



The Parish Print

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CONGRATULATIONS to our

2025 Graduates

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Emily Hoots

HIGH SCHOOL:

Cooper Monk

COLLEGE:

Cori Lingo

Riley Lingo

Avery Taylor

Karli Wenzel

VBS 2025

RECORD NUMBERS of Participants and Volunteers



Every summer we have a magical week here at Manteno UMC during VBS. It is hard to explain the joy that rings through halls of this building. God's presence is definitely being felt by

everyone here. This year we had 135 campers and 75 volunteers! Thank you to everyone that volunteered, donated, and prayed.

Each night more volunteers would show up to help because their friends told them "it was so much fun!" As I walked around, I was observing tons & tons of kids ages 3-80 laughing, playing, learning about Jesus and having a blast, not a single person on a cell phone! Talk about a miracle.

The mission of VBS 2025 was food and supplies for our Blessing Box! The students far exceeded our expectations! Our Blessings Box will be full all summer long.



Message from Pastor Lana

Thanks to everyone who is, was, and will be volunteering for our VBS this year!

In VBS we've been focusing on True North as a spiritual focus. Here are some fun facts about True North geographically.

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No time zone has been assigned to the North Pole, so any time can be used as the local time. True North for God encompasses all time!

True North for the earth is the axis on which we rotate. Spiritually, we all rotate around God as our axis.

Around the beginning of the 20th century astronomers noticed a small “wobble” in the location of the axis. It seems the Pole actually wanders across the Earth's surface. We might wobble too, but God is always there for us to lean on.

Lots of people from different nations have tried to reach the North Pole. Imagine if all nations headed north to gather to worship God! We'd all meet at that same point!

A compass always points north because it has a magnetized arrow that is free to spin until it aligns with the Earth's northernmost magnetic field (unless you put another magnet right in front of it). Jesus's love, compassion, and wise guidance always points us in the right direction straight to God!

Stay focused on God and all our journeys will be blessed!
God bless you all as you enjoy the rest of your summer...

Pastor Lana

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>.



Look for God sightings & add to this board at church all summer long!

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 - we are filling up fast! www.uareupreschool.com/register

Be on the lookout for our Amazon wish list in August. Also, feel free to drop off any extra paper or new school supplies you may have around your house... washable markers, glue bottles, watercolor paints, etc.

**July 20th
Manteno UWF
Pancake Breakfast**



Join us after church for the best pancakes in town! Goodwill donations will be put towards UWF missions.

**VBS 2025 Parent Night Out
Reboot**

Thursday, July 17th

6:00-8:00 PM

RSVP Here:



DRESS FOR MESS!
We will get messy & wet.
Feel free to wear a swimsuit under your clothes.

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 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

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.

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. MUMS WILL RESUME in OCTOBER!

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

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP \$50 MISSION CHALLENGE

We have challenged our middle school youth group to come up with a mission project to fill a need in



Join us for Terrific Tuesday, Summer edition!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Bring all of your kids!
Let's meet at Heritage Park - 500 W. Cook St.

Tuesdays beginning June 3rd from 8:30 - 10:00 AM
Bring your own snacks & drinks.

*** The fellowship hall at the Manteno UMC will always be our back up location if the weather is bad. *** 😊

Manteno. Each student that creates a plan will be given \$50 to execute their plan. For example, you can donate \$50 to a local charity OR you can use the \$50 to buy supplies for a lemonade stand or bake sale and donate profits to a local charity or need! We are challenging the students to be creative and think out of the box!

We will be asking church members to chose a plan and sponsor a student for \$50.

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

May 22nd - Project Applications Handed Out

June 25th @ noon- Youth Group meeting - Applications Due

July 17th @ 4:00-8:00 - Youth Group meeting to check in on projects & Volunteer for Parents Night Out

August 7th @ noon - Projects must be completed

August 10th @ 9:30 AM - Presentation to the Manteno UMC Congregation

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](#)" 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

Jacob Stawick's Nairobi Mission Trip Update Week 3

This week definitely tested our team quite a bit. The Lord used it for profit as we are continuing to rest in the fact that our blessings from God come from our endurance (2 Timothy 4:7-8). We had a moment to group up and share what has been difficult. This was followed up by a one sentence prayer from each of us, which included health, a fresh wind, and good weather. As we stepped out the day afterwards, we witnessed how the Lord faithfully answered these prayers. We were able to meet up with the chaplain at Zetech and that meeting went really well. We should have everything sorted logistically to be on their campus starting this Tuesday the 10th (Lord willing because we thought the same thing last week). We started some bible studies this week and kept evangelizing at the Kenyatta market, making the most out of the fact we have not been able to be on campuses. We also had the kickoff of a 7 week foundational bible study at Providence Baptist Church. We were encouraged by the members who showed up to help us and have fellowship alongside the individuals who were able to come. Also, it was Cayden's birthday on Friday and we were able to celebrate with some Cold Stone ice cream!

Jacob

This week has been very testing for me with how difficult it has been being away from home. I have been falling in love with the country and the people here but it has been so hard being on the other side of the world. With us still not being allowed on any campuses and us having to find new ways to reach people the lord has definitely been testing us. We are finally starting to meet with people for Bible studies and are getting

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more confident sharing the gospel to each other. This week I got to play some football (soccer) with the local kids and for someone who rarely kicks a football I was still dominating! This week was definitely challenging but still great. Thank you to everyone for your continued prayers.



You are welcome to swing by and restock the blessings box



BLESSING BOX ITEM OF THE MONTH

The blessing 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,

JUNE:

Cereal & dry milk, snacks, crackers

JULY:

Peanut butter, jelly, bread, kid-friendly snacks, and ramen noodles

AUGUST:

Cereal & dry milk, snacks, crackers

PERSONAL ITEMS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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.



at any time. It is being emptied daily.

SUMMER

Upcoming Events

- June 25th - noon Youth Group
- July 8 - Finance meeting, 6pm
- July 8 - Ad Council meeting, 7pm
- July 17th - Youth Group 4:00 - 6:00 & VBS Parents Night Out Reboot - 6-8 PM
- July 20 - Pancake Breakfast, after church
- August 5 - UWF meeting, 6pm
- August 7th -noon Youth Group
- August 12 - Finance meeting, 6pm
- August 12 - Ad Council meeting, 7pm

Weekly Ministries

- Mondays - Bible Study, 7pm
- Tuesdays - Terrific Tuesdays, 8:30-10am, Heritage Park - Manteno, will meet at MUMC if it is raining
- Wednesdays - Book Club, 2pm
- Wednesdays - Men's Bible Study, 6pm
- Thursdays - Loving Stitches, 1-3pm
- Thursdays - Bells, 6pm
- Fridays - Yoga 8am

We Are Hiring! Part-time Janitor

Apply here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10-pHix9hQMyJSmc2eB8a2WCxf_M7Uh4j/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115293340517573466865&rtpof=true&sd=true

Email application to Kevin Beck at mantenoumcsprc@gmail.com.

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.

