



The Parish Print

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Beginning September 8th

Worship Team and Administrative Council have decided that these times will be helpful to young families, and allow the choir time to rehearse between.

9:30 – Contemporary Service

10:45 – Traditional Service

Sunday School – **9:30** – **10:30**

Thank you for working together to help everyone feel welcome!



SPECIAL GIFTS

As most of you have seen the hallways leading to the Sunday school classrooms and UAreU have been brightened up with trees and hot air balloons.

I would like to thank the following people for sharing their God given gifts:

Diane Preston - Hanging Hot air balloons

Sarah Hoerler - Vinyl hotair balloons, Bible Verses.

Painting: John Cronin, Bob Hulford, Mickie Madalo, Nancy Welsh, Denise Daly, Amanda Stosiek, Lauren Daly.

God Bless you for all you did! It's beautiful!!!

Terry Daly



Choirs to start in September

The Adult Choir, which sings at the Traditional service, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. They rehearse in the Choir Room, located in the lower level of the Education building. Please use the URU preschool entrance located on the west side of the church. All are welcome.

The Bell Choir, which performs occasionally at the Traditional service, will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30 pm. Rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary. Please enter through the URU Preschool entrance. I am looking to maybe add one or 2 players to this group. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 815-468-6894.

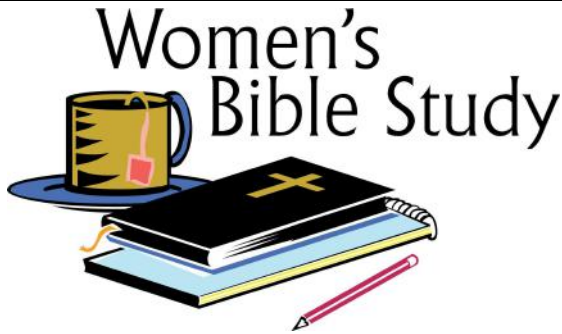
Sue Turner



Seniors' Luncheon

MUMS will be having a potluck on Wednesday, September 18th at noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share and a dollar to cover the cost of the meat.

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Women's Bible Study

Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study Group will resume on September 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. All ladies are invited to attend. We will be studying the book of Romans. The theme of Paul's epistle to the Romans is the righteousness of God. In this letter, Paul tells how to be right with God - ourselves and others. We will also be reading the commentary BE Right by Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe, and internationally known Bible teacher and former pastor of the Moody Church in Chicago. If you will be attending this Bible study group and would like to order the book BE Right by Warren W. Wiersbe, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in church or contact the church office prior to August 26, 2019.



Pecan Sales coming in September!

We still have some bags of small pieces and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans and Pecan Caramel Clusters for immediate sale. Please call the church office or pick them up before and after church. New orders will be taken through Oct 13. If you are interested in helping us sell, please contact Sue Turner at 815-468-6894. All proceeds go towards our mission giving for 2020. Prices for fall will not increase. Pecans- \$11; Candies- \$9



Thank You from our friends at Indian Oaks

Thank you guys from Manteno hope you get a fun place you got there and remember to stay positive and make positive choices and make a good day a great wone like you guys

Jamyce

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for the cupcakes, I haven't had a appropriate birthday in like 3 years So I really appreciate it. I hope one day I can thank you in person before I leave.

Thank you!!!



Thank You

After seven months of not being able to attend church I am now almost completely recovered. I have missed everyone so much and it is so good to see everyone again.

There are really no words that can express the gratitude I feel toward my church family. Your prayers, the beautiful and meaningful cards with hand written words of encouragement, cheery phone calls, visits, and delicious soups and other food were much appreciated.

Thanks to Pastor Joy for her visits and serving communion.

May God bless you all and may you continue to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

In Christian love,

Gussie Mansfield

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Big Reach, Reaches Many (See pictures page 5)

Thank you to everyone that participated and donated for the Big Reach. We completed many, many projects in the community and impacted so many lives. Over 80 people worked together to do great things in Manteno.

Here is a list of what we did:

- * We spread mulch at the new Manteno Elementary School playground
- * We made and decorated cookies for the summer school custodians, police, firefighters, and public works employees
- * We packed many care packages for our active military
- * We made water bottles and snacks to pass out to thirsty fans at an upcoming sporting event
- * We power washed at the Historical Society
- * We sang beautiful songs at local senior facilities
- * We picked up tons of trash around town
- * We wrote beautiful sidewalk messages throughout the town
- * We painted shelves for the Love a Latte organization
- * We ate a delicious lunch and shared important fellowship time together

It was a wonderful day and we look forward to this being an annual event! Look forward to some "Little Reaches" happening throughout the year!

Feed My Starving Children

Thank you to the 25 people that went to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. In 2 short hours, we packed enough manna packs to feed 87 children for one whole year! We hope you join us for a future trip to

FMSC! It is a great way to spend an afternoon.

Wonderful Wednesdays

The church will be sponsoring a brand new after school program beginning Oct. 2nd from 3:00-5:00 on Wednesdays. Students grades K-5th will be welcome to head over to the church after school to complete crafts, science experiments, games, hear bible stories, and spend time together with their friends! We are in need of several adult volunteers and MS/HS aged volunteers. There will be 8 sessions this fall. Please text or call Jenny Stawick at (815) 468-0057 if you are interested.

Miraculous Mission Take Off



Sunday school
Miraculous Mission will take off on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 9:30 a.m. (note the new time) with a family pancake breakfast.

This year we will be changing Sunday school. The kids will be split into 2 groups. Pre-school - 2nd and 3rd -5th. It will be like our VBS, where they will be going to different stations. The stations are children's church, music, story time, crafts, science and games. We are all excited about our new adventure!!!

Our High School, Jr. High and Adult classes will also be at the same time.


We are all looking forward to an amazing year! Can't wait to see you Sunday Sept. 8th at 9:30 in the fellowship hall.

God Bless You,

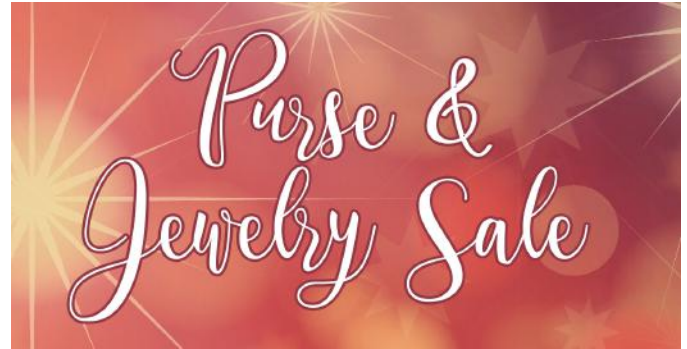
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A Chain of Blessings



“The Lord works in mysterious ways.” But sometimes they aren’t so mysterious but outright blatant! Recently, the Lord took one act of Christian kindness and multiplied it into a Chain of Blessings! Sadly, the First Presbyterian Church of Peotone was forced to close its doors and combine with the Manteno Presbyterian Church. There was an Allen Organ in its choir loft. The combined Administrative Council of the two churches voted to gift that organ to the Manteno United Methodist Church. Not only was this extremely generous, but the Allen organ was a big upgrade to the Hammond organ we have. So in turn we donated our Hammond organ to Caldwell Chapel AME Zion in Kankakee who had a similar but smaller Hammond organ. They were ecstatic to receive the gift. So they in turn donated their organ to the St. Mark AME Zion Church in Hammond, IN as well as a spinet piano to a funeral home. So, one act of kindness was taken by the Lord and multiplied four fold into a Chain of Blessings. Praise the Lord!



Beautiful items are coming in! We can use the small and medium size jewelry boxes. We also are in need of "helpers" that have a passion for this as well as time to sort and price and good health to enjoy this!

It is a wonderful way to make a donation to our church, the gift of purses and jewelry you no longer use and what ever time you can spare will be so appreciated, in helping organize and selling it at our church Garage Sale the 26, 27 & 28th of September. Call Lolly Bolin at 815-468-0464.



Sept. 1: Surrounded!

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sept. 8: Earthquake!

Hebrews 12:18-29

Sept. 15: “I Am Being Have!”

Hebrews 13:1-8; 15, 16

Sept. 22: Grace Can Save ANYBODY!

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sept. 29: Paul, A Teacher of the True Faith

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Oct. 6: Fight the Good Fight!

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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A group from United Methodist Women recently visited Cunningham Children's Home for a tour of the new school. We went into classrooms; saw the cafeteria and the gym. It is a beautiful school with all the state of the art things for all the kids. They told us how their behavior incidents have decreased since the children have a more stable place to learn plus they have so many tools to help each child with their individual problems.



The new gym is in honor of Coach Lou Henson and Kendall Gill. Both of these men saw the need to give the troubled kids a new school and gym, so they became great advocates of the project. Kendall Gill's signature is on the gym floor. United Methodist Women worked together to help this project. There is a conference room with United Methodist Women name on it.

It was a great day, and we as United Methodist Women are very proud to have been a part of the project.

The Swiss Steak Supper will be October 19. Watch the clipboards for sign up sheets.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday September 3 at 7pm. Ladies please come join us.



Glassware Needed

If you find glassware that you no longer need or want, the Manteno/Rockville Historical Society

will be having a dime-toss game in front of LaMore Realty during Oktoberfest. Contact Gale Dodge to pick up items or bring to the church office.

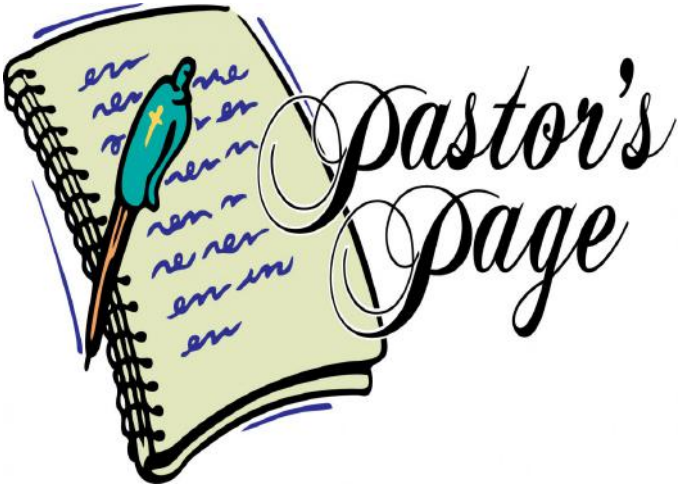


The officers of the Manteno-Rockville Historical Society

would like to thank the Big

Reach team that did such an awesome job power washing the sidewalks, benches, landscaping blocks and even the picnic table! We are so appreciative of your work. We hope you stop by during the 150th birthday celebration during Oktoberfest.

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“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...” Hebrews 11:1

Martin Luther said, “Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

It is a bold and daring thing to live a life that reflects, not just wishful thinking, but real confidence in God’s grace. It is bold and daring to do more than just say, “I believe”, but to act on that faith.

As the school year begins, we are also beginning another Confirmation Class of 6th through 8th graders. (Our first meeting will be Sept. 15, at 4:00 p.m.) If you were to teach the class, how would you talk to middle-schoolers about faith? More importantly, if those same middle-schoolers could observe your words and actions, would they see your faith demonstrated?

I celebrate the results of our first “BIG REACH” Sunday! We hoped to get the message out in this community that our church cares about people—and we appreciate the many people who make living in Manteno marvelous! It was great to do projects at the Elementary School

and downtown, to write positive messages in chalk on sidewalks and to sing to residents at two retirement homes. And when freshly baked cookies were delivered to the people who serve us as custodians, village staff, police and fire-fighters, the recipients were truly delighted!

Now, of course, my next question is: Will people in Manteno be able to observe the actions of caring Christian United Methodists every other day of the year?

Young people (and old ones too, really) like superhero stories! We like intrigue, and a little bit of mystery. How about we all act like superheroes of love and grace? How about being mysterious in that we are often performing acts of love and service, but we sneak around so that we don’t draw attention to ourselves.

I don’t think it takes very long for all of us to think of someone who has been like a superhero in our own lives. Who has helped you to understand the connection between faith and living? Whose faith has shown so clearly to you that there is no question about where that person’s deep conviction lies? Will anyone remember you that way?

We practiced living our faith in the community for a couple hours on August 11th. How many hours have you been practicing living faith every single, ordinary day?

Bless you!

Pastor Joy

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Moments With Miles

Well it's been a busy summer in Manteno Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the partially planted corn and bean fields. It saddens my heart to drive around in the country and see so many fields that didn't get planted this last spring because of all the rain. In Kankakee County alone, 50,000 acres scheduled for corn didn't get planted. State wide, only 45% of the corn made it into the ground. Beans did a bit better with about 85% being planted. I fear it will be a lean year for some of our area farmers. Be sure to keep them in your prayers. Speaking of prayers, this last June I was blessed with proof positive that God does answer prayer.

As many of you already know, my daughter Kathleen got married in Minnesota this last June to Andrew Troppman. The marriage took place near a lake on a farm just about an hour or so from the Canadian border near the tiny town of Clearwater. The reception took place in a barn on the property. It was wonderful, beautiful, and so much fun for everyone. I have to tell you, there is some truly beautiful country way up there in the frozen north! The thing is, it wasn't "frozen" during the wedding. In leading up to the special day, Clearwater recorded the hottest temperatures in the last 5 years; way up in the 90's! Very unusual for that area of the country. But the day of the wedding, a storm front began moving in. Heavy rain was predicted, and as luck would

have it, at just the time the outdoor wedding was to take place. As the wedding party lined up to begin the ceremony you could hear ominous rumblings in the near distance and see huge black clouds rapidly rolling ever closer. It was then I looked up at the sky and fervently sent my prayer heavenward. "Dear Lord," I said, "I try not to bother you with things I can do myself. But this is something I can't do, but you can. All I ask, Heavenly Father, it 20 minutes. Just hold the rain off for 20 minutes so my daughter can be married outside as she has always dreamed of. Please, Lord, just 20 minutes and then you can open the skies and let it pour."

Well, folks, the Lord surely did hear me and answered my prayer. Not only did the wedding take place without a single drop of rain and not rushed either, but he blessed us with an additional 5 minutes to get everyone inside the tent and barn before the skies did in fact open up and a virtual deluge came down. No one got wet, except my daughter. In her joy and her wedding dress, she and a few of the kids there ran out and danced in the rain to the delight of everyone.

It was a joyous, beautiful day and I feel blessed that the Lord not only heard and answered my prayer, granting even more than I asked for. I know prayer is answered.

Till next month, my friends...



Wednesday
September 4
2-6pm

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1 Youth Trip to Leroy – 1pm	2 Labor Day	3 UMW – 7pm	4 Blood Drive – 2-6pm Bingo – 2:30pm Men's Bible Study – 6pm	5 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	6	7
8 Contemporary – 9:30am Sunday School Breakfast – 9:30am Traditional – 10:45am	9 Bible Study – 7pm	10 Prayer Shawl Group – 10:30am AD Council – 7pm	11 Choir – 6:30pm Men's Bible Study – 6pm	12 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	13	14
15 Contemporary – 9:30am Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am Traditional – 10:45am Confirmation Class – 4pm	16 Bible Study – 7pm	17	18 MUMS - Noon Choir – 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm Men's Bible Study – 6pm	19 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	20 Set Up Garage Sale	21 Paint Hydrants Set Up Garage Sale
22 Contemporary – 9:30am Sunday School – 9:30-10:30am Set Up Garage Sale Traditional – 10:45am	23 1st day of Autumn Bible Study – 7pm	24	25 Choir – 6:30pm Bells- 7:30pm Men's Bible Study – 6pm	26 GARAGE SALE BEGINS Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	27 GARAGE SALE	28 GARAGE SALE
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