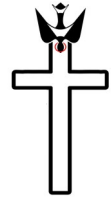




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The Chimes ~ December 2024



Join us on Christmas Eve - Tuesday Dec. 24th -
 for Candlelight & Communion Services:
 4:00 P.M. ~ 5:30 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

Invite your family & friends to attend with you!

Thank You to those who donated poinsettias!

Given by

In honor/memory of

Les Carlson	Carol Carlson
Sherry Goranson	Larry Goranson
Jean Gross	Family members
Mary Haigh	Jack Haigh & son Steve
Joyce Harbaugh	Eugene & Kirk Harbaugh
Diane Miller	Dale & Opal Paris
Glenn Nystel & family	Ellen Jean Nystel
Dennis & Julie Porter (2)	Dean Wefel & Kendall Strausser
John & Lynne Rasmussen	Ruth Gitch and Glenn Rasmussen
Jim & Joyce Shover (2)	Jim & Frances Shover, Russell & Elsie Wulf, and sons Jerald & Jeremy Shover
Mary Jo Shover (2)	Ike & Wilma Hatch
Lori Snyder	Valene Schnieders
Linda Toms	Darl Toms
Alex & Gina Tone (3)	Alex & Gina's 9th anniversary, and the Ellerbach, Barth, Tone, & Hayes families
Pam Vap (2)	Joe Vap, Wayne & Elaine Gidley, Rich Shafar, Don Vap, Grace & Ray Vap
Mike & Joanne Wade (2)	their parents, the Wades & Hilliers
Randy & Kathy Waterman (2)	Russell & Elsie Hook and Alvin & Helen Waterman



A note from Pastor Phil...

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

- Psalm 100:1-2

It is the Advent season once again. We just finished with Thanksgiving and now we are already planning the next big family gathering. There are presents to buy, ornaments on the tree, another big meal with family, friends, and fellowship. This is, as the Andy Williams song promises, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!"

What does all this have to do with a Holy Child, born in a barn in little-known Bethlehem over 2000 years ago? This would appear to be up to the individual. Do we celebrate joy and fellowship? Or do we celebrate in joy, fellowship, and worship, what God has done for us in His timeless desire for the redeeming of humanity?

All are invited to participate in our Advent worship and study series. We will explore together the full birth narrative revealed in Luke's Gospel. Every week we will journey with Luke as he includes us in his story of the events leading up to the incarnate of God, the Holy Child, Jesus, Emmanuel.

On Tuesday, December 24th, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with three services beginning at 4:00 PM, a second service at 5:30 PM, and culminating in the always very special 11:00 PM service that will conclude at the beginning of Christmas Day. All three services will include Holy Communion, a special music offering, and end with a candlelight singing of the hymn "Silent Night". As always, these services promise to be an opportunity to experience the true Holiness of Christmas.

But the fun will not end there! On Sunday, December 29th, both services will include singing a compilation of our favorite Christmas hymns, with a message about Jesus presented in the temple when he was eight days old. To add to the festive experience of these services on this last Sunday of December, I invite everyone to wear their favorite holiday fun (ugly) sweater! I already have mine picked out, and it promises to be epic!

Merry Christmas to everyone, and I pray that we shall share the joy of this Advent season together in worship.

Peace,
Pastor Phil



**MMC Single Board Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ Wesley Hall**

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

Pastor Phil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He shared a brief message from Isaiah 41:8-10. God reminds us to not be fearful, for He is with us and He will strengthen and help. He will never reject His chosen even as they have rejected Him. This was followed by a prayer for guidance.

Finance: Bruce shared that as of the end of October our expenses have exceeded our income by \$7,814. Without the final SCRIP income this amount would be \$30,220. He shared some information on possible adjustments to the budget for 2025 and asked for input from the board.

Trustees: When Al returns to work on the offices, he said it will take 8-10 days to complete. Bids for carpeting are being taken locally. Discussion is being held on replacing the south parking lot door to accommodate the ramp needing to be built hopefully next year.

Worship: Decorating the church for Advent/Christmas will happen the two days after Thanksgiving. Help is needed to complete this task.

Missions: The brunch supporting Samaritan's Purse was well attended. The January 15th soup supper will also go to them, with both designated for hurricane relief.

Reaching and Receiving: Sherry mentioned that they will be addressing Christmas cards at the December 2nd meeting.

Staff Parish: Shirley reported they will be meeting next Tuesday to discuss a couple of items.

Charge Conference is set for December 1st after the 8:30 service. Charge Conference reports were passed out for those whose input is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. Our next meeting will be December 17th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Board Secretary

Dear Church Family,

The Christmas season is once again upon us, and in the tradition of this church family, we hope to present a gift to the pastor and staff members at the December 22nd worship services. If you are interested in helping to continue this tradition, please leave your contribution in the Sunday or Wednesday collection plate, or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to "Manchester Methodist Church SPPRC" and note "gifts" in the memo.

Please be sure all gifts are in by Wednesday, December 18th so they may be presented during worship services on Sunday, December 22nd.

This is sent to you in the spirit of the Christmas season, and it is the hope of the SPPRC that you will accept it in the true spirit of Christmas.

Sincerely,
Shirley Davis, SPPRC Chairperson



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Packing Party
954 shoeboxes

Drop Off Location
1,927 shoeboxes

**NE Iowa Area
Team**
13,967 shoeboxes



SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 1st

8:30

Advent Candle: Gary & Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson
Communion: Roger Mueller,
Stephanie Stocks, & Evan Maifeld

10:30

Advent Candle: John & Lynne Rasmussen
Communion: Jean Gross & ?



December 8th



8:30

Advent Candle: Travis & Meghan Mensen family
Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks

10:30

Advent Candle: TBD
Communion: Jean Gross & ?

December 15th

8:30

Advent Candle: Dan & Jill Kunde & family
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Advent Candle: TBD
Communion: Jean Gross & ?



December 22nd



8:30

Advent Candle: Mark & Brittany Reth & family
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

10:30

Advent Candle: Zach & Kat Rogers & family
Communion: Zach & Kat Rogers

December 29th - Hymn Sing

8:30

Liturgist: TBD
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

10:30

Liturgist: TBD
Communion: Jean Gross & ?



December 24th



4:00

Advent Candle: Evan & Michelle Maifeld
Communion: Evan M., Michelle M., Jean Gross

5:30

Advent Candle: Sam & Kristin Milroy & family
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Communion: Sam & Kristin Milroy, Pam Vap

11:00

Advent Candle: Duane & Michelle Philgreen
Communion: Duane & Michelle Philgreen +1

Serving Teams

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 Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers:

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

Tech Team/AV:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 563-920-2006

Host Fellowship Time:

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

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen
admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

Happy Birthday!

Roxanne Knoedler.....	12/01
Vicki Spellerberg.....	12/03
Jerry Ridenour.....	12/03
Cliff Swanson.....	12/03
Les Carlson.....	12/05
Julia Hopkins.....	12/06
Mike Wade.....	12/06
Lori Clemen.....	12/08
Mark Philgreen.....	12/08
Drake Rogers.....	12/09
Chris Zehr.....	12/11
Jeff Nystel.....	12/14
Larry Swanson.....	12/19
Dave Gaskill.....	12/24
Pat Swanson.....	12/26
Brad Davis.....	12/26
Linda Kerton.....	12/28
Travis Mensen.....	12/29
Pastor Phil Rogers.....	12/31
Kat Rogers.....	12/31
Teri (Mueller) Dorn.....	12/31
Kathy Waterman.....	12/31



WORSHIP WITH US THIS
CHRISTMAS



Happy Anniversary!

Verle & Donna Hankins.....	12/24
Ken & Lisa Edaburn.....	12/31



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. December 8th is taken, but all other Sundays in December are currently open.



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

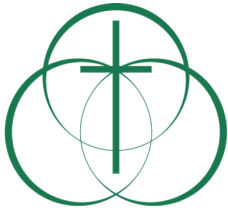
Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	
Ellen Phelps	305

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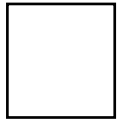
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups						

1 8:30am Worship 9:30am Church Charge Conference 10:30am Worship	2 4:30 - 5:30 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet	3	4 10am - 2pm Clothing Closet 5:30pm WOW	5 8am-10am Clothing Closet	6 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket	7 8:00pm Community mtg. in parlor
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Return Service Requested

TO: _____

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ **Sunday mornings in person at 8:30 & 10:30am**
- ◆ **find us on YouTube to watch the Sun. 8:30am service**
- ◆ **listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday nights**
- ◆ **Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm**

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday: Closed



The Ministry Team at MMC includes:

- Rev. Phil Rogers and the entire Congregation**
- Office Manager/Secretary: Lynne Rasmussen**
- Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles**
- Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman**
- Music Director: Beth Mueller**
- Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz**

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