

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

April 2024

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. ~Romans 15:13

Noisy Offering April 7th

Texas Wildfire Mission

OCC Bakesale April 28th

A note from Pastor Phil...

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

- John 3:5-6

Last night in our Wednesday worship we celebrated Holy Wednesday as a portal preparing our hearts and minds for the events to come.

Maundy Thursday where we share in the experience of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, the Last Supper, prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane, and Jesus' arrest.

Good Friday where we share in the experience of Jesus' trials, suffering, crucifixion, and death upon the cross. We finish service with the beaten and broken body of Jesus placed in the tomb.

Easter Sunday we rejoice, He is risen! He is risen indeed! All that Jesus taught and promised are now assured with confidence because the tomb is empty! Jesus reveals His ultimate authority over life and death, victory over the grave, and the promise of eternal life for those who believe... We do this every year, just like our parents, and their parents before them for generations... Yet, year after year, generation to generation, this story never gets old. It is shall ever be the greatest of Good News for all humanity.

In our Wednesday worship we studied Jesus teachings about death to oneself and new life in faith as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. One of the scriptures we looked at was John 3:5-6. This scripture has had a profound effect on me. Jesus is teaching that the waters of baptism are the evidence of new birth. Jesus is referring to both "new births" in the life of a believer.

The first birth comes with us surrounded by the water of a mothers womb. This birth is not a thing of chance or of negligible significance. We are the deliberate creation of a loving God placed into earthly life in this unique time and space. We are born loved before known by a God who has blessed us with a potential to glorify the Kingdom. We are Chosen by God in our first baptism, in the water of our mothers womb. There is a wonderful song by the Christian band Casting Crowns called "Who Am I?" that I feel details the journey of life for the human condition. We try to do right, but often go wrong. We get mixed up in defining what is right, and choose what appears right for me rather than focusing on the one who created us, loves us unconditionally, and only seeks our good. Why do we question God's definition of right? If only Adam and Eve understood the consequences of biting into the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge.

The second birth is in our baptism. The outward and physical sign of an inward belief and change. This baptism in blessed waters where we announce to all that we choose God. This is in response to our awareness of who God is, and our belief in a living God who loves us, cares for us, and cheers for us. And God's grace is infinite. How wonderful God's choice of us is greater than the fickle choice of humanity? We may ebb and flow in our faith journey but God in grace continues to walk this life with us, calling us back through the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit, and always prepared to pick us up, dust us off, and once again send us forth trusting that we will live into our potential to glorify Him. Our Methodist tradition teaches that we need only be baptized once of our choosing God. Because Jesus does not forget, and is always there with us. But we can always return again to the waters of our baptism and renew our promise to live into the full potential for which we were deliberately created. Humanities love may be fickle but God's love is eternal.

When life seems challenging, and times are hard, remember, in your first baptism You were chosen by God. In your second baptism you chose God because God had revealed a nature and character of Holiness, unconditional love, and infinite grace.

Return to that water, remember your baptism, and be thankful.

Peace

MMC Single Board
March 19, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Kathy Dolan, Lori Snyder, Sherry Goranson, Beth Mueller, Charlie Dighton, Mark Reth, Jean Gross, Pastor Phil, Wayne Birkenholz, Shirley Davis, Bill Scanlan, Paul Lyman.

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from John 1:16-17, "Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus." Mark shared how this scripture can relate to the decisions we make in life. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a guidance prayer from Mark.

Finance: In the absence of Bruce, the shared Finance Report was reviewed. We are showing a deficit for the year thus far. There were additional contributions to the Brickby-Brick campaign. Property taxes have been paid on Rahab House. We have received a check from the Iowa United Methodist Church Foundation for \$286.30 from the Reth Endowment that supports education. We received a thank you from the U of I Stead Family Children's hospital for our recent missions donation of \$1000.

Trustees: Charlie shared the report from their recent meeting. The furnace is getting some needed repairs. The system is 14 years old and will soon be out of warranty. The three boilers will have new fireboxes installed which is covered by the warranty. The water service valve needs to be replaced. Oasis will make this repair and it should cost about \$3000 if no cement work is needed. We will be in the process of moving the administrative offices this year to the downstairs east wing. They will be getting a quote for the needed work from Al Saunders. We are reminded that the boiler room is not to be used for storage and any items put there will be discarded. The kitchen sink has been repaired. An anonymous donation was given to replace the lights in the youth room and this has been done. The outside sensor on our lighted sign is not working properly. **Education:** Paul reported confirmation is going well and the class of four will be confirmed on Mother's Day which is May 12. They are planning a retreat for April 27. **Missions:** Wayne said they are scheduling the ice cream social for July 31st. Julie Porter will again take the lead on this. We will have a noisy offering on April 7th to help Trevor Haar so his family can purchase a tandem bike or a trailer to be pulled behind a bike. This little boy has some very serious health problems and we have supported his family in the past. The Mission Team is accepting donations to help support those affected by the Texas panhandle wildfires. The goal is to raise \$1500 by April 7th.

Congregational Care: Sherry shared that we will be helping with the reception after first service on Mother's Day to honor our confirmands. A cake and snacks will be provided.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori asked the board for interest in having an updated Church Directory. She was given permission to start the process by seeing what companies are still available to do this. Our last directory was from 2014 so we are long overdue for an updated one with current information. She also had some suggestion on obtaining more ushers and was given permission to proceed with her idea.

SPPRC: Shirley informed the board that our administrative assistant will be leaving us for a position as secretary at the Middle School starting in the new school year. SPPRC will be meeting this week to discuss moving forward.

Jean notified the board that some of the collectibles from the Remling Estate will be coming back to us to sell ourselves. She has reached out to Darla Gaskill who is willing to help with taking pictures and posting on several Facebook sites. The board said the items could be stored at the Rahab House temporarily if needed. Pastor has a box trailer which can be used to retrieve those items.

Action Item: Moved by Wayne, seconded by Shirley to allow 30% of the profits from the sale of the collectibles to be given to OCC to go towards shipping charges. The remaining monies will be as previously decided, 10% to Missions and 90% to Trustees. Motion carried unanimously. Jean will check with Lahr's Auction to see if one trailer will be enough for these items.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in Wesley Hall at 6:00 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of February 29, 2024

01 General Fund

February Income:	\$17,386
February Expenses:	\$20,906
February Balance:	-\$3,520

Year-to-date income:	\$33,874
Year-to-date expenses:	\$39,733
Year-to-date balance:	-\$5,859

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

**Cash in hand on February 29,
2024: \$48,317**

(\$400 in donations in February; no expenses)

**Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses:
\$95,373**

**Commitments initially given but not honored:
\$35,000**

SERVING OUR CHURCH

April 7th

8:30

Liturgist: Aurora Milroy
Communion: Sam & Kristin Milroy

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere
Communion: Jean Gross &
Zach Rogers

April 14th

8:30

Liturgist: Kaci Reth
Communion: Glenn Nystel & Bruce
Nodurft

10:30

Liturgist: Rita Woods
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

April 21st

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Communion: Alivia White & Gwenyth
Hough

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

April 28th

8:30

Communion: Wesley Helle & Marilyn
Feldmann

10:30

Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen
Piano/Organ Substitute: Duane Philgreen,
Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg

Tech Team: Michael Stocks, Ruth Voshell

If you would like to be part of the
Serving Our Church Team
please contact

Communion Server, Liturgist, Scripture Reader, Children's Sermon:

Jeff Larsen @ 927-5089 or
call the office @ 927-4439

Door Greeter:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Tech Team:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Desk



Texas Wildfire Mission

The norther Texas pan handle has been devastated by wildfires in recent weeks that has destroyed pastures, farm land, barns and other out buildings. Please consider donating to this cause. All proceeds will go toward livestock feed and fencing materials.

God Bless, MMC Mission Team.

Noisy Offering April 7th

A few years ago our congregation supported a young boy named Trevor Haar who has a rare disease called TECPR2. (Hereditary Sensory and Autonomic Neuropathy Type 9 with developmental delay. A neurodegenerative disease that causes paralysis throughout the entire body with severely disordered breathing.)

Trevor is now seven years old and is slowly losing circulation and the ability to use his legs. His life expectancy is eight. We were able to help his family throw Trevor a nice birthday a few years ago. On April 7th we will hold a noisy offering to once again support this family by raising money to help purchase a tandem bicycle so that Trevor may get out in the world. Please bring any loose change you may have to support this mission.



Join us on Wednesdays for

WOW!



FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

*Can't get to service on
Sunday but wish you
could go? We have a
contemporary Service
just for you!*

Worship on Wednesdays

Manchester

United Methodist Church

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**5:30PM~Dinner*

**6:15PM~Worship*

**7:00PM*

Youth Group

Small Groups

There Will Be Nursery Attendants For those with infants, toddlers and young children.

Everyone is welcome!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKE SALE

Sunday, April 28

HOMEMADE & HOMEGROWN SALE

Saturday, May 18

Thank you to Jean
Gross for organizing the
Palm Sunday Brunch!
\$600 was raised!

2024 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

APRIL

Easter Clearance

Personal hygiene items

- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- \$\$ donation to order soap dishes & toothbrush holders

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the countries that are receiving shoeboxes this month that nothing would hinder the proclamation of the Gospel and that God would open the hearts and minds of the recipients and their families to respond to His love.
- Pray against the attack of the enemy that targets Operation Christmas Child volunteers, their families, and new believers.
- Pray for all our teams around the world and here in NE Iowa as we fill vacancies and strategically recruit those God is calling.
- Pray for God's guidance in knowing how He is calling YOU to participate in OCC this year!



- Cheryl Syren.....4/02
- Norma Vande Vegte.....4/03
- Betty Brauer..... 4/04
- Julie Porter.....4/07
- Barb Davis.....4/08
- Carol Dighton4/12
- Carolyn Mellody4/12
- Gary Feldmann.....4/18
- Donna Hankins.....4/20

- Gary & Kathy Evarts4/04
- William & Donna Scanlan4/05
- Sam & Kristin Milroy.....4/12
- Jim & Julia Hopkins.....4/24
- Chris & Mary Jo Larsen4/25



FLOWER SIGN UP

Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Kat in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.



Good Neighbor Home
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
John LeClere Sr.	133-N
Louise Reth	210 Mariettas
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
Joe Vap	108
Bill Welcher	15-S

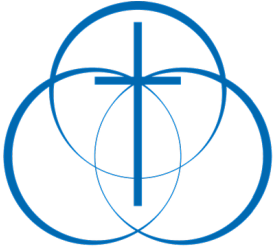
The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109



hello APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Service 8:30AM Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM-10:20AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	April 24th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 Youth/Small Groups	April Mission: Trevor Haar &		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm	Texas Wildfire Support		
	1 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	2	3 WOW	4	5	6 8:00PM Community Meeting
7 Noisy Offering!	8 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	9	10 WOW	11	12	13 8:00PM Community Meeting
14	15 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	16	17 WOW	18	19	20 8:00PM Community Meeting
21	22 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	23	24 Chimes Deadline	25	26	27 8:00PM Community Meeting
28	29 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	30				



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Return Service Requested

TO: _____

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00am-3:00pm
Friday
Church is Closed

We invite you to join us for
worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30am,
and 10:30 am. Visit our website
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Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on
Sunday Nights

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The Ministry Team at MMC includes:

The Entire Congregation
Reverend Phil Rogers
Secretary: Kat Rogers
Church Custodian:

Dennis Porter
And Dusty Ingles

Christian Education Director:
Paul Lyman

Choir Director & Organist: Beth Mueller
& Lynne Rasmussen

Bell Choir Director: Beth Mueller
Mission Coordinator:
Wayne Birkenholz

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Thank you!

