



The Parish Print

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VBS 2025 Dates Set! June 8th-12th



Grab your suitcase — we are headed to Alaska this June for VBS! We need tons of volunteers, so please prayerfully consider volunteering - you will enjoy every minute! Guide kids on the ultimate

Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Live Stream!

Thank you to everyone that makes our live stream possible every Sunday. This is a reminder that you can join us for worship from anywhere in the world that you may be! The link is posted every Sunday on our Facebook group or join us here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MantenoUnitedMethodistChurch/streams>.

U are U Preschool News

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year at U are U Preschool! Visit our website to

register today! www.uareupreschool.com/register

Our Monical's Pizza Fundraiser is coming up on Monday, February 10th at the Bourbonnais and Manteno Locations. Be sure to mention U are U when you're ordering and bring a flyer or show one on your phone. The flyer is attached at the end of the Parish Print & there are extra copies on the table in the Narthex.



The students have been enjoying learning about Polar Bears, Dental Health and even had a visit from Dr. March and his dental crew to learn all about flossing!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone that helped decorate the church at Christmas time & put the same decorations away. The church was beautiful!

Register for Covenant Keepers 2025

Registration is now open for Covenant Keepers 2025, which will be held Monday, Feb. 24 - Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Regency Convention Center in O'Fallon. This is scheduled as an in-person event.

The theme for this year's event is *From Grief to Hope*, based upon Psalm 30:11-2 and Lamentations 3:21-22.

The agenda will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday.

The presenters will be Bishops David Alan Bard and Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai.

Price: \$50 (includes lunch on Feb. 24). Individuals are responsible for overnight accommodations. Rooms are available at the **Hilton Garden Inn St. Louis/Shiloh/O'Fallon**, and the **Hampton Inn O'Fallon**. There will be no on-site registration. **Registration deadline: Feb. 16.**
<https://igrc-reg.brtapp.com/CK2025>

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5th

7:00 PM

Asbury UMC

196 S Harrison Ave., Kankakee

Bishop Kennetha scheduling District Town Hall meetings



Bishop Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai is scheduling Town Hall Meetings in each of the five districts in the upcoming months.

This will be an opportunity to meet Bishop Kennetha and ask questions. The day's schedule will have the bishop preaching at a church in the morning followed by the District Town Hall Meeting in the afternoon.

The first District visit was Feb. 2 to the Central District. The remaining dates are as follows:

East District -- Sunday, Feb. 23. Preaching at Champaign: Faith, 9 and 10:30 a.m. Town Hall at Charleston: Wesley. Town Hall, 3 p.m.

North District -- Sunday, March 23, Preaching at The Bridge, 10 a.m. Town Hall at Pontiac: First UMC, 2:30 p.m.

West District -- Sunday, April 6, Preaching at Macomb: Wesley. Town Hall at Monmouth UMC, TBA

South District -- Sunday, May 4. Preaching at Mt. Vernon: First UMC, 10 a.m. Town Hall Meeting at Carbondale: First UMC, time TBA

Reminder: Check Out Team Notes & the Church Calendar

Remember that the minutes from Team meetings are now being posted for all to view on the bulletin board. They are also available online at <http://tinyurl.com/mumcnotes>. You can also stay up to date with our event calendar on our church

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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's always a lot going on, check it out!

Submitted by Denise Caparula, Ad Council Secretary

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH THANK YOU!

The United Women in Faith would like to thank those who donated items and attended our Chili Dump on Sunday, Jan. 19. With your help, we made over \$450 dollars towards our mission goal for the year.

On March 29 th, we will host the Craft Fair in the Fellowship Hall. If you still have your sign from last year, could you please return it so we can change the dates. It would be a money saver. There will be many vendors and lunch will be available during the event.

Our next meeting will be on February 4 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome.

PECANS FOR SALE!



We will be selling 1 lb bags of pecan pieces and mammoth pecans for \$12 per bag. We still have some caramel pecan clusters available for \$10 per bag. The shipment should be in the first week of November. There are only 24 bags of each. If you are interested in purchasing some, please contact Sue Turner at 815-351-6894.



Raise Right Gift Cards

Orders Placed every Tuesday

Visit the church website

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 Tuesday, February 18th at noon for a delicious luncheon.

Please RSVP to Sue Cronin at 815-468-9765.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We have been having the best time after school on Thursdays. The students make their own snack every week, complete homework, and play fun games. We end each meeting with a meaningful devotional.

It isn't too late to join us...register now for Manteno UMC After School Club on Thursdays from 3-4:30 beginning Sept. 5th, here: <https://forms.gle/LQmpXaFrCNaG7TTC6>

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ONLINE!

To view the directory online, go to 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](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com)" 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 with the password: MantenoUMC.

Please contact Jenny at 815-468-0057 with any questions

BLESSING BOX ITEM OF THE MONTH

The blessings box at our church is used on a daily basis by those in our community in need. It is often emptied out. Please consider donating the following items,

February:

Pasta, pasta sauce, crackers, & ramen noodles

March:

cereal and hygiene items



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 welcome.

You are welcome to swing by and restock the blessings box at any time too!

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.

January, February, March

Upcoming Events

- January 26 - Confirmation Class, 10:45-11:45am
- January 26 - Youth Group, 4-5:30pm
- February 4 - UWF Meeting, 6pm
- February 10 - Monical's U are U Fundraiser, 4-8pm
- February 11 - Finance Meeting, 6pm
- February 11 - Ad Council Meeting, 7pm
- February 18 - MUMS Lunch, 12pm

- February 23 - Youth Group Bowling, 4-5:30pm
- March 4 - UWF Meeting, 6pm
- March 5 - Ash Wednesday, 7pm Asbury Church
- March 11 - Finance Meeting, 6pm
- March 11 - Ad Council Meeting, 7pm
- March 29 - UWF Craft Fair, 9am-2pm
- March 30 - Youth Group, 4-5:30pm

Weekly Ministries

- Mondays - Bible Study, 7pm
- Wednesdays - Book Club, 2pm
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study, 6pm
- Thursdays - Loving Stitches, 1-3pm
- Thursdays - MidKids, 3-4:30pm
- Fridays - Yoga 8am

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MONICAL'S PIZZA® invites you to participate in a *Community Day!* This is one of many ways we help area organizations, and is a wonderful opportunity for us to say thanks and give back to our loyal customers and communities.

It's easy *and* tasty: you, your family, your friends, and your neighbors mention or show this flier to any of the area Monical's Pizza® restaurants listed below and enjoy a delicious meal. In return, Monical's Pizza® will donate 20% of your bill* to the designated organization.

Don't miss your opportunity to help out! Please remember that this special is **ONLY** good on the date (open-close) listed below. Tell everyone to join in! With Monical's Pizza®, you're raising money by eating great food. What could be easier?

Community Day Guest copy...

Organization: **U are U Preschool: A Mission of the Manteno**

United Methodist Church

Community Day: **Monday, February 10, 2025**

Guest Check Total \$ _____.____
(before sales tax)

20% Contribution \$ _____.____



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***Manteno
Bourbonnais***

***815-468-7409
815-932-9100***

***199 Southcreek Dr.
597 William Latham Dr.***

Offer valid only on date listed. For donation to be applied, please mention, show on phone/tablet or surrender flier. Must mention flier when ordering Carry Out/Delivery. Failure to do so may result in donation not being applied to organization. Gift card purchases will not be eligible toward total donation. Fliers are not allowed to be distributed on restaurant property. Other restrictions may apply. Additional details available at www.monicals.com

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