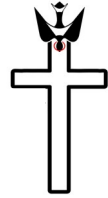


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The Chimes



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Sunday School Kickoff and Fun Day at the Park!

Join us on Sunday, September 8th to kickstart our Sunday School season, with food and fun activities in Central Park following the 9:00 A.M. worship service.

Immediately following the worship service, we plan to take a group photo of all who attend worship that day to be included in our new pictorial directory.

We will then enjoy a potluck meal in the park, and there will be a bouncy house and games. The meat will be provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the group photo and all the food, fun, & fellowship!



Return to Two Sunday Services

Beginning Sunday, September 15th we will return to two Sunday worship services at 8:30 & 10:30 A.M., with Sunday School held between services, at approximately 9:40.

A Note from Pastor Phil...

22...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. - Hebrews 10:22-25

In our world there seems to be several different “New Years.” Most will view January 1st as the beginning of the “New Year.” Many companies view July 1st as the business “New Year.” For teachers the “New Year” begins when school starts in August. Here in the church our “New Year” would seem to begin after Christmas, but in reality our New Year begins after Labor Day. This is because our summers become so crowded. Farmers farm, campers camp, families take vacations, kids have sporting events, grandparents go to watch, fishermen go fishing...there are just so many demands on our time and attention over the summer. But come Labor Day weekend we have our last summer hurrah before we settle into a season that is more structured. Don't get me wrong, farmers still farm as they get ready for harvest, kids still have school events that the grandparents go to see, fishermen still fish, hunters will hunt, but most everything takes place more locally. The worship gatherings of the church family always increase after Labor Day. These are the rhythms of our culture.

In worship we seek to draw near to God with sincere hearts, and our righteousness washed and made pure. We come to spur one another forward in faith maturity and good deeds. And we shall seek to meet together, as a family encouraging one another in faithful love, support, and accountability as the Apostle Paul calls us to, in Hebrews chapter 10.

In September we have some special dates that we need to focus on as we come together as family in support of one another, and also in seeking those whom God is preparing to send to join us.

September 8th we will share in our last 9:00 worship and begin a new series on “Theological Heritage.” Who are we uniquely as Christians in the Methodist tradition? Immediately after worship we will joyfully gather out front of the church for a group picture for the cover of the new upcoming Manchester Methodist Church directory. I encourage everyone to be here that day! This includes anyone who relates to this church as their church family, even if they are often online viewers or radio listeners. Life breathes life to life, and it is important that we reveal all that call this church home. Immediately after the picture, we will cross the street for our annual Sunday School kickoff and all church family BBQ. Burgers, dogs, and chips will be provided and everyone may bring a side or a salad as they choose. There will be a blow-up bouncy house and an obstacle course for the young and young at heart. This will be a fun time of gathering in fellowship with one another.

September 15th we will begin our new schedule for worship with services at 8:30 and 10:30 with Sunday School from 9:40 to 10:20. We have scheduled the “Children's Message” to be at 8:30, and the Choir and Communion will be every Sunday at 10:30.

May this year be a year where the love of Jesus is proclaimed from this place so that others will experience and believe.

MMC Single Board Minutes - August 20, 2024

6:00 P.M. - Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from Psalms 71:6 followed by a few comments. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Mark.

Finance: Bruce shared that our expenses Year-to-Date are \$142,289 and our actual income was \$128,284 leaving a shortfall of -\$14,005. The shortfall is being made up by the final SCRIP monies which is a one time donation of cash to our budget. Our connectional giving to the GMC of \$591/mo. is up to date.

Trustees: No meeting was held in July. The work on moving the offices is progressing. This project will be completed this year. Several have expressed concern about the safety issues involving the back steps and have encouraged us to pursue building a ramp to the back door. Options need to be explored and input is needed.

Worship: September 8 will be Sunday School kick-off with a potluck and bouncy house and games in Central Park after the nine o'clock service. Two services will resume on September 15 at 8:30 and 10:30.

Missions: Wayne reported that around 300 meals including carry-outs were served at the Ice Cream Social with about \$1300 generated after expenses were paid. Proceeds have not been designated at this time. August/Sept. mission of the month is *Pay it Forward*. The Garden of Hope is producing well. Missions is looking at a Soup Supper possibly in January and changing it to a Wednesday evening. Another pancake breakfast for this fall is in the works.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori reported the pictorial directory is coming along well with the final pictures to be taken on August 31. People are encouraged to share pictures for the directory that will be published. October 19 an ecumenical worship service will be held at the Pumpkin Patch from 6-8 p.m. All are invited to attend. October 27 is the date for their Trunk or Treat.

Congregational Care: October 10th is scheduled for our 80+ birthday party at noon. We will be having the same menu as last year. Ray Wycoff's funeral will be this Saturday. Birthday and anniversary cards have been sent. Marlene visited the GNH and the Meadows. Sherry has made phone calls and visits to shut-ins.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

A Message from Lynne in the Church Office: We have been experiencing some issues with email and voice messages - emails not showing up that people thought they have sent successfully to the office, and people not being able to leave voice messages because the voice message box is apparently full (but it's not). When I receive an email, I always try to reply so that you know it has been received, so if you don't get a reply from me, please call me. Also, if you try to leave a message and are unable to, please call back later during office hours, if possible. Be assured we are working on trying to resolve these issues, and appreciate your patience during this process. Thank you!!

SERVING OUR CHURCH

September 1st

9:00

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean Gross, Travis Mensen,
Meghan Mensen
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

September 8th

9:00

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Communion: TBD
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

September 15th

8:30

Liturgist: Julie Porter
Children's Sermon: TBD

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: TBD

September 22nd

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Sermon: TBD

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: TBD

September 29th

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

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Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

Tech Team/AV:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mumctechteam@gmail.com

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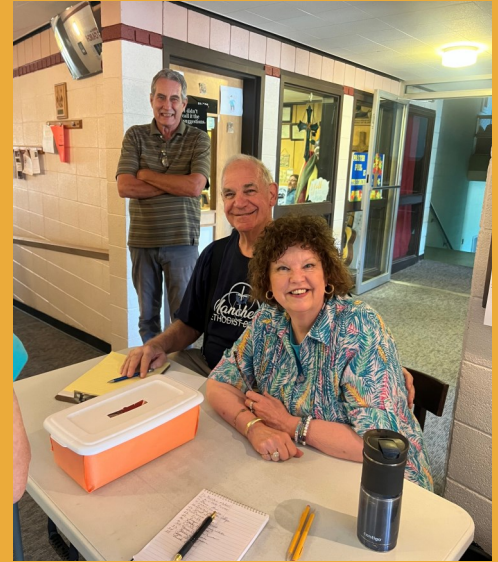
Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692
or sign up at the Welcome Desk

Host Fellowship Time:

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



Ice Cream Social Helpers - July 31st



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 19th 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!





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 14 9:00-11:00 a.m.

BAKE SALE

September 29

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 18-25

2024 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

\$9,768 OF \$10,000 RAISED

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

SEPTEMBER

School supplies

- 847 Notebooks or folders w/paper
- 950 Scissors
- 460 Pencil Sharpeners
- 943 pkg. markers or colored pencils
- 2,000 pens

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for the upcoming Project Leader workshop and for new churches and groups to join us in packing shoeboxes as we begin the 2024 packing season.
- 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 the protection of OCC teams in Haiti and that the instability in that country would not hinder the sharing of the Gospel.
- Pray as OCC develops new initiatives to equip our teams to minister to deaf and blind children around the world.

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

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!

5:30PM ~ Dinner

6:15PM ~ Worship

7:00PM

*Youth Group
Small Groups*



SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
THE STONE CHURCH
MANCHESTER, IA
@7PM



GET TICKETS

Happy Birthday!

- Karon Rosauer 09/18
- Roger Erickson 09/19
- Sam Milroy 09/23
- Calvin Turner..... 09/23
- Mark Clemen 09/30



- Travis & Lisa Hough..... 09/01
- James & Nancy Hough 09/02
- Randy & Kathy Waterman..... 09/05
- Walt & Barbara Davis..... 09/28

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

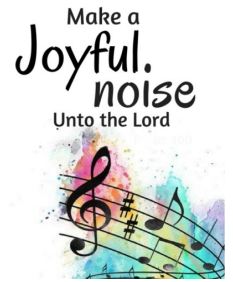
Please sign up on the chart in the hallway to share flowers for the altar. Please let Lynne in the office know if they are for a special occasion or in memory of someone.



All Sundays in September are currently open for altar flower sponsors.

CHANCEL CHOIR

The church choir will soon begin rehearsals again! We will practice on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 starting on September 15th, and we will sing at the 10:30 service on all Sundays, except for the last Sunday of each month.



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

80+ Birthday Celebration

When: October 10th
 Time: Noon
 Where: Wesley Hall



The Congregational Care Team is throwing a party for those in our church family who are 80 and over. Watch for more info to come...

Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

NAME	ROOM #
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S

The Meadows Residents 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

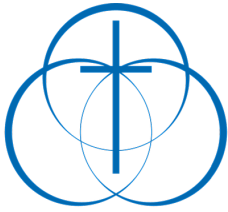
Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109



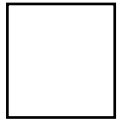
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Return Service Requested

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
(8:30 & 10:30 starting Sept. 15th), visit our
website manchestermethodistchurch.org,
or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm
on Sunday nights.



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Thank you!