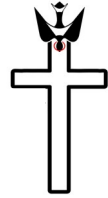


Manchester Methodist Church

# *The Chimes*



## October 2024

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### 80+ Birthday Celebration



The Congregational Care Team is throwing a PARTY for those in our church family who are 80 years old and older. On Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at noon, come and enjoy a light lunch, music, and entertainment in Wesley Hall. Please RSVP by October 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling the church office to let us know if you plan to attend.



### Sherman's Pumpkin Farm Worship Night

We are changing our annual trip to Sherman's Pumpkin Farm. Instead of having a campfire and hotdog roast, we are asking everyone to come out for a Worship Night on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family for a faith-filled, inspirational night of worship led by the Salt Company College Ministry. All are welcome!  
Come early and enjoy the entire farm!



## ***A Note from Pastor Phil...***

***Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:***

***If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.***

***But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.***

***Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.***

***But how can one keep warm alone?***

***Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.***

***A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.***

***- Ecclesiastes 4:9-12***

Ecclesiastes is a pastoral letter, like a sermon, written by King Solomon in his “old age.”

Solomon was the son of King David. When he was a boy God came to him in a dream and offered to grant him any blessing he wanted. Solomon chose the wisdom of God. God was so pleased with this choice that He provided Solomon with many blessings in return. (1 Kings 3:3-15). When King David died, Solomon became the last King over a unified Israel and Judah.

Solomon was known to use his gift of wisdom for good, not only for those over whom he reigned, but also for himself. Though Israel flourished politically and improved their infrastructure many of the common people did not share in this fortune. Solomon himself though became immensely wealthy both in riches and land. He lived in a palace and had 700 wives.

As King Solomon neared the end of his life he looked back on the journey and found it wanting... The Book Ecclesiastes is mostly Solomon’s letter of lament over what he felt was wasted time and effort devoted to things not of eternal worth.

But here in chapter four we have this nugget of wisdom. This is a very popular scripture for weddings, but this nugget of wisdom is not reserved for marital relationships but is wisdom for all relationships.

- ***Two are better than one:***

In the previous section Solomon thought how even in an under the sun world, living alone made life worse. He continues to develop the same idea, noting that two are better than one and will begin to state the reasons why this is true.

- ***Because they have a good reward for their labor:***

In a good partnership, two can accomplish more than each one individually. The sum will be greater than the parts.

- ***If they fall, one will lift up his companion:***

When two work and live together they can help each other in difficult times — but woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.

- Solomon the preacher understood that everybody needs help, and it is a blessing both to give and to receive help.

- Not limited to physical - but emotional/spiritual...

- We are blessed when we are blessed with a cheerleader!

## ***A note from Pastor Phil...***

- *If two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone:*  
When two work and live together they can bring comfort to the lives of each other... warmth, confidence, feeling of safety.
- *Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him:*  
When two work and walk together, they can bring security and safety to each other... watch out for one another in accountability.

These four verses show us the great value of human relationships,

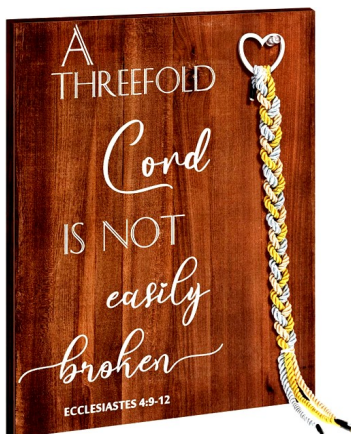
- that two are better than one.
- Working and walking together is a great advantage to working and walking this life alone, and adds these four things to life:
  1. Productivity (they have a good reward for their labor)
  2. Help in need (If they fall, one will lift up his companion)
  3. Comfort in life (they will keep warm)
  4. Safety and security (two can withstand)

A threefold cord is not quickly broken:

- King Solomon, the Preacher, gives a fascinating final line to this section dealing with the goodness of companionship. We might have expected that he would praise the strength of a twofold cord; instead he noted that a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
  - What is this third cord? It is commonly understood that the third cord is God Himself, and that a relationship intertwined with God is a threefold cord that is not quickly broken.

King Solomon details for us that our worldly lives and relationships are eternally meaningless unless interwoven with the nature and character of God present.

This is one of the primary responsibilities of the church. To come together to acknowledge our Triune God present and worship in thanksgiving and praise... And to lift one another up and hold and to be accountable in our faith walk and development. To live into agape relationships that are selfless, seeking the good of others to God's glory first. This is what King Solomon describes as a life worth living as he finishes the Book of Ecclesiastes with these words.



**Now all has been heard;  
here is the conclusion of the matter:  
Fear God and keep his commandments,  
for this is the duty of all mankind.  
For God will bring every deed into judgment,  
including every hidden thing,  
whether it is good or evil.  
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**

## MMC Single Board Minutes - September 17, 2024

6:00 P.M. - Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting from Psalm 108: "Your loving kindness is great above the heavens.... With God we will gain the victory, and He will trample down our enemies." He equated this passage to a movie entitled *The Perfect Game* which he encouraged the board to watch if possible. Prayers and praises were lifted up as well as a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

**Finance:** Bruce gave the board the financial report as of the end of August. Actual expenses through August are \$167,548 and our actual giving was \$142,270 leaving us a deficit of \$-25,278. We have had some unanticipated expenses this summer plus the fact giving is down for the same period last year. We hope to catch up this fall and a suggestion has been made to make the congregation more aware of where we are financially. As of now the last of the SCRIP monies have taken care of most of the deficit but that is a one-time donation and the final one from SCRIP.

**Trustees:** Charlie said we are switching to Comelec as our Internet provider and are upgrading to a new phone system from Teleconnect. The sanctuary system is also being updated. These upgrades are necessary to improve communications. The water heater from Rahab house has been sold. The Trustees are looking into a ramp for the back door and will be contacting someone who could help with that project and to bring some quotes to the board. A suggestion was made about the possibility of obtaining a grant for part of the expenses. The parking lot door is old and would also need to be replaced. Handicapped parking signs will be placed by the north entrance.

**Missions:** Wayne reported that missions will be hosting a breakfast after first service on Sunday, November 10 with the proceeds to go to the ramp for the back door. They will also be serving a chili and soup supper on Wednesday, January 15. There is no school that day.

**Reaching and Receiving:** Lori reported the last of the pictures for the directory have been taken and other pictures of church activities have been sent to the photographer for the directory. We expect to have it some time this fall and will order 200 copies of the directory. Saturday, October 19 will be a worship night at Sherman's Pumpkin Farm from 6-8 p.m. We have been asked if we would like to serve refreshments as a fund raiser. Please let the church know if you are interested in helping.

**Congregational Care:** The 80th+ birthday celebration will be held on October 10. Let the office know if you would like to attend. A light lunch will be served and we will have some music for our program from Beth Mueller.

Pastor Phil discussed the upcoming Charge Conference on September 29 after first service where we will discuss and vote on Zach Rogers' interest in becoming a pastor in the Global Methodist Church. This would be the first step needed in the process for him to proceed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Gross, Secretary





# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

### WORSHIP NIGHT @ SHERMAN'S

October 19 @ 6 p.m.  
Bake sale & promotional table

### NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 18-25

### PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 23 @ 9:00 a.m.

## 2024 GOALS

### CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

### DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

**\$10,248.75 OF \$10,000 RAISED!**

## PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

### OCTOBER

#### CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Craft kits
- Jump ropes
- Play Dough
- Coloring books/stickers

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for continued donations of quality toys, clothes, hygiene items, school supplies, and WOW items to pack in MMC's 1,000 shoeboxes.
- Pray for area teams as they continue to recruit additional team members across all sending countries.
- Pray for protection for our teams in Haiti, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe where conflict is ongoing and that the violence would not hinder the sharing of the Gospel.
- Pray for the continued development of Braille materials that we may effectively minister to blind individuals and communities.

Questions or want to volunteer? Contact Stephanie 563-920-1570 or [mstocks@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mstocks@iowatelecom.net)





JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 23, 2024 | 9:00 AM

Manchester Methodist Church

413 E Butler St

Help us pack 1,000 shoeboxes with gifts like school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, & toys for children around the world so they can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information about OCC, visit

[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ)

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Tips



**Please use one of the red and green GO boxes or a regular size cardboard shoebox.**

They are a standard size that packs easily into the shipping cartons at the processing center. While plastic boxes seem practical, many times they break and end up in the "shoebox hospital" at the processing center.

### Boy or Girl

Determine the gender and age category: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years. Attach the appropriate label (from the OCC pamphlet) on the box lid. Once the box is full, put a rubber-band around the box.

### Gifts

**Please focus on the practical!** This one box will be shared with all members of the child's home, neighbors, friends, etc. The one washcloth you include may be used by 10 people living with the child! The simple items you take for granted each day could make all the difference in this child's life! Below are some ideas to get you started.

**Non-liquid Hygiene items** (These items will be shared by everyone living with the child. That could be 10-20 people!)

- Toothbrush
- Mild bar soap (leave in packaging; Ivory is a great choice because it floats)
- Comb
- Washcloth
- Stick deodorant
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Adhesive bandages
- Nail clippers & file

**School Supplies** (These could mean the difference in whether or not the child gets to attend school.)

- Pens
- Pencils (sharpen beforehand if possible) & sharpener
- Crayons or markers
- Paper (Steno notebooks fit well in shoeboxes)
- Solar calculator
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

### Clothing/Accessories

- Shirts (plain colors)
- Pants
- Shorts
- Shoes
- Socks
- Underwear
- Hats/mittens
- Hair bows
- Jewelry

### Suggested \$10 Shipping Donation

This covers the shipping cost to ensure your gift reaches the right child. You can give online (<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>) or use the donation envelope from the OCC pamphlet (please try not to use cash). Place your donation inside the box on top of the gifts or send directly to Samaritan's Purse.

### Drop Off Location

Bring your box(es) to:  
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413 E. Butler St.  
Manchester, IA 52057  
563-927-4439

### Other

- Flashlights & batteries (This could be lifesaving for children escaping war or domestic violence)
- Sunglasses
- Tools (no saws or pocketknives)
- Duct tape
- Sewing kit/fabric
- Cups, bowls, empty water bottle
- Fishing kit

**Toys/WOW item** (Focus on the practical but still include a few fun items)

- Balls (even a deflated soccer ball with a hand pump)
- Stuffed animal
- Small cars
- Yo-yos
- Jump ropes
- Harmonicas
- Puzzles
- Binoculars

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Used/damaged items
- War-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures, or any action figure holding a weapon)
- Candy, chocolate, or any type of food (could melt or spoil)
- Toothpaste (won't get through customs)
- Liquids/lotions (containers can break ruining other items in the box)
- Medications/vitamins
- Breakable items (snow globes, glass containers, etc.)
- Aerosol cans

Monday, November 18: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 19: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 20: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 21: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 22: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, November 23: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, November 24: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 25: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

**NOTE: The names of the volunteers were not available at the time of printing. If you have already agreed to serve for October, thank you!!**

## October 6th

**8:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Children's Sermon: TBD  
Communion: TBD

**10:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Communion: TBD

## October 13th

**8:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Children's Sermon: TBD

**10:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Communion: TBD

## October 20th

**8:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Children's Sermon: TBD

**10:30**

Liturgist: TBD  
Communion: TBD

## October 27th Contemporary Service

**8:30**

Liturgist: Praise Band member  
Children's Sermon: TBD

**10:30**

Liturgist: Praise Band member  
Communion: TBD



## **Pianists & Music Coordinators:**

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen

## **Piano/Organ Substitutes:**

Duane Philgreen and Marianne Sandberg

## **Tech Team/AV:**

Michael Stocks and Ruth Voshell

If you would like to be part of the *Serving Our Church* team, please contact the following:

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

Jeff Larsen @ 563-608-4036 or call the office @ 563-927-4439

## **Door Greeter:**

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

## **Tech Team/AV:**

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks  
mumctechteam@gmail.com

## **Nursery:**

Mary Jane Fetter @ 563-920-2006

## **Acolyte and Usher:**

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692  
or sign up at the Welcome Desk

## **Host Fellowship Time:**

Text Michelle Philgreen @ 563-920-1677  
or sign up at the Welcome Desk





# Happy Birthday!

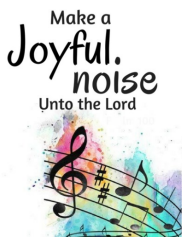
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- Don Blong ..... 10/07
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- Florence Parrott..... 10/13
- Mary Mangold ..... 10/16
- Mary Haigh ..... 10/18
- James Kerton ..... 10/18
- Tyler Rasmussen ..... 10/26

## NEW WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY!

We now have a new Women's Group study in the parlor during the Sunday School time to discuss questions from the scripture and sermon of the day. Barb Feeney will be leading this group, which began on September 29th.

We are excited to add another small group for faith development to our church family! All are welcome to join whenever you are able!

## CHANCEL CHOIR



The church choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 in the sanctuary. We will sing at the 10:30 service on all Sundays, except for the last Sunday of each month. If you've

ever thought about joining us, please give it a try! We'd love to have more voices to help us "make a joyful noise"!



- Tom & Mary Jane Fetter..... 10/05
- Michael & Joanne Wade ..... 10/06
- Dennis & Julie Porter ..... 10/15
- Tom & Connie Allyn..... 10/21
- Phil & Debbie Rogers ..... 10/24
- James & Linda Kerton ..... 10/26

## ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the chart in the hallway to share flowers for the altar. Please let Lynne in the office know if they are for a special occasion or in memory of someone.



Except for Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, all other Sundays in October are currently open for altar flower sponsors.

<b>Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROOM #</b>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
<b>The Meadows Residents 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester</b>	
Peg Koeneke	
Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109

Join us on Wednesdays for  
**WOW!**



FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

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

*5:30pm ~ Dinner  
6:15pm ~ Worship  
7:00pm  
Youth Group  
Small Groups*

## **Regional Medical Center Survey**



We need your help! Regional Medical Center and Delaware County Public Health are required to conduct a community-wide health needs assessment. With this brief survey, participants will help us identify the top areas of health concerns in our community. Survey results will be reviewed to identify strategies to help improve our local health needs. They will also be shared with applicable community resources.

You may use this survey link: [regmedctr.org/2024CHNA](https://regmedctr.org/2024CHNA), or you can use the QR code below to access the survey.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. We appreciate you!

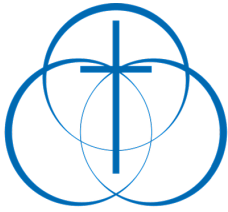
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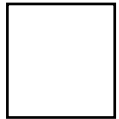
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**Return Service Requested**

**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 8:30 & 10:30am, find the link on our Facebook page to watch the 8:30 service on YouTube, or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday nights.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6

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Thank you!



**Sunday School Kick-off & Fun Day ~ September 8<sup>th</sup>**