



# The Parish Print

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Another year of Swiss Steak Dinner has come and gone. The United Methodist

Women want to say a big thank you to everyone that donated food, baked goods for the bake sale, and their time. This is our main way that we raise funds for all our missions, and appreciate everyone's help to make it successful. Some of our missions are Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Babyfold, UMCOR, Fortitude, and Indian Oaks School. We are so blessed to have a wonderful church family to help us!!

Our next meeting will be December 3 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our Christmas pot luck. We will have a white elephant gift exchange again this year. Ladies please come and join us for an evening of food and fun. Please bring a dish to share.



Our church is most fortunate to have the garden, courtyard, and lovely plantings around the church foundation. All of this, in addition to being attractive, requires maintenance. The Trustees, on behalf of the congregation, thank those who helped this year with mowing, hedge trimming, planting, weeding, watering, and mulching. Without your dedication, our church would not be as lovely and maintained as it is. We are truly blessed.

Thank you,  
Manteno United Methodist Church Trustees



Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,  
Thank you for the gift to the Preachers' Aid Society and Benefit Fund (PASBF). We give thanks for your witness and ministry to your church, community, and beyond! Ed enjoyed worshipping with you. Blessings on you all!

In 2019, the PASBF will contribute \$1.5 million for our Medicare Supplement Policy. In addition to the health insurance benefit, the PASBF continues to connect retirees to the Conference, supports and cares for retirees and spouses, plans social activities, and offers financial and estate planning at no cost. Thank you for supporting this unique ministry!

In Christ,  
Rev. Keith Anderson  
Executive Director

"One Spouse wrote, "PASBF is saving my life"



MUMS will be meeting for a pot luck on November 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and a dollar to cover expenses. Miles and Sue Turner will be the hosts, Sign the clipboard in church if you are planning to attend.

MUMS will be going to the high school for a band concert and breakfast on December 4th at 8:30 A.M. Please sign the clipboard in church or call John and Sue at 815-468-9765 to make a reservation. We have to know how many are going by November 25th.

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## Confirmation

### Welcome Confirmands

We welcome the following confirmation students who became members of our church family on Sunday, November 3rd.:

Addison Blanchette, Brooke Blanchette, Josie Carroll, Anna Greenquist, Kyle Heppe, Miranda Lingo, Jacob Meyer, Cooper Monk, Jessica Wagge and Erin Young.

Congratulations!

### #CarterStrong Pancake Breakfast

Join us for a pancake breakfast on Nov. 16th from 8:30-11:30 to benefit the Fortin Family. Please RSVP at [mantenoumc.org](http://mantenoumc.org).

Sign up to volunteer here: [#CarterStrong Pancake Breakfast](https://www.facebook.com/CarterStrongPancakeBreakfast)



**#CARTER STRONG  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



FREE WILL OFFERING BENEFITTING  
THE FORTIN FAMILY

**SAT, NOV. 16th** **8:30AM - 11:30AM**

**FUNDRAISER**

**Manteno United Methodist Church**  
255 W 2nd St., Manteno, IL 60950

RSVP (optional) at [mantenoumc.org](http://mantenoumc.org)

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**MANTENO UMC  
HOLIDAY PARENT'S  
NIGHT OUT**

FOR STUDENTS - PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE  
(6TH - 8TH GRADE CAN SIGN UP AS HELPERS!)

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING  
PARENTS NIGHT OUT  
DECEMBER 6TH  
5:00-8:00PM  
RSVP NOW!  
MANTENOUNC.ORG**

**FREE**

DINNER, CRAFTS, GAMES, MOVIE, AND TONS OF FUN INCLUDED!

### Parent's Night Out

Get your holiday shopping done or go on a date! Drop your kids ages preschool-5th grade (6th-8th grade can sign up to help) here for an evening of fun! We will provide dinner and tons more. Please

RSVP at [mantenoumc.org](http://mantenoumc.org).

### Mark your calendars!

Christmas Caroling for ALL AGES at local Senior Living Facilities

Monday, Dec. 23rd

Meet at church at 10:00 am!

We will go out for pizza for lunch when we are done!

### Mommy and Me Toddler Time

1st and 3rd Mondays in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for conversation and coffee!

9:00-10:00 am

Next meeting...Monday, Nov. 18th

### Do you need gift cards?

Place an order for Scrips!

You pay face value for the cards and the church earns a percentage of each card sold.

Look for an order form in the narthex and place it on Jenny Stawick's desk.

Orders placed every Tuesday morning and will be available by the next Sunday.

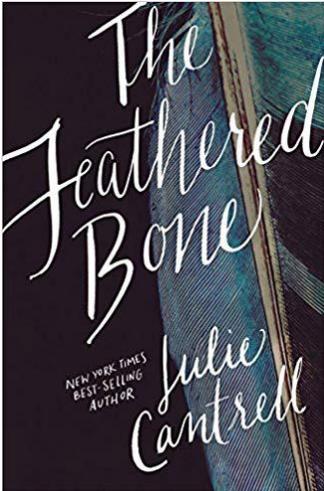
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## Book Review

United Methodist Women have books for all to borrow in the hall off the narthex. These books are an excellent way to see what is the happening in our world. Please feel free to borrow a book!

Social Action: *The Feathered Bone* by Julie Cantrell.



"Feathers-no matter what size or shape or color-are all the same, if you think about them. They're soft. Delicate. But the secret thing about feathers is...they are very strong."

In the pre-Katrina glow of New Orleans, Amanda Salassi is anxious about chaperoning her daughter's sixth-grade field trip to the Big Easy during Halloween. And then her worst fears come true. Her daughter's best friend, Sarah, disappears amid the magic and revelry-gone, without a trace.

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"I believe in love, hope, compassion, joy, faith and forgiveness. In life and in death, we belong to God."

These are the words written by some of our newest church members! I am inspired by the thoughtfulness of each of these members of our Confirmation Class: Addison Blanchette; Brooke Blanchette; Josie Carroll; Anna Greenquist; Kyle Heppe; Miranda Lingo; Jacob Meyer; Cooper Monk; Jessica Wagge; Erin Young.

We have studied together the meaning of several aspects of our Christian, United Methodist faith. We have read the Bible and we have done several service projects. All very important **information** to know. But I'm also inspired by the **formation** each

of the youth have experienced in their young lives through their parents and families, as well as the Sunday School in our own church!

A special thank you to those who came and attended our Confirmation classes to help youth understand what it means to be a part of the church. Thank you, Gordon and Helen Hamann, Dan and Donna Taylor, Jill Forrestal, Sue LaMore, Gary and Ami Henderson, Sue Gallois, Mike and Denise Caparula, and Jeff Stawick. We also enjoyed a visit from Pastor Mattheis Lorimor, who is in the process to become ordained while he serves as local pastor of the Leroy United Methodist Church.

Thanks also to all of you parents who provided food and drinks for us each Sunday afternoon as we met! You made the great effort to make sure each youth attended and participated faithfully—I recognize that wasn't easy!

And **THANK YOU, MRS. B!!** Deborah Brewster has helped me with Confirmation Classes again, as she did 2 and a half years ago. She loves middle school age kids, and she knows how to make learning fun!

If you were challenged to write your statement of faith, would you be able to put it into words? I suggest you take on the challenge! What do you believe about God, about Jesus and the Holy Spirit? And how do you express what difference your faith makes in your life? Then look for an opportunity to tell somebody, maybe even a young person, about why you call yourself a Christian.

Perhaps it begins for all of us, this Thanksgiving season, with saying thank you to God, with a grateful heart, for each and every blessing we receive!

Thank you, God!! Pastor Joy

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## Moments With Miles

Well, it's been a soggy time in Manteno, Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the slowly disappearing corn and bean fields. If you

recall in last month's Parish Print, I prognosticated the coming winter weather. I am so very happy to say, while I was close on the first frost date, I was completely wrong about my Halloween forecast. I called for dry, and it was most definitely wet and even snowy. I apologize for my error in prediction, and can only say that I sincerely hope my other forecasts prove equally as wrong. But I fear the early white stuff that fell on All Hallows Eve is an ominous harbinger of things to come.

As you all know, there is a soft spot in my heart for farmers. This is due to the fact that my Grandpa Frocker, a Missouri farmer whom I idolized, imparted much wisdom to me and taught me so much of nature and the world around us. You may not know it, but I quote him often. And he is the reason I wear bib overalls, frequently to the mortification of my beautiful and long suffering and bride! Once again, I ask that you keep our area farmers in your prayers. It's been a harsh year for them. A very wet spring caused late planting, or in some cases no planting at all. And then in late summer there was flooding and hail, and now a wet fall delaying the harvesting of those fields that did get planted. As my grandpa would say: "They've had a hard row to hoe" this year.

Well, Thanksgiving is coming. If you recall the lyrics to the old traditional song "Over the River and Through the Woods," I believe our "horses" will be trotting through "white and drifted snow" by the time we begin carving turkeys with family and friends. But even with whatever weather there is to come this year, I always look forward to Thanksgiving. Of them all, it is my favorite holiday. There is no pressure to buy or give gifts;

no elaborate decorating needed – your fall decorations will suffice; no special events such as extra services or cantatas to attend or participate in. Nothing but good food, family, friends, and a time to pause to give thanks for the blessing we all too often take for granted. For those so inclined, there is usually some sort of ball game to watch and be excited over, followed by a tryptophan induced nap. It's the perfect holiday.

But never forget that the day is called THANKSGIVING. And in keeping with the name of the day, we do need to offer to God our thanks. Why? Because His love endures forever. Did you know that phrase, "His love endures forever" appears 47 times in the Bible? It does, I've counted them. It makes its first appearance in 1 Chronicles 16:34; it shows up again in 2 Chronicles and The Book of Ezra. It's repeated 35 times in the Psalms and makes its final appearance in Jeremiah 33:11. So, this Thanksgiving as you tuck in to your tasty turkey, your delightful dressing, and your penultimate pumpkin pie, do not forget to "Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever!"

Till next month, my friends, for whom I also give thanks...

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Daylight Savings Time Ends Cantata Practice - noon	4 Mommy and Me - 10am Monday Night Bible - 7pm	5	6 Choir - 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm Men's Bible Study - 6pm	7 Ladies Bible Study - 9am Praise Band - 6:30pm	8	9
10 Military Recognition 9:30, 10:45 Cantata Practice - noon	11 Veteran's Day Monday Night Bible - 7pm	12 AD Council - 7pm	13 Wonderful Wednesday- 3-5pm Study Group 5-6:30pm Men's Bible Study - 6pm Choir - 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm	14 Ladies Bible Study - 9am Praise Band - 6:30pm	15	16 CarterStrong Pancake Breakfast - 8:30-11:30
17 Cantata Practice - noon	18 Mommy and Me - 10am Monday Night Bible - 7pm	19 Knitting Group - 10-11:30 Trustees - 5:30pm Finance - 7:30pm	20 MUMS - Noon Wonderful Wednesday - 3-5pm Men's Bible Study - 6pm Choir - 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm	21 Ladies Bible Study - 9am Praise Band - 6:30pm	22	23
24 Cantata Practice - noon Hanging of the Greens - 4pm	25 Monday Night Bible - 7pm	26	27 Men's Bible Study - 6pm Choir - 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm	28 Thanksgiving Ladies Bible Study - 9am Praise Band - 6:30pm	29	30