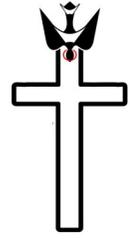


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The Chimes ~ September 2025

Sunday School Kick-off Event!

We hope you can join us on **Sunday, September 7th** following the 9:30 A.M. worship service for a picnic and fun activities in Central Park, as we kick-off our fall Sunday School season!



We will enjoy a potluck meal, 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 all the food, fun, & fellowship!

On Sunday, September 14th we will return to our regular fall schedule, with worship at 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Sunday School classes, fellowship time, and choir rehearsal will be from approximately 9:30-10:15.

Save the date for the 75+ Birthday Party!



Congregational Care will again be hosting a birthday party for all those who are age 75 and over! The date is October 9th at noon, in Wesley Hall. It will include lunch, music, and a presentation by Wayne Birkenholz. 'Bee' watching for more information in the coming weeks.



A note from Pastor Phil...

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. - John 1:10-13

You know those times when you meet someone new and they say “tell me about yourself”? I know I am never comfortable with that question. Who am I? Well, I'm bigger than average yet smaller than some...I am long on patience, yet at times short-tempered. I am a son, a husband, a father, and a papa...though I am the same person, each of these relationships will view me differently. I have been known to make bad decisions, and some good ones, as well... I once identified as an athlete, then a businessman, a youth pastor, and now a pastor...each of these experiences helped form me, but ultimately none of them identify me in completeness. So who am I? Do I identify by how I see myself, or by how others might see me? Perhaps both, or neither? Can I trust what others may think, is my self-awareness enough that I can trust myself? Then it occurs to me, there is one who knows me better than any other, the one who calls me “wonderfully and fearfully made.” How does God see me?

- John 3:16 - I am loved. (*agape*)
- John 15:15 - I am named as friend by Jesus my Redeemer.
- Colossians 1:14 - I am fully and completely forgiven.
- Ephesians 1:5 - I am the adopted child of God.
- Ephesians 3:16-21 - The Spirit of God dwells within me.
- Philippians 1:6 - I am a work in progress towards perfection in the hands of God.
- Jeremiah 29:11 - I am known by God who has a special purpose for my life.



From our reading in John 1 we can see that Jesus, Messiah, Son of God, lived in this world - for many - unknown, and unaccepted. Yet, He placed His trust and His identity in the Father. In grace, I am invited to equally invest my identity in the Son, a Child of God, an equal heir to the throne - not in pride, nor in shame, but in thanksgiving that this love of God is unconditional, and mine to claim without merit.

This is enough to satisfy me...how could I imagine anything greater.

Peace,
Pastor Phil

MMC Single Board
August 19, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. – Wesley Hall

Present: Jean Gross, Kathy Dolan, Beth Mueller, Charlie Dighton, Wayne Birkenholz, Bruce Nodurft, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil.

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from 1 Cor. 4:1-2. "This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." Mark shared some thoughts on being a fiduciary for God and encouraged us to research the subject. He discovered some interesting thoughts on the subject.

Pastor Phil led us in a guidance prayer after concerns and praises were lifted up.

Finance: Bruce shared the following reports: 1) The issues with the IRS and Windstream have been resolved finally. 2) After having a surplus in giving in June, we had a shortfall of -\$2,354 in July. Our actual expenses as of the end of July are \$136,472 and our actual income was \$143,487, leaving us with a surplus of \$7,015. 3) Connectional giving is paid in full. 4) CDs had matured the end of July. They accrued \$3492 in interest. 4) \$8,000 + 492 was taken out of the CDs and \$37,000 + \$3,000 interest was reinvested. 5) We have received \$8,495 in donations toward the new sound system. There is approximately \$21,690 in funds available for that project. 6) The Brick-by-Brick campaign has \$2725 available after the improvements and this account will be closed by the end of the year. Approximately 60% of the pledges were paid.

Trustees: Charlie shared the following reports: 1) The south entrance and ramp is finished with a total cost of \$15,359.02. 2) The signage in the south parking lot will be changed to *Reserved Parking*. 3) Zach has requested a room to be used as an after-school activity room on Wednesdays for the youth program. The theater room will be converted into what is needed. The theater seating is available for purchase or give away. WIC uses the present youth area on Wednesdays. 4) Lynch Roofing has inspected the roof areas that are leaking into the building. The east roof section needs a rebuild at a projected cost of \$52,900 and the west section of Wesley Hall needs repairs in the amount of \$28,000. Lynch Roofing is available to do the work this fall before winter. There was discussion on how to proceed with these needed repairs. Due to the fact that building materials are costing more every year, it was decided this needed to be repaired before winter. **Action Item:** Motion by Wayne, seconded by Kathy to give Trustees permission to sign a contract with Lynch Roofing for the needed repairs. Motion carried. Charlie will share this information with the congregation for financial support as we look at what finances are available for this project. The roofing material has a 15-year warranty.

Worship: Beth reported the new speakers should be fully functioning this week.

Christian Ed.: September 7th is Sunday School kick-off and the picnic in the park. Meat, buns, and drinks will be provided, and potluck items are welcomed.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported that on October 9th we will serve a birthday luncheon at noon for members who are 75 and over. Please let the office know if you can attend. We will be serving fellowship time on October 12th, which is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Pie and ice cream will be available. Congregational Care will be serving fellowship time between services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Visits were made to the GNH and Meadows as well as shut-ins.

Missions: Wayne mentioned there were proceeds of \$2000 before bills of \$176 were paid for the ice cream social. Approximately 275 attended, including the help. Leftover ice cream can be used for upcoming church activities. The Clothing Closet has received a \$1900 grant for women's hygiene products to be used before the end of this year. The Mission of the Month for August covering the Texas flooding will be extended through September. There will be a brunch held between services on September 28th served by Missions. More information will be forthcoming. The food drive on the 1st Sunday of the month was very successful and will continue as we go forward. (Continued on p. 4...)

SERVING OUR CHURCH

September 7th - 9:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen
Children's Message: Michael Stocks
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann,
Meghan Mensen, Jeff Larson

RETURN TO TWO SERVICES

September 14th

8:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Children's Message: Roy Vice

10:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap
Communion: Pam Vap & Tom Allyn

September 21st

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Message: Paul Lyman

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean Gross & Julie Porter

September 28th Contemporary Services

8:30

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

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Wayne Birkenholz & Bill Scanlan

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
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◆ Church Office Assistants:

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(...Single Board Minutes continued from pg. 3)

This Saturday, August 23rd is a District Conference at our church from 9:00-2:30. Coffee and treats will be available in the morning and a lunch served at noon. Delhi Methodist is helping to host this meeting. All available Single Board members are asked to attend. There will be sharing of Single Boards and how they function within the church body. The conference will be in the sanctuary, with the food served in Wesley Hall. Pastor is hoping for 100 attendees.

The Ice Cream Social signs will be replaced by new ones with the MMC signage and logo.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary



Happy Birthday!

Leann VanDyke.....	09/03
Paul Lyman.....	09/08
Laverne Cooksley.....	09/16
Karon Rosauer.....	09/18
Roger Erickson.....	09/19
Lori Snyder.....	09/20
Kathy Dolan.....	09/20
Lyle Saunders.....	09/21
Sam Milroy.....	09/23
Calvin Turner.....	09/23
Glenda Betels.....	09/29
Mark Clemen.....	09/30

Happy Anniversary!

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

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!*

Sunday, September 28th Brunch

On Sept. 28th, the Missions Team will be serving a brunch between services - freewill offering. Proceeds will go to Dirt Roads Network to support Zach Kingery's church planting efforts.



Thank you to the 36 different people who said "yes" to reading the Apostles' Creed during the 11-week sermon series. Your willingness to help was greatly appreciated!

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).



September Radio Broadcasts:

- Sept. 7Marilyn Feldmann, in loving memory of Doug Wade
- Sept. 14Anonymous
- Sept. 21Lori Snyder, for her birthday
- Sept. 28Anonymous

September Altar Flowers:

- Sept. 7Marilyn Feldmann, in loving memory of Doug Wade
- Sept. 14, 21, & 28 are available!

Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

NAME	ROOM #
Linda Gearhart	
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	20-S
Karen Slife	144-N
Pat Swanson	103-N

The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

FULL CIRCLE SPEAKER

September 13 @ 2:00-3:00 pm
Cornerstone Church, Cascade

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

September 20 @ 1:30-3:30 pm
Cedar Valley Church, Waterloo

BAKE SALE

September 28
Before & After service

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 17-24

2025 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF LOCATION

2,100 boxes

\$9,468.19 of \$10,000 raised!

PACKING PARTY NEEDS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Notebooks OR
Folders & Paper
- Crayons
- Scissors

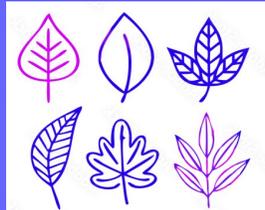
HYGEINE ITEMS

- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes
- Combs/brushes
- Fingernail clippers
- Socks
- Shoes/sandals

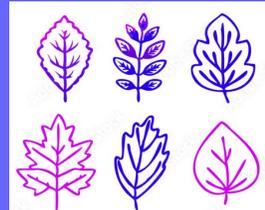


PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that the children receiving a shoebox gift will have their hearts and minds opened and choose to enroll in The Greatest Journey discipleship program. On average, every 24 hours:
 - 15,190 children enroll in The Greatest Journey
 - 11,477 children graduate from the discipleship program
 - 8,830 children receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- Pray for the NE IA Team as we prepare for the Project Leader Workshop.
- Pray for the leadership of the potential new Drop Off Location in Elkader.
- Pray for the volunteers in Kenya, Senegal & an unnamed Central Asian country as they distribute shoebox gifts. May they be bold in proclaiming Christ and leading children and families to Him.

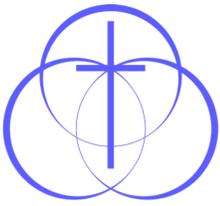


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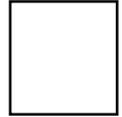


Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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Return Service Requested

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



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ◆ **Sunday mornings in person at 8:30 & 10:30am (9:30 on Sept. 7th)**
- ◆ **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**



“For I know the plans I have for you”
declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11



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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