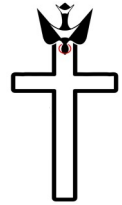


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The Chimes ~ January 2025



***Join Us For Our Annual
SOUP SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th
4:30-6:30 P.M.***



The MMC Missions Team will be hosting its annual soup supper — serving chili, chicken noodle, and vegetable beef soups, along with a variety of desserts — all for a freewill donation! All proceeds will go to our January Mission of the Month, “Convoy of Hope”, for disaster relief.



Sign-up sheets are located on the wall outside the sanctuary. Donations will be needed for the soup ingredients & desserts, as well as volunteers to assist with serving & cleaning up. We are also asking for donations of items for a silent auction.



Check out the sign-up sheets for the list of ways that you might be able to help.

Thank you in advance, and we hope to see you on the 15th for supper!

(Note: There will be NO WOW the evening of January 15th.)



A note from Pastor Phil...

In the Book of Acts chapter 6, we find the twelve original Disciples overwhelmed with the demands of ministry and have appointed another seven Disciples to take on some of the ministry demands so that they could continue to preach and teach, seeking new believers to be saved. In Acts chapter 7, we read about one of these newly chosen seven, named Stephen - being stoned for his teaching of Jesus by a mob led by the Pharisee Saul - who would eventually go on to become the Apostle Paul after an encounter with the Holy Spirit on a road trip to Damascus. After this, many of the early Christian church fled Jerusalem to avoid similar martyrdom. Another of these newly appointed Disciples is named Philip, known as the Evangelist (not to be confused with Philip, one of the original twelve Disciples.) Philip the Evangelist traveled to Samaria and started a new church with fiery preaching that caused the church to grow and bloom. The growth of the church was so incredible that the leaders in Jerusalem sent the Apostle Peter to see for himself and provide encouragement. Philip had become something of a local celebrity and the church was flourishing. I am sure the folks in the church felt specially blessed. Now let us look into the scripture that immediately follows;

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road - the desert road - that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.

²⁹The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet.

“Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”

So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. - Acts 8:26-31

It is important to note that when the Holy Spirit (Angel of the Lord) spoke, Philip did not hesitate but followed the divine instructions, left his successful ministry and went alone into the desert. There he encounters a man reading scripture. It just so happens the eunuch is reading Messianic prophecy from the Book of Isaiah in the Septuagint (the Greek Old Testament). Pay close attention to verses 30-31. Do you understand the Word of God? How can I, without explanation? Is this any less true today?

During the COVID-19 Pandemic lockdown, this church responded by seeking out a way to continue to share the Good News through our local radio station, KMCH. We broadcast our Sunday worship services every Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. This helped us engage our congregation who did not have the ability to participate in our worship services online.

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A note from Pastor Phil...

Since the lockdown ended, we have maintained our worship presence, inviting all to join us who are not able to come in person or view it online. I have heard many times from people in our community that this radio offering is well received and serves as the worship service for many of our neighbors near and far. God has used this modern form of communication to be glorified for many who would otherwise not hear the Good News.

This last year with our economy being such a challenge for so many of our church family, we find that our ministry dollars are stretched and that we might be forced into making some financial compromises. Our Single Board members - acting in accordance with their responsibilities - began to question if radio worship is still something that we need to do, with both live and online worship opportunities offered every week. I support that this question is responsible, but personally feel that we have established a radio worship community and would like to continue to support them. The decision was made to seek individual sponsorship for the radio ministry, at a cost of \$75 per week.

Debbie and I have felt truly blessed ever since we moved to the Manchester community and began our ministry together here at Manchester Methodist Church. It has really become our "home town." We also thank God for all the pastors that have shared in their ministry here that prepared the way for us to be welcomed and successful. As it happens I actually know a few of them personally. So Debbie and I are going to fund all the radio costs for the month of January 2025 in honor of the ministry here of my colleagues and friends, Rev. Jim Hanke, Rev. Dave Wagner, Rev. Roger Henry, and Rev. Mike Druhl. I want to thank them for preparing the way.

In our story above, Philip shared with the eunuch the Good News of the gospel and the salvation promised in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The eunuch was so moved that when they came to a small pond he requested Philip to baptize him in the waters. Then Philip and the Eunuch parted ways. Many years later, as the church mission moved into Ethiopia, they were surprised to find an active and healthy church of believers already praising and worshiping Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Savior. I wonder if Philip ever knew the true influence revealed that day sharing the gospel with a stranger.

If you feel inspired to sponsor a week - or more - of the radio ministry of our church (maybe for a special occasion, or in memory or honor of someone), please contact Lynne in the office - or sign up on the chart in the hallway - to make sure that we can share with the church your generosity and those whom you may wish to honor. The cost is \$75 per week to fully fund the one hour radio presentation.

Peace,
Pastor Phil



MMC Single Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ Wesley Hall

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

Mark called the meeting to order followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil. Mark shared a brief devotional from Ecclesiastes 7:8 "Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." He shared some personal thoughts on this scripture.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by prayer for healing.

Finance: Bruce shared that our deficit as of the end of November is -\$9,639. He acknowledged a substantial gift has been recently given to help with the shortfall. He also said Connectional giving will be paid quarterly rather than monthly.

Trustees: Charlie reported on the progress made for the new offices. They should be painted later this week. The carpet tile has been picked out from Kluesner Flooring. New security equipment will be required for the offices including the east entrance door. The remodel of the south entrance should happen next year. Supreme Green has been contracted for snow and ice removal. The broken windows on the east side of the church have been fixed by Palmer Hardware.

Worship: Beth shared that the choir will be singing a song at Dr. Tyrrell's funeral on January 4. He was a choir member for many years.

Missions: \$1,000 from the Ice Cream Social proceeds will be sent to "Faith Responders" for hurricane relief. Our annual Soup Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15. Sign-up sheets will be posted for food needed plus Silent Auction items. We will have a freewill offering. Proceeds will be sent to "Convoy of Hope", a disaster relief organization based in Missouri. They have also provided much relief to recent hurricane victims.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori will order 200 copies of our new church directory today at a cost of \$1,750. There are almost enough funds donated for this project to defray the cost, but a free will offering would be appreciated.

Congregational Care: This team met recently and addressed over 100 Christmas cards to be sent to our church family. A donation of stamps was acknowledged. We will meet in January to start planning our Valentine's get-together.

Lay Leader: Bill thanked everyone for their valuable leadership on our Board.

Action Item: Motion by Wayne, seconded by Charlie to continue with our legal representation through NCLL in the amount of \$1,000, plus some possible additional fees for 2025, and pay for this out of the Rahab account as that mission project moves ahead. Motion carried.

Action Item: A recommendation from Finance to approve the 2025 budget was brought forward. After some discussion and a few minor changes, the 2025 budget was approved unanimously.

Our next regular board meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Board Secretary



SERVING OUR CHURCH



Happy New Year 2025!!

January 5th

8:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice
Children's Sermon: Roy Vice
Communion: Heather & Roy Vice,
Marilyn Feldmann

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Jean Gross & Wayne B.

January 12th

8:30

Liturgist: Will Turner
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Jeanine Stellick
Communion: Jean Gross & Jeanine S.

January 19th

8:30

Liturgist: Jackie Sherman
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Communion: Bill & Donna Scanlan

January 26th - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Julie Porter, Pam Vap

MMC Serving Teams

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

◆ Communion Servers, Liturgists, Scripture Readers, 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
mmctechteam@gmail.com

◆ Nursery Attendants:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 563-920-2006

◆ Fellowship Time Hosts:

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

◆ Worship Music:

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

◆ Church Office Assistants:

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Happy Birthday!

Sherry Goranson.....	1/02
Doris Lei.....	1/02
Ruth Chapman.....	1/05
Ron Gearhart.....	1/05
Brooklyn Wefel.....	1/05
Marilyn Feldmann.....	1/06
Everett Hough.....	1/07
JoAnn (Feldmann) Ogea.....	1/12
Kristin Milroy.....	1/12
Gary Evarts.....	1/17
Jaimie (Rasmussen) Burk.....	1/17
Joyce Harbaugh.....	1/19
Dave Gibbs.....	1/20
Bruce Mangold.....	1/20
Rose Perkins.....	1/21
Jim Hopkins.....	1/23
Carol Kremer.....	1/24
Kaci Reth.....	1/24
Marlene Reth.....	1/28
Merle Mangold.....	1/31

Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Tanja Foster.....	01/24
Tim & Kathy Dolan.....	01/28

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Please note: If you know of someone's birthday or anniversary that was inadvertently omitted from this list, please notify the church office so we can include them on the list next time!

RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the chart in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast or to share flowers for the altar. Please let Lynne in the office know if they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone. All of the January radio broadcasts are being sponsored by Pastor Phil & Debbie Rogers, but all other Sundays in 2025 are currently open.



January Radio Broadcasts:

- Jan. 5 In honor of Pastor Jim Hanke
- Jan. 12 In honor of Pastor Dave Wagner
- Jan. 19 In honor of Pastor Roger Henry
- Jan. 26 In honor of Pastor Mike Druhl

January Altar Flowers: All Sundays 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

The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

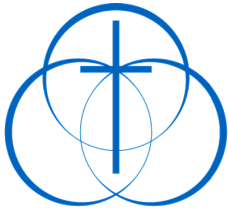


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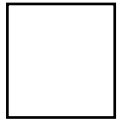


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups						

February 2025							1	2	3	4
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Office Closed 	8am-10am Clothing Closet	9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket	8:00pm Community meetings in parlor & conference room
2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22				
23	24	25	26	27	28					
5 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Fellowship Time Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship	6 NO Second Helpings	7 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group	8 10am - 2pm Clothing Closet 5:30pm WOW	9 10:30am GNH & Meadows Communion	10 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket	11 8:00pm Community meetings in parlor & conference room				
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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 in person 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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