

Manchester Methodist Church

# *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**July 2024**

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*A Word from Trustees*

**No WOW this Month**

Church Pictorial Directory

**Paint by Neighbor**

July 31st Ice Cream Social



**Sign up for VBS**

## ***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

The Apostle Paul is once again in prison in Rome waiting to be tried, and ultimately martyred for advancing the Kingdom through preaching and teaching about Jesus Christ. As he languished in prison, chained to the floor he declares God's Holy intent and authority because now he gets to preach of repentance and grace in the heart of the known world and that many of the centurions and guards have heard and believe. In the beginning of chapter 2 Paul is encouraging the church to boldly go forth and preach the good news and to live into an example of faith so that the world will believe. Look beyond the human threats who do not hold any eternal significance and instead humbly set the care of others as a priority so that they may experience a selfless Savior in you.

Today we live in fear as we know a world that is in many places at war, one side or the other wishes to destroy utterly, violence in our streets, high inflation, open borders, and all are afraid if someone other than their favored candidate wins an election.

I want to make my thoughts clear... I do not want war, or violence, or hypersensitive political hyperbole... I do not desire a peace that is just a lack of violence and war. That bar is set too low. I desire the Peace that Jesus offered to us... for all to be a peace with God. If the world was at peace with God it would be greater than choosing against violence, it would be a lifestyle without the possibility of violence... A Peace that demands we put others' care before our own, and celebrates the servant more and the self important less. This is the world I prayerfully seek to live into... So much so that I pray daily for "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." But the only way for God to accomplish this Peace is for me to participate in the energy of the blessing. Let God's Peace begin in me, let it begin here and now, let my witness be less of me and more of Thee Holy God, so that this world... Everyone will be saved. Amen

**MMC Single Board**  
**June 18, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m. - Wesley Hall**

**Present:** Jean Gross, Kathy Dolan, Lori Snyder, Sherry Goranson, Wayne Birkenholz, Charles Dighton, Bruce Nodurft, Beth Mueller, Pastor Phil, Mark Reth.

Mark shared scripture from Philippians 4:11-13. God asks us to be content in all circumstances whether we are in need or have plenty. We can do all this through Him who gives us strength. We need to be ready for whatever may come our way.

**Finance:** Bruce reported at our Y-T-D expenses are \$102,464 and our Y-T-D income is \$89,487. Our deficit is due mainly to salary expenses because of additional part-time staff, staff raises and additional expenses from two services. Giving is about the same as last year but expenses are more. Money has been distributed from the Al Remling estate items sold. Receipts from those items so far amount to \$5,658.31. Distribution of that money is as follows: \$1697.49 to OCC; \$39.61 to Missions; \$118.82 to General Fund and \$3,802.39 to the Building Fund. An additional \$1600 has been received from Lahr Auctions for the final items they sold for us. It will be distributed in the same manner.

**Trustees:** Charlie reported that work on the new church offices will begin this week. A dumpster is by the east entrance for items that need to be thrown from those rooms and from the construction. Al Saunders will begin his work June 24. It is anticipated it will take a couple of months.

**Missions:** The Paint by Neighbor crew completed the fence on the west side of the south parking lot. They also did some finishing work on Rahab House. About thirteen people were on the work crew this year. HACAP received the recently collected items. There is a pancake breakfast being served this Sunday June 23 after church to support Bret Slife and his mission trip to Africa.

**Reaching and Receiving:** Lori reported pictures for the new church directory are going well. Everyone is happy with the process.

**Congregational Care:** Sherry reported this group helped with ushering on June 16. Cards have been sent and visits made to the Good Neighbor Home and Meadows. We will be looking ahead to the fall birthday celebration with no date set as of yet.

**Staff Parish:** They will be meeting June 20 to review the applications for Office Manager with a decision to be made soon.

It was decided to have a special single board meeting on June 25 at 5:30 in Wesley Hall to further discuss and make some decisions on the Youth and Family Coordinator position recommendation coming from SPPRC.

Our next regular meeting will be July 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Gross, Secretary

**Financial Report as  
of May 31, 2024**

*01 General Fund*

May Expenses: \$20,711

May Income: \$16,128

**May Balance: -\$4,583**

Year-to-date expenses: \$102,464

Year-to-date income: \$89,487

**Year-to-date balance: -\$12,977**

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

July 7th

9:00

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen

Communion: Terry Larson, Michelle Philgreen & Marilyn Feldmann

Children's Sermon: Michelle Philgreen

June 14th

9:00

Liturgist: Jean Gross

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

June 21st

9:00

## VBS

June 28th

Contemporary Service

9:00

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 @ 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

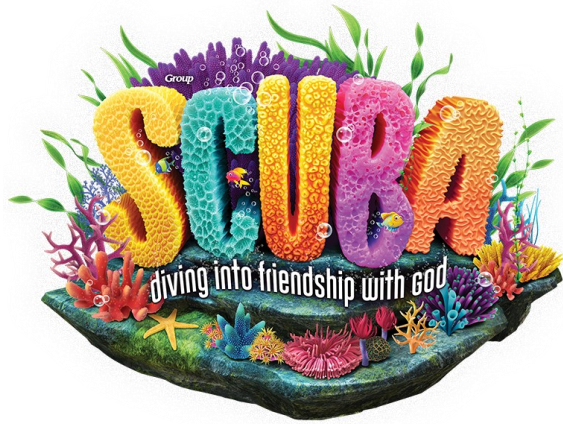
**Acolyte and Usher:**

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Desk





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

**Registration** Is your child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend registered for VBS? What are you waiting for? Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/manchesterscuba> to get that special child in your life registered today!

## **Donations**

Please check the donation center in the narthex for items we need to borrow or have donated to make our week a success. If you let us borrow an item, please label it with your name and phone number, so we can return it to you after VBS. If you choose to purchase one of the items, please check the size/quantity specified and return the item by the date indicated. If you prefer, you can make a monetary or gift card donation (Wal-Mart, Amazon or Fareway, please) and let us do the shopping!

## **Mission Project: Making a splash in Honduras!**

In North America, most of us take it for granted that we can turn on a tap and get a healthy drink of water. We have access to filtered water and bottled water when clean drinking water isn't available. Usually, after a restroom break or before eating, there's a sink nearby where we can wash up. But that's not the case for many families in Honduras. You may not realize that:

- About one in nine people in Honduras don't have access to clean water resources. Most of these people live in rural areas.
- Lack of access to clean water means women and girls spend valuable time walking long distances to wells. That's time they could be spending in school or providing for their families in other ways.
- Too often, rural families are forced to get their drinking water from local rivers—the same rivers where people (and animals) bathe. Drinking water from rivers leads to disease and malnutrition. But we can change that! World Vision is passionate about meeting the needs of this global crisis. In fact, they're the leading nongovernmental provider of clean water in the developing world! The international team at World Vision connects one new person with clean water every 10 seconds! The team at Group Publishing is excited to partner with such experts, who love God and have a desire to care for God's people. A \$5 donation can provide clean water for one person for more than a year! Plus, initiatives in rural Honduras promote and provide support for handwashing and sanitation! Wow! That means no more long walks to the well or being forced to drink harmful water! That small donation means your kids will make a huge impact! Because Operation Kid-to-Kid is part of every Group VBS, we have the opportunity to bless countless families in Honduras, helping them have access to one of life's most basic resources!

## **Volunteers**

It's not too late to volunteer to help with VBS! We still need a preschool crew leader as well as preschool helpers and substitutes to fill in if another volunteer needs to be absent. Please contact Hannah Clemen at [hannahclemen21@gmail.com](mailto:hannahclemen21@gmail.com) or 563-929-1395 if you are available to help. Whether you can help every day or just one, we would love to have you! VBS training will be held Thursday, July 11th at 10:00 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Station leaders, crew leaders and helpers are encouraged to attend this training. Please contact Hannah if this time does not work for you, and she'll get a copy of the information to you.

## **Set-up/Decorating**

If you are available to help set-up or decorate for VBS, plan to stick around after the training session on Thursday as we put the finishing touches on our set and classrooms.

## **Program**

Be sure to join us Sunday, July 21st during church service at 9:00am for our VBS program. You'll hear and see highlights from our exciting week and have a chance to contribute toward our mission project!

## A WORD FROM TRUSTEES

### Help Needed!

The Trustees need a few good men and women to help in the decision making for the upkeep and maintenance of the church. Our building needs a lot of love and attention. We need creative ideas to get the most improvement we can with the resources we have. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00. The meetings usually last between thirty minutes and an hour. Please consider joining this ministry. Contact Charlie Dighton if you have any questions or if you want to join the team.

**Reminder no WOW this month. WOW will begin again on Wednesday August 7th.**

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

Thanks

Reaching and Receiving Team

# *ICE CREAM SOCIAL*

Wednesday JULY 31st  
4:30-6:30pm

More information to come





# Paint By Neighbor



# Happy Birthday

Dean Sherman.....7/03  
 Connie Allyn.....7/05  
 Mary Jane Fetter .....7/06  
 Marilyn Seelinger .....7/06  
 Beth Mueller.....7/11  
 Michelle Philgreen .....7/12  
 Diane Miller.....7/18  
 John Tyrrell .....7/18  
 Louise Reth .....7/23  
 John Rasmussen.....7/24  
 Regina Reth .....7/26  
 Helen Cole .....7/28  
 Randy Waterman .....7/30



Travis & Meghan Mensen ..... 7/20  
 Jeremy & Tiffany Feldmann..... 7/30  
 Merle & Mary Lou Mangold.....7/30

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” -John 14:27

## 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

## The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

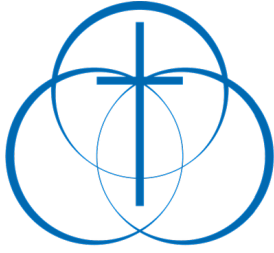
Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109



# July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Service</b> <b>9:00AM</b>  <b>Fellowship</b> <b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Second Helpings</b>	<b>July 24th CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	NO WOW THIS MONTH	<b>July Mission:</b>  <b>Ice Cream Social</b>		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings					
	1 <b>No</b> Second Helpings & Clothing Closet	2	3 No WOW	4 <b>Church Closed</b> <b>HAPPY</b> <b>4th of July</b>	5	6 8:00PM Community Meeting
7	8 <b>No</b> Second Helpings & Clothing	9	10 No WOW	11	12	13 8:00PM Community Meeting
14	15 VBS 9:00-11:45	16 VBS 9:00-11:45	17 No wow VBS 9:00-11:45	18 VBS 9:00-11:45	19 VBS 9:00-11:45	20 8:00PM Community Meeting
21	22 Second Helpings & Clothing	23	24 <b>Chimes Deadline</b>	25	26	27 8:00PM Community Meeting
28	29 Second Helpings & Clothing	30	31 No WOW			



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**Return Service Requested**

**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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](http://manchestermethodistchurch.org)  
 Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
 Sunday Nights**

*We have this hope*  
**AS AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL,  
 FIRM AND SECURE.  
 IT ENTERS THE INNER SANCTUARY  
 BEHIND THE CURTAIN,  
 WHERE OUR FORERUNNER  
 JESUS  
 HAS ENTERED ON OUR BEHALF.  
 HEBREWS 6:19-20**

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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!