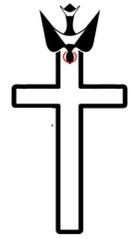


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The Chimes ~ August 2025



On Sunday, June 29th, Manchester Methodist Church was recognized for having served as an Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Location for 15 years. Our success and longevity are because of passionate volunteers who step up year after year giving their time, talents, and energy to help spread the news of this ministry. No matter your role or how it has changed over the years, you have been a vital part of the growth of OCC in NE Iowa.



Pictured at left, L to R:
Rev. Phil Rogers;
Stephanie Stocks, our
Local OCC coordinator;
Steve Fast, Area OCC
coordinator

OCC...
helping to spread
**GOOD NEWS &
GREAT JOY**
to children worldwide!



A note from Pastor Phil...

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. - 1 Corinthians 12:27-28

I am not much of a joiner... I've never been one to join a book club, or a supper club, or even the Rotary. It always seems a way to invite a hassle where somebody will have expectations of me because I am a member. A convenience store I frequent is always after me to get one of their discount cards... it seemed like a hassle, but I finally gave in and filled one out. Now every morning I save about a dollar on my usual order, and nobody has asked for anything else from me. Signing up and belonging there seems to be worth it. It was free to join, saves me a little money, and other than stopping in to make my morning purchase, there is no other greater expectation from me. Many scholars refer to this generation as "Post-Christian" as society moves away from a traditional Christian morality. Many also note that there has been a significant cultural shift since the pandemic. One thing that is certain is that many view church membership much like I view my discount card at the local convenience store.

Most know that I am not one to push church membership, maybe because I have my own hesitation to join things, but mostly because I know that, as for me, I am going to care for all who come through the door. I do not hesitate to join in ministry with everyone who is around and engaged in our cause for Christ. I do not remember asking if somebody was a member before inviting them to be involved. The only exception to this is church leadership (Single Board), which does require membership.

As I look at the scripture above from 1 Corinthians, it verifies that even after 2000 years of Christian church we are still doing things in a similar way, but the titles may have changed. We may not have a resident prophet, but they didn't have a tech team. We must recognize that we are a people of many gifts and talents that are to be used in the proclamation of our faith, so that those who do not know may experience a Risen Christ, believe, and be saved.

It is verse 27 that spoke to me this morning. "You are the body of Christ!" All who believe share in the working of the body together. None stand alone, all are important. Whether or not you are a church member, if this is where you pray and worship, you are a part of this body, and this body is blessed. But if this is where you pray and worship, then it is important that you fulfill your part, your function, so that the body thrives in its Kingdom's call to seek the lost. Maybe that is why I am not real concerned about membership - I already accept ALL as part of the body when they share in prayer and worship with us.

I do not wish to downplay membership, though. Membership, in my mind, is something like baptism... an outward display of something already experienced inside of an individual. When you are a member you are proclaiming that you are part of this body, part of sharing in this ministry and understanding of grace. With this greater commitment comes the ability to serve in leadership on Single Board, as well as voting rights on all things from yearly budget to ministry candidates. If you would like to be a member just let me know. I am always encouraged by folks prepared to make a greater commitment. First and foremost though, are you participating in the body? We are diminished when our body doesn't function in all its spiritual fullness.

Peace,
Pastor Phil

We are one in the Spirit...

~ Missions Committee Update ~



The Mission of the Month for August will be to collect donations to help those in Texas affected by the Guadalupe River flooding.

Also, beginning on August 3rd, we will start an ongoing mission to collect non-perishable food items for the little food pantry which is in our parking lot. There will be a container placed in front of the altar for this purpose on the first Sunday of every month—you may drop off your donated items in the collection container. Of course you may also place donations directly into the little pantry at your convenience at any time. Thank you for your continued generosity towards all of our mission endeavors.

Looking ahead to September...the missions committee will be hosting a brunch on Sunday, September 28th between services. Proceeds will go to the Dirt Roads Network to support church planting efforts of Zach Kingery.

MMC Financial Report as of June 30, 2025

01 General Fund

June contributions:	\$24,764
<u>June expenses:</u>	<u>\$16,988</u>
June balance:	+ \$7,776
Year-to-date contributions:	\$123,966
<u>Year-to-date expenses:</u>	<u>\$114,596</u>
Year-to-date balance:	+ \$9,370

~ Trustees Update ~

The trustees met on July 10th. In attendance were Charlie Dighton (chair), Clarence Slife, Blake O'Connell, and Dan Kunde.

Financial report: In the black, and things are looking good.

Old business: 1) Charlie is receiving quotes from S & K for more sidewalk in the front; 2) the Crying Room is a work in progress; 3) the south entrance remodeling is in progress and should take a couple weeks; 4) one quote was received for the new sound system for \$25,000 – plan to use building funds, and donations received will replenish that account.

New business: 1) Jackie Sherman wants new flooring outside the Clothing Closet – currently looking at remnants; 2) M & M Mechanical is replacing a switch on the kitchen dishwasher. It has been recommended that the dishwasher be replaced soon; currently looking at how often it gets used.

Next meeting of the trustees will be on August 14th at 7:00 P.M.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKE SALE

August 31, 2025

Before & After service

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 20, 2025

@ Cedar Valley Church in Waterloo

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 17-24, 2025

PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 22, 2025

@ 9 a.m.

2025 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF LOCATION

2,100 boxes

\$8,184.97 of \$10,000 raised

PACKING PARTY NEEDS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks OR Folders & Paper

Crayons

Scissors

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS AS A DROP OFF LOCATION!

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our efforts to serve as an OCC Drop Off Location for the past 15 years! You have stepped up in so many ways making sure over 47,700 boxes have safely reached the next step in their journey to the hands of a child who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!



SERVING OUR CHURCH

August 3rd - 9:30

Liturgist: Roger White
 Children's Message: Jordan LeClere
 Communion: Marilyn Feldmann,
 Tom & Connie Allyn

August 10th - 9:30

Liturgist: Jordan LeClere
 Children's Message: Paul Lyman

August 17th - 9:30

Liturgist: Tom Allyn
 Children's Message: Darla Gaskill

August 24th - 9:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
 Children's Message: Terry Larson

August 31st Contemporary Serv. - 9:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
 Children's Message: Tom Fetter

Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	20-S
Karen Slife	144-N

The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

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
 techteam.mmc@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 & Lynne Rasmussen
 elizabethannmueller@gmail.com,
 admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org
 or call the office @ 563-927-4439

◆ Church Office Assistants:

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Happy Birthday!

Ron Stellick	8/2
Barb O'Connell.....	8/4
Debbie Rogers	8/5
Tom Fetter	8/9
Dennis Porter.....	8/14
Sandy Kent.....	8/15
Jeff Larsen.....	8/15
Donna Scanlan.....	8/16
Verle Hankins.....	8/19
Mary Jo Larsen.....	8/22
Tom Allyn.....	8/29
Darla Gaskill.....	8/31

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Marianne Nodurft	8/1
Mark & Lori Clemen.....	8/3
Dave & Darla Gaskill	8/6
Dean & Jackie Sherman	8/6
Ronnie & Nancy Bachman	8/8
Harold & Karon Rosauer	8/14

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 next time!*

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, September 7th we will kickoff our Sunday School year with a potluck and fun day at Central Park immediately following our 9:30 A.M. worship service.

If you have a new baby in your family, please be sure to notify the office and we will place a rose (or roses) on the altar for new moms, grandmas, & great-grandmas!

RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the calendar in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast (\$75/Sunday), or to share flowers for the altar.



If they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone, please let Lynne in the office know (or include it on the sign-up sheet).

August Radio Broadcasts:

- August 3..... Lori Snyder, in loving memory of Valene Schnieders
- August 10 ... Anonymous
- August 17 ... Ron & Janine Stellick, in loving memory of Nathan Twedt
- August 24 ... Tim Tacy, in loving memory of Wanda Tacy
- August 31 ... Anonymous

August Altar Flowers:

All Sundays in August are available if you would like to share altar flowers!

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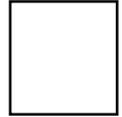


Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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Return Service Requested

TO:

OFFICE HOURS:

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ **Sunday mornings in person at 9:30am (thru Sept. 7th)**
- ◆ **Find us on YouTube to watch the Sun. 9:30am service**
- ◆ **Listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday nights**
- ◆ **Wednesday evenings in person at 6:15pm**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

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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