



Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

May 2024

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*“He has made everything beautiful in its time”
-Ecclesiastes 3:11*



Bible Study May 9th & 16th

May 18th Homemade & Homegrown Sale

Church Pictorial Directory

Update from Trustees

A note from Pastor Phil...

*5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

-Proverbs 3:5-6

Recently I was in a meeting with a wonderful, wise and retired pastor named Jim. Jim is the kind of Christian I want to be when I grow up. I found I was immediately drawn to Jim's wisdom, faith, and gentle Christian witness. He said something to me that really shook me to my spiritual core that I have not been able to forget that I wanted to share with you.

“A church should have a greater **Purpose than a **Preference**”**

This is the most simple yet profound statements for the church. Churches seem to get consumed by worship styles, worship times, carpet colors, and so many other things that are things we could consider but understand that this there are about personal preferences...but what is our purpose? Our purpose is to go forth and make Disciples. This is the sole purpose of the church. We may accomplish this purpose in part by styles of worship, worship times, and by maintaining our buildings, but none of these things actually make Disciples. Disciples are made in community worship, prayer, small group studies, accountability groups, ministry teams, and fellowship. Each of these helps us to grow deeper in faith and provides for us a greater personal witness. Creating Disciples calls us to prepare as many pathways as we can into the Body of Christ preparing the way for all the souls that Jesus sends us...Those who may not understand our preferences, but just need to connect with the purpose.

In the Proverbs 3:5-6 I believe God's wisdom is revealed. Trust God first, last and always. As a church we should filter all our decisions around this question in all our decisions. How should the church be a good steward around the time, talents, and finances sot that we are focused on the most important thing? Ask this question every time. Is this issue framed around our purpose, or by our preference? How will this decision create opportunities to fulfill our call to make Disciples?

MMC Single Board
April 16, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Jean Gross, Bruce Nodurft, Shirley Davis, Wayne Birkenholz, Charles Dighton, Sherry Goranson, Pastor Phil, Mark Reth, Lori Snyder.

Mark opened the meeting followed by a prayer for guidance.

Finance: Bruce presented the financial report for March. As of the March 31 the actual expenses for the year have been \$61,590 and actual income has been \$57,655 leaving a deficit of \$4000 YTD. There were \$325 in contributions for the Brick-by-Brick campaign in March. The Global apportionments will be 3% of the previous year's contributions and will be paid on a quarterly basis which amounts to \$591/monthly. This is considerably less than the UMC apportionments.

Trustees: Charlie reported that a bill to Del Co Plumbing in the amount of \$3032.43 will be paid for needed repairs. The city and Oasis completed the water line work. Part of the curb and sidewalk had to be dug up to complete the work. The light in the outside sign has been repaired. Al Saunders will be remodeling the offices. The new front east wing door with an electronic latch will cost \$2500 and has been ordered. It will take three months for the door to come. This work will be completed before the end of the year. The water heater for the bathroom in Fellowship hall has been replaced. Trustees are looking for someone to mow the yard for Rahab House. It is a large lot and we will need a riding mower.

Christian Ed.: The confirmation class will be having a retreat on April 27. We are asked to write a note of encouragement to them to be shared that day. They will be confirmed on Mother's Day, May 12 at first service with a reception to follow in Wesley Hall.

Missions: The mission team is looking for more projects for the Paint by Neighbor week in June. Please let them know of any need in our community. Money has been sent for the Texas wildfire relief as well as the family of Trevor Haar. We are ready to do some planting of early vegetables in the Garden of Hope.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori has gotten two quotes from two places to do our new church photo book. We will go with the lowest quote and hope to get this process going in the next few weeks. Our last photo book was from 2014, Those who have their pictures taken will receive a photo book with a suggested free will donation.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported they are going to be helping with the confirmation class reception and the flowers for Mother's Day. Carnations will be ordered from the Posy Place. Shirley Haigh is now at the GNH.

SPPRC: Shirley shared that her team recommended a new position taking the place of our current youth coordinator and called a Director of Youth and Family be considered for later this year. The suggested job description is being shared with the board for review and further discussion at our next meeting. A suggestion of 18-20 hours a week was made at \$18/hour. Zach is currently our youth coordinator being paid \$500/month. Kat's last day of work will be August 1 and we hope to train her replacement for a couple of weeks before she leaves. We will be advertising this position in May.

Motion was made by Bruce, seconded by Charlie that Bill Scanlan be our delegate to the annual

Global Methodist General Conference to be held in Council Bluffs IA. He will be able to attend via Zoom and vote as our lay delegate. Pastor is applying to be a delegate to the National Global Methodist Conference in Sept. He will be seeking some financial support to attend if he is chosen as a delegate.

We set the date of Saturday morning, May 11 to remove the last of the items of the Remling Estate from the Lahr Auction warehouse to here. We will meet at the church at 9:00. Manpower is needed for that morning. A final decision needs to be made as to where it can be stored for sale. Jean Gross and Darla Gaskill are working on this project.

Our next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of March 31, 2024

01 General Fund

March Income: \$23,781
March Expenses: \$21,857
March Balance: **+\$1,924**

Year-to-date income: \$57,655
Year-to-date expenses: \$61,590
Year-to-date balance: **-\$3,935**

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on March 31, 2024:
\$48,642 (\$325 in donations in March;
no expenses)

Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses:
\$95,373 Commitments initially given but not
honored: **\$35,000**

SERVING OUR CHURCH

May 5th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann &
Meghan Mensen

10:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice
Children's Sermon: Roy Vice
Communion: Roy Vice,
Wayne Birkenholz & Jean Gross

May 12th

8:30

Liturgist: Confirmands
Communion: Confirmands

10:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

May 19th

8:30

Liturgist: Tom Fetter
Communion: Terry & Jeff Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill

May 26th

8:30

Contemporary Service
Communion: Meghan Mensen &
Stephanie Stocks

10:30

Children's Sermon: Micheal Stocks

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



Homemade & **HOMEGROWN** **SALE**

There's something for everyone at our 2nd annual
Homemade & Homegrown sale!

-  Plants (Perennials & Houseplants)
-  Crafts
-  Baked Goods



SATURDAY, MAY 18

 8:00 - 11:00 AM

308 S Wayne St.
Manchester, IA 52057



**Sponsored by Manchester Methodist Church.
All proceeds go to support shipping costs for
Operation Christmas Child!**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMEMADE & HOMEGROWN SALE

Saturday, May 18 8:00-11:00 a.m.

308 S. Wayne St. Manchester

Donations Needed!

Plants, Crafts, & Baked Goods

Drop off at Dean & Jackie Sherman's Friday May 17th

2024 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

MAY

Toys

- Soccer ball & pump
- Slinky
- Yo-yo
- Doll
- Musical instruments (harmonica, etc.)
- Cars, trucks, etc.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for Haiti as armed gangs continue to plunge the country further into chaos. Pray that God would provide for all of our Operation Christmas Child leader volunteers who live in Haiti. Until the current crisis is resolved, no outreach events can take place. Pray for peace, protection, and the continuation of our work that is introducing boys and girls to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for God to continue to provide strong, passionate leader volunteers for additional project leaders and the open area coordinator roles on our shoebox teams.
- 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



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

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

Our Bible Study on *"How to Pray-A Simple Guide for Normal People"* Will be held in the Conference Room at church on May 9th and May 16th from 3:30-4:30pm.

May 9th please read from page. 187-212

May 16th please read from page. 213-222

We will begin a new study in the fall.

-Donna Scanlan



Happy Birthday!

Jenny Garvin.....5/02
 Joanne Wade.....5/04
 Zachary Wefel.....5/07
 Charlie Dighton.....5/22
 Nicholas Stocks.....5/27

Happy Anniversary

Jeff & Dianne Larsen.....5/02
 Gary & Marilyn Feldmann.....5/15
 Mark & Terri Philgreen.....5/18
 Kat & Zach Rogers.....5/24
 Duane & Michelle Philgreen.....5/25

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.



be joyful in hope

Good Neighbor Home 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

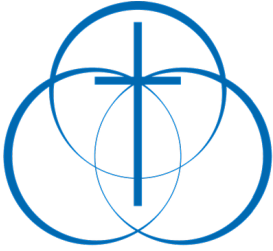
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
John LeClere Sr.	133-N
Louise Reth	210 Mariettas
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
Bill Welcher	15-5

The Meadows 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Service 8:30AM Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM-10:20AM Second Service 10:30AM	Second Helpings	May 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 Youth/Small Groups	May Mission: HACAP		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			
			1 WOW	2	3	4 8:00PM Community Meeting
5	6 Second Helpings & Clothing	7	8 WOW	9	10	11 8:00PM Community Meeting
12 	13 Second Helpings & Clothing	14	15 WOW	16	17	18 8:00PM Community Meeting
19	20 Second Helpings & Clothing	21	22 Chimes Deadline	23	24	25 8:00PM Community Meeting
26	27 Second Helpings & Clothing	28	29 WOW	30	31	



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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
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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Thank you!

