly disappearing corn and bean fields. I don't

know about you, but it seems to me the harvest has gotten off to an early start this year, no doubt due to the very dry weather lately. I pray for a safe harvest for our area farmers. Be sure, when driving, to be on the lookout for farm equipment on the roads. It is that time of year, so lets all be safe!

Oktoberfest has come and gone, and with it our massive church garage sale. If you've ever had a garage sale of your own, you know just how much work it is to organize. Well, multiply that by at least 50 and you will have an idea of what it took to prepare for our church's annual sale. God bless all who worked so hard to make our sale such a success! I've not heard the official report, but rumors are we made more than we did last year.

And now, we have arrived at that time of year when I attempt to predict the weather. Many have already asked me when the first frost and snowfall is going to happen. October is trying to fool us with warmer temps at the moment, and will continue to do so for a couple of more weeks. But after consulting all of the signs, portends, and auguries in the sky, I'm calling for our first frost to occur right around the 20th this month. Sad to say, I believe we will see

white fluffy stuff falling from the sky before the next Parish Print comes out.

Last month Susie and I were on vacation in South Carolina. We were there and came home well before Hurricane Florence. One of the places we visited was Boone Hall Plantation. The driveway leading up to the house is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile and lined with 275-year-old Southern Live Oaks. They are huge twisted, gnarled, moss covered trees that are iconic to the Deep South. Seeing them made me wonder how these massive trees had managed to survive all of the hurricanes that have plagued the southern coast over the last two centuries. Well, come to find out, it's because they work together. The roots of these live oaks spread far out and intertwine with the roots of other trees near them. This means that they lend each other strength and support.

It's the same for Christians. Our strength, which comes from the Lord, is made all the stronger when we are in loving fellowship with each other. It is true that alone we each can do much, but together we can accomplish so much more. Our garage sale is visible proof of that. Do we always agree – no. But we are still one in the love of the Lord. Let us learn from the example of the live oak tree and reach our hands and hearts out to each other in Christian fellowship to support and strengthen each other. For as it says in Luke 10:27 - “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.”

If we do this, there is no storm in life we can't withstand.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study – 7pm	2	3 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	4 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	5	6
7 Charge Conference, Bonfield Evangelical, 3-5pm	8 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples’ Day Bible Study – 7pm	9 AD Council 7pm	10 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	11 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	12	13
14 Youth Ice Cream Social, 3pm	15 Bible Study – 7pm	16	17 Yoga – 9am MUMS - Noon Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	18 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	19	20
21	22 Bible Study – 7pm	23	24 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	25 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	26	27 Swiss Steak Supper
28	29 Bible Study – 7pm	30	31 All Hallows’ Eve (Halloween) Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30			