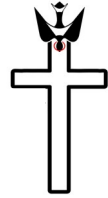




Manchester Methodist Church

# *The Chimes*



## November 2024

413 East Butler St.

[manchestermethodistchurch.org](http://manchestermethodistchurch.org)

Phone 563-927-4439



### *All Saints Service of Remembrance*

Each year we remember those from our church family who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. We invite everyone to join us for an *All Saints Service of Remembrance* to honor them.

This year we will hold our *All Saints* observance on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:30am and 10:30am worship services. Those saints that we will be remembering honoring include:

<i>Larry Lee Goranson</i>	<i>Wilma Margaret Hatch</i>
<i>Allan LeRoy Manson</i>	<i>Donald Edwin Mellody</i>
<i>Ellen Jean Nystel</i>	<i>Joseph James Vap</i>
<i>Douglas Robert Wade</i>	<i>Bill LeMar Welcher</i>
<i>Ramon Jules Wycoff</i>	



### *Now Taking Orders for Poinsettias!*

Help us beautify our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia plant! The cost this year will be \$9.00 per plant. Order forms can be found on the welcome desk in the narthex. Please indicate on the form if your poinsettia is being shared in honor or in memory of someone special. **Orders must be turned in to the office by Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, with payment included.**

## A note from Pastor Phil...



<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

- Psalm 95:1-2



It is hard to believe that it is already November! Everyone goes into overdrive preparing for the family festivities of Thanksgiving and Christmas. So much food, fellowship, and fun! What are we thankful for? Surely we are thankful for our family, friends, health, and whatever...but do we continue to bear in mind our thankfulness due to God, who sought us beyond our iniquity to be redeemed in His grace?

Advent starts on Sunday, December 1st, but I think we are in a time of preparing the way to joy in thanksgiving now. Just as for our Lenten season this year, I am writing a special Advent study as we journey together through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's Gospel alone reveals some important details around God's ancient and deliberate plan of salvation for all people, everywhere, including you and me!

I challenge the church to prepare the way for the joy of Christmas by committing to a special time each week to study, share in the Advent devotional, and/or gather together in small groups to share in our thanksgiving of the Advent story together. Please let Lynne in the office know if you are inspired to lead a small group 5-week Advent study this year. My prayer is that this is something we can all share together, preparing for the celebration of Emmanuel, God with us!

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**80+ birthday celebration held on October 10th:** Beth Mueller provided musical entertainment, and Laura Holtz from the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce talked about upcoming events.



**MMC Single Board Minutes - October 15, 2024**  
**6:00 P.M. - Wesley Hall**

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

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from Matthew 6:5-8 which emphasizes prayer and its "dos and don'ts". The perfect prayer we are taught to pray, "The Lord's Prayer", immediately follows these verses. We are reminded that our Father in heaven knows what we need even before we ask Him. Prayers for guidance and for those needing prayer at this time were lifted up by Mark.

**Finance:** Bruce shared that as of the end of September our giving is down by -\$26,139 to meet actual expenses. After using the final SCRIP monies our deficit is still -\$4,022. The SCRIP monies are a one time giving and will no longer be available since the program was discontinued. He gave each board member a budget worksheet for next year to see if/where we can make adjustments in staffing or other expenses so we can meet our budgeted needs.

**Trustees:** Charlie mentioned there has not been much progress with the remodeling project and has recently spoken to Al Saunders about that. Trustees will be adding additional security equipment required for the new offices. Our phone system will be updated as the construction project progresses. We will be switching to Comelec as their rates are better than Windstream. The east sidewalk replacement has been put on hold due to other projects needing attention. Trustees are looking at redesigning the south entry to allow for a walking ramp up to that door. There is not enough room for a wheelchair ramp. Contractors will be asked for bids for this project. Two handicap signs have been placed by the front door. The outlets in Wesley Hall need to be rewired so the breakers are not overloaded. The elevator maintenance contract rates are increasing next year.

**Missions:** November 10 there will be a Hunter's Brunch between services with the proceeds to go towards hurricane relief through Samaritan's Purse. The November Mission of the Month will also be hurricane relief.

**Reaching and Receiving:** Lori reminded us about the worship night at Sherman's on Saturday night from 6 to 8 p.m. We are encouraged to attend. OCC will be serving goodies and drinks as a fund raiser. There is a balance of \$1250 in the pictorial directory fund. The pictures are in and will be out on a table Sunday for people to pick up. The directory will be coming hopefully by the end of the year. A free will donation will be asked to cover the expenses for the directory beyond what is in the current fund.

**Congregational Care:** Sherry mentioned that the 80+ birthday party held recently was a success with a total of 30 people enjoying the meal and the program by Laura Holtz from the Chamber Office. Beth Mueller entertained us with some music. Small hand carved olivewood crosses will now be given to bereaved families as we have no more angel trees available. A pie and card was presented to Pastor Phil in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Marlene Reth continues to visit the Good Neighbor Home and Meadows with the Chimes and Upper Room. Many cards are being sent by the Congregational Care team for various occasions.

**Lay Leader:** Bill thanked everyone for all the hard work done by the faithful members of our congregation. We are well-known in the community for our outreach and ministry.

Our next meeting will be November 19, 2024 at 6:00 in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Gross, Secretary

**Financial Report as of Sept. 30, 2024**

*01 General Fund*

September expenses:	\$20,269
September contributions:	\$19,119
<b>September Balance:</b>	<b>-\$1,150</b>
Year-to-date expenses:	\$187,817
Year-to-date contributions:	\$161,389
<b>Year-to-date balance:</b>	<b>-\$26,428</b>



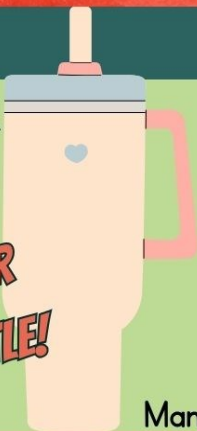


# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS

**RETURN YOUR  
GIFT FILLED  
TUMBLER OR  
WATER BOTTLE!**



### NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

Work a 2 hour shift @ our Central Drop Off

**November 18-25**

Mon., Fri., Sat., Mon 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Tues., Thurs 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wed. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sun. 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Mandatory Volunteer Training Nov. 4 OR 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

## 2024 GOALS

### CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

### DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

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

## PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

### November

Personal Notes & Prayer

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Thursday, Nov. 21 set-up

Saturday, Nov. 23 packing party @ 9 a.m.

## 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 all those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and for the thousands of volunteers who are serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in the affected areas.
- Pray for favor from various African nations in the processing and approval of our duty/tax exoneration requests.
- Pray for our teams in a South Asian nation where they are discipling children from 32 hard-to-reach groups.

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:  
Manchester Methodist Church  
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



## November 3rd

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks  
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick  
Communion: Janine S., Roy & Heather Vice

## November 10th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldman  
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson  
Communion: Marilyn F., Jeff & Terry Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Julie Porter  
Communion: Julie P., Jean Gross,  
Debbie Rogers



## November 17th

8:30

Liturgist: Michelle Philgreen  
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross  
Communion: Jean G., Roger White,  
Wayne Birkenholz



## November 24th Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member  
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

10:30

Liturgist: Paul Lyman  
Communion: Paul L., Pam Vap,  
Meghan Mensen



## **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!

Mike Reth .....	11/05
Lisa Hough .....	11/07
Wayne Birkenholz .....	11/07
Cheryl Voelker.....	11/08
Erin Mensen .....	11/11
Clarence Slife .....	11/16
Linda Curtis.....	11/19
Craig Carradus .....	11/21
Jason Kluesner .....	11/22
James Hough .....	11/24
Mary Nading.....	11/24
Erin Learn .....	11/28

## NEW WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY!

We now have a new Women's Group study during the Sunday School time to discuss questions from the scripture and sermon of the day. Barb Feeney will be leading this group, and they will meet in Wesley Hall.

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"!

# Happy Anniversary!

Roger & Tammy White .....	11/15
Mike & Regina Reth .....	11/28
Ron & Janine Stellick.....	11/30



## 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 November are currently open for altar flower sponsors.

### Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Audrey Belden	103-N
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
John Tyrrell	

### The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	
Ellen Phelps	305

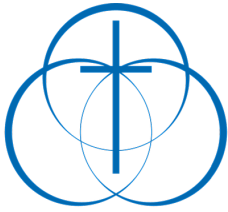




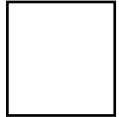
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**Return Service Requested**

**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.

*“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

**- PSALM 118:24**

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- Music Director: Beth Mueller
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Thank you!