

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

June 2024

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Congratulations Confirmands

June 2nd Back to one service for summer

June 9th Directory Pictures Begin

June 10-14 Paint By Neighbor

June 19th Job Opening Deadline

June 30th OCC Bakesale



Sign up for VBS

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

-Matthew 17:20

A note from Pastor Phil...

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. -Philippians 2:1-4

Recently I was in a meeting with a group of GMC pastors talking about creating some new processes that would help us to improve the way we work together through the GMC. I think everyone in the conversation understood the problem, but none wanted to name it... except me apparently. We need to set aside our frustrations from the lingering effects of the pandemic. We need to set aside our hurt from the disaffiliation process, and we need to set aside our anxiety about economic inflation... And just do the right things! All this may define our past or current challenges, but it does not define who we are as a church family and Children of God! It is up to us to prepare the way for God's blessings even during challenging times. My clergy friends all looked at me like I grew an extra eyebrow... Then they told me, "Phil, we never need to wonder about what you're thinking, we can trust that you will tell us!" This is very true for me... Anybody who knows me a little knows I do not take hints, I don't read into things, I will always respond to a question with my own thoughts, and I don't worry too much about what others might think... They told me I am a straight talker, which I take as a compliment.

So, this month I just want to share some thoughts with my Church Family about our church. I love this church family with passion and know that God intends to do amazing things here in Manchester. We are not a large community, but we are considered a large church in our conference worshiping greater numbers than many larger communities across the Upper Midwest Conference. We are blessed, and blessed to be a blessing! This means God is not through with us yet! This means we need to continue to prepare the way for the new people and ministries that God is counting on us to engage and fulfill from this unique place in this unique time. And if we are to prepare the way, then there are some things we need to get ready. I am not sure how many followed the UMC General Conference but some have and there is a great exodus in progress from loyal members of UMC churches who now feel hoodwinked that the Book of Discipline was changed dramatically, more than they thought possible... And all avenues to disaffiliate have been closed even though they promised "There will be a better way after the 2024 General Conference!" These refugees from the UMC will come seeking acceptance and care as they struggle with broken relationships and new beginnings. Are we ready to receive them? What about those who do not know hope that Jesus sends into our sphere of influence... Are we ready to receive them? The honest short answer is no... We have some preparations to make, and we need to begin now...

Church, we need folks to volunteer for Hospitality- Greeters, Ushers, and the Welcome desk. This is a ministry that virtually anyone can do from teens to most of our most senior of family members. All that is required is joy, grace, a smile, and a knowledge of where the sanctuary and bathrooms are!

Church, we need folks to join together to focus on Outreach! Folks that can work together to lead the church to come up with activities, processes, to lead our family in reaching out and sharing that these blessings that we know are also for them!

Church, we need folks who like to work with their hands in the gardens! Not just the Vegetable garden in the parking lot, but also the flower gardens around the church. We have a wonderful small group who labor hard, but more are necessary and would be welcome!

Church, we need folks who enjoy media and technology! We do so much with our system around worship and funerals. We have an amazing team that is willing to train those who are interested but we need more people to spread the workload!

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Church, we need more small group leaders! We need to focus our attention walking with others as they seek a deeper faith and understanding of God's love and call on our lives. We need to make this a top priority as we grow young believers into committed Disciples...

Church, we need to improve our generosity! We are for the first time in over 8 years running in the red financially. Yet our attendance in worship is strong. I know that we are all dealing with the same economic challenges in this economy, but how can we dream God sized dreams if the church body is starving. We are not in a place where we need to be overly concerned, but we do need to be aware and perhaps seek our hearts to see if we can return to God a just little greater portion of the abundance we have received.

There is something here virtually for every member of our church family to participate. There is a place and call for everyone who reads this document either hands on or in prayer. Remember the words Paul wrote to the Church of Philippi nearly 2000 years ago. *"make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

The Photographer will be several times during June and July (with one make up day in August). She will be set up in Wesley Hall. Sign up sheets with dates/time slots are on the welcome desk.

Please stop by and sign up to get your picture taken to be included in the Directory. If you are part of a group, we need you to start collecting pictures. We have a Google link where you can start saving your pictures.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A4MGLnY5YqK0A-yB6u87r4hAFqdMiMG9?usp=drive_link

Thanks

Reaching and Receiving Team



**MMC Single Board
via e-mails
May 2024**

Due to weather related issues the May Single Board was conducted remotely. The following business was shared or voted on.

Finance: Bruce shared the April Finance Report. Actual expenses for April were \$20,163 and actual income was \$15,705 leaving a shortfall of -\$4,458 for the month. The deficit so far for the year is -\$8,397. The Brick-by-Brick campaign had an additional \$400 donation in April bringing the cash on hand for that account to \$49,042 with no expenses.

Missions: The week of June 10 is confirmed for the Paint by Neighbor projects. Projects include construction of the west parking lot fence, installing new flooring at the Rahab house along with other improvements and possibly power washing the tables and chairs from Wesley Hall. The Garden of Hope has been planted. A pancake breakfast is scheduled for June 23 after the nine a.m. service to help support Clarence Slife's son's mission trip to Africa.

Congregational Care: Our team recently provided food and helped to serve the reception on Confirmation Sunday and also ordered and helped distribute the flowers given out on Mother's Day Sunday.

Trustees: The Trustees committee will be using existing funds to construct the west parking lot fence. Measurements have been taken and two bids will be received for this project. The construction will be completed during the week of June 10.

Staff-Parish: Shirley has the updated job description for Kat's position and is actively seeking candidates. She has had two inquiries so far and is waiting for further applications before the closing date of June 19. Kat's last day has been revised to August 1st.

The Youth and Family position will be discussed further at the June board meeting. There is concern regarding the financial impact. Zach puts in more hours than he is being compensated for and this will be addressed also in June.

The Board has approved Jean Gross as the lay delegate to the annual conference in June and she will be present remotely to participate. Bill Scanlan is unable to fill this commitment due to health issues at this time. Conference dates are June 13-15.

Questions have arisen over the time commitments from the GMC and we hope to have better clarity after the Annual Conference.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of April 30, 2024

01 General Fund

April Expenses: \$20,163

April Income: \$15,705

April Balance: -\$4,458

Year-to-date expenses: \$81,757

Year-to-date income: \$73,360

Year-to-date balance: -\$8,397

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on April 30, 2024: \$49,042
(\$400 in donations in April; no expenses)

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

SERVING OUR CHURCH

June 2nd

9:00

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Jeff Larsen, Zach Rogers,
Debbie Rogers.
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

June 9th

9:00

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

June 16th

9:00

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

June 23rd

9:00

Liturgist: Julie Porter
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

June 30th

Contemporary Service

9:00

Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

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 @ 608-4036 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



Update from the Trustees

I think it's safe to say that we have made it through the Covid years and we can try to pick up where we left off with the Brick by Brick Campaign. As you know, we have completed the updating and remodeling of four bathrooms within the church. This was chosen as the first step due to maintenance needs. With supply issues and rising costs, the project was much more expensive than we had anticipated. However, we are very pleased with the outcome and It's time to move on to the next phase.

Unfortunately, we live in a different world where security issues exist where they didn't before. For this reason, and to take Pastor out of the "fishbowl", we have decided to move the Pastor's office and the Secretary's office downstairs. This will also offer privacy for counseling and private discussions with the Pastor. This has always been part of the initial Brick by Brick Campaign. The Pastor's office will be in the northwest corner where the treasurer's office is located now. The Secretary's office will be next door where the Youth for Christ office was located years ago. During the week, the main entrance will be the east door located on North Wayne street.

To complete the transition, we will need to do the following:

- Painting
- Floorcovering
- Lighting
- Additional electrical outlets
- A door between the two offices
- Security system and new door for the east entrance
- This door will be locked and the secretary will buzz visitors into the building. This is similar to entrances located at other churches and schools.

Due to your generosity to the Brick by Brick Campaign, we have the funds to cover this phase of the project. Looking ahead to the remaining phases, we will have to seek donations and look into fundraising ideas to complete the restoration and remodeling of our church.

Charlie Dighton



Parish Preparedness by Mandy Bieber, Delaware County
Emergency Management

Hi friends,

My name is Mandy Bieber. I am the Delaware County Emergency Management Coordinator. My job is to help the county prepare for and respond to disasters, and take on projects that will make the next disaster not as bad. I assist with training opportunities and exercises for our county first responders. I am the liaison with the state if we need to bring in outside assistance.

Part of making sure the county is prepared for disaster is making sure our citizens are prepared. I am excited that the congregations of Delaware County are giving me the opportunity to ensure that their members are ready for anything!

Today, we'll start with building the Basic Family Disaster Plan.

Step 1: Discuss the below questions with your family.

How do I receive alerts and warnings?

What is my shelter plan?

What is our plan for communications with each other?

Do I need to create/update my emergency preparedness kit?

Step 2: Consider needs that are specific to your household.

Different ages of members within your household

Responsibilities for assisting others

Locations frequented

Dietary needs

Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment

Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment

Pets or service animals

Step 3: Create your family emergency plan.

Go to <https://www.ready.gov/plan-form> to fill in your plan.

Step 4: Practice your plan!

Go over the plan with family members to see if it will work, adjust as necessary.

If you take these basic steps, you will be more prepared than most people!

Thank you, and God bless,

Mandy

Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Day! Congratulations Confirmands!



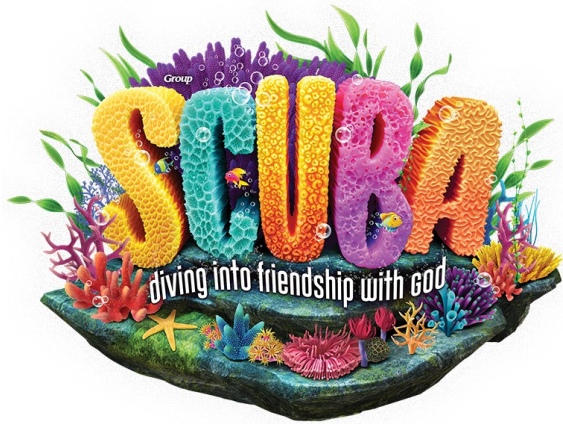


Job Opening!

The Manchester Methodist Church is looking for a passionate and hardworking office manager to join our growing church family.

This candidate should possess a deep personal faith, strong communication and computer skills as well as administrative experience. Hours 30 hours per week with pay commensurate with experience. Please send résumés to Manchester Methodist Church, 413 E. Butler, Manchester, Iowa, 52057 or email to admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org.

Application deadline is June 19th.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-19, 2024
9:00-11:45 a.m.

Registration

Registration for VBS is now open! Is your child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend signed up? Registration is open to children ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through entering 5th grade. Students AND volunteers may register at the following link <https://vbspro.events/p/events/manchesterscuba>. We hope you can join us for a fun filled week as kids and adults alike dive into a friendship with God!

Volunteers

VBS can't happen without our volunteers, and we are still in desperate need of adults to fill the following roles:

TIDE POOL PRESCHOOL CREW LEADERS/HELPERS (MS OR HS STUDENTS, ADULTS): Rather than have our 3 & 4-year-olds rotate through the stations with the older kids, they have their own class. Crew leaders don't need to prepare anything in advance. They'll help their preschool crews follow directions given by Station Leaders. Preschool crew leaders play with children, guide them during activities, and keep them together when they leave the room.

ELEMENTARY CREW LEADERS (HS Students or Adults): These individuals are assigned to a group of approximately 5 kids. Crew leaders don't have to prepare anything; they just come each day, guide their crew members through activities, help facilitate discussions, and join in the VBS fun.

STATION LEADERS (Adults): Students (who are grouped in crews) move through various stations that are staffed by an adult leader and feature a different Bible-learning activity. You are the "teacher" for your station. Crews are at your station for approximately 20 minutes. Stations include:

TIDAL TREATS: This organized individual is in charge of preparing materials and guiding kids through the process of preparing and serving a snack.

TIDE POOL PRESCHOOL GAMES/CRAFT LEADER: This patient and creative leader manages materials and guides groups of preschoolers through creating a variety of Bible point reinforcing crafts. This energetic, patient, and organized individual is in charge of leading preschool age kids in fun activities and discussions. You don't need to be an Olympian, you just need to be organized, energetic, and fun loving.

Please contact Hannah Clemen ASAP at 563-929-1395 or hannahclemen21@gmail.com if you have questions about any of these positions or are willing to volunteer!

Mission Project: Let's make a Splash!

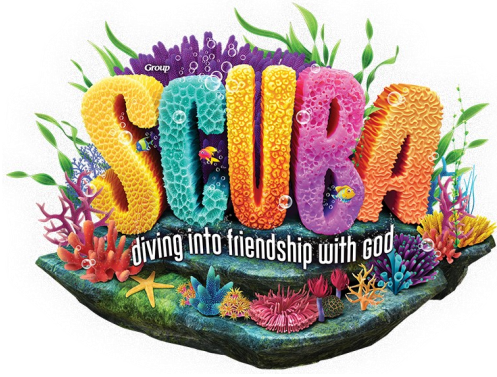
As part of Scuba VBS, our church will participate in an Operation Kid-to-Kid international mission project that gives kids the opportunity to provide life-saving clean water for kids in Honduras. This year, hundreds of thousands of children in America will raise money to help World Vision in their goal of making clean water accessible in developing nations. During Scuba, kids will collect donations. For every \$5 collected our partners at World Vision can resource someone with clean water for more than a year!

Prayer

Now is the time to pray for VBS! Pray for volunteers to answer the call to help at VBS. Pray for the health and safety of all our students and volunteers. Pray for the children who will be impacted by the money raised from our mission project. Pray that kids' hearts and minds will be opened to God's love and power in their lives as they celebrate God's greatness!

Donations

Looking for a way to help with VBS but can't volunteer during the week? Keep an eye out for the donation board in the Narthex in the coming weeks. A donation of these items can help ensure we provide the best possible VBS we can for the children of our church and community.



Vacation Bible School 2024 Registration Form Hosted by
Manchester United Methodist Church
& First Presbyterian

Church July 15th-19th ~ 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Kids ages 3 years (and potty trained) through entering 5th grade
welcome! Please return form to the church office at 413 E. Butler
St. by July 8th OR fill it out online at

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/manchesterscuba>

Child's name: _____ Circle: Boy or Girl

Age: ____ Date of birth: _____ Grade entering '24-'25 _____

Parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mother's day phone #: _____ Father's day phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies/medical conditions/behavioral concerns: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Phone #: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Parents/Caregivers will be asked to sign out their child. Please list any individuals besides parents and emergency contact allowed to pick up your child:

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

My child will be walking/biking home unaccompanied: YES / NO

May we photograph your child and display their pictures in our church and newsletter? YES / NO



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

BAKE SALE

June 30 before & after service

COINS FOR KIDS

Drop your change in the wooden shoebox on the Welcome Desk.

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 18-25

2024 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

\$5,400+ OF \$10,000 RAISED

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

June

Games

- Jacks
- Dominoes
- Marbles
- Card games
- Puzzles

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for his blessing on the Homemade & Homegrown Sale! We thank Him for all those who donated, shopped, and volunteered. We raised enough funds to ship over 163 shoeboxes!
- Pray for the development of a Braille version of The Greatest Journey so we will be able to better minister to visually-impaired children.
- Pray for the successful shipping and clearance of Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey materials. Pray for favor from foreign governments that they will approve our tax/duty exoneration requests.
- Pray for God's guidance in knowing how He is calling YOU to participate in OCC this year!

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Stephanie 563-920-1570 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net



- Mike Roete6/03
- Mark Reth.....6/06
- Gwenyth Hough6/08
- Kino DeKeyser6/10
- Brittany Reth.....6/10
- Pauline Philgreen6/11
- Matthew Mensen.....6/12
- Kathy Everts.....6/14
- Caleb Stocks.....6/15
- Bruce Nodurft.....6/16
- Marianne Nodurft6/16
- Hannah Clemen.....6/21
- Glenn Nystel6/23
- Zach Rogers.....6/23
- Jean Gross.....6/24
- Bill Scanlan.....6/24

- Don & Carolyn Mellody 6/01
- Rex & Leann Van Dyke..... 6/07
- John & Lynne Rasmussen..... 6/08
- Gary & Deb Gibbs 6/12
- Michael & Stephanie Stocks..... 6/12
- Mark & Brittany Reth..... 6/17
- Gary & Vicki Spellerberg..... 6/20
- Charles & Carol Dighton 6/22
- Roger & Beth Mueller..... 6/30

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**

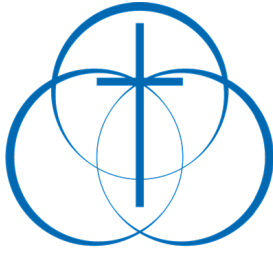
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
John LeClere Sr.	133-N
Louise Reth	210 Mariettas
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
Bill Welcher	15-5

**The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 9:00AM Fellowship 10:00AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	June 26th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 Youth/Small Groups	June Mission: Paint by Neighbors		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings			Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm		
2	3 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	4	5 WOW	6	7	8 8:00PM Community Meeting
9	10 PAINT BY NEIGHBOR 9-4	11 PAINT BY NEIGHBOR 9-4	12 PAINT BY NEIGHBOR 9-4	13 PAINT BY NEIGHBOR 9-4	14 PAINT BY NEIGHBOR 9-4	15 8:00PM Community Meeting
16	17 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	18	19 WOW	20	21	22 8:00PM Community Meeting
23	24 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	25	26 Chimes Deadline	27	28	29 8:00PM Community Meeting
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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 9:00am,
Visit our website
manchestermethodistchurch.org
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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Please forward any new addresses to
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413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439
Thank you!

