

Manchester Methodist Church

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The Chimes ~ October 2025

75+ Birthday Party!

Congregational Care will be hosting a 'Bee-Day' 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 about bees by Wayne Birkenholz. **If you plan to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, October 2nd. We hope to see many of you there!**

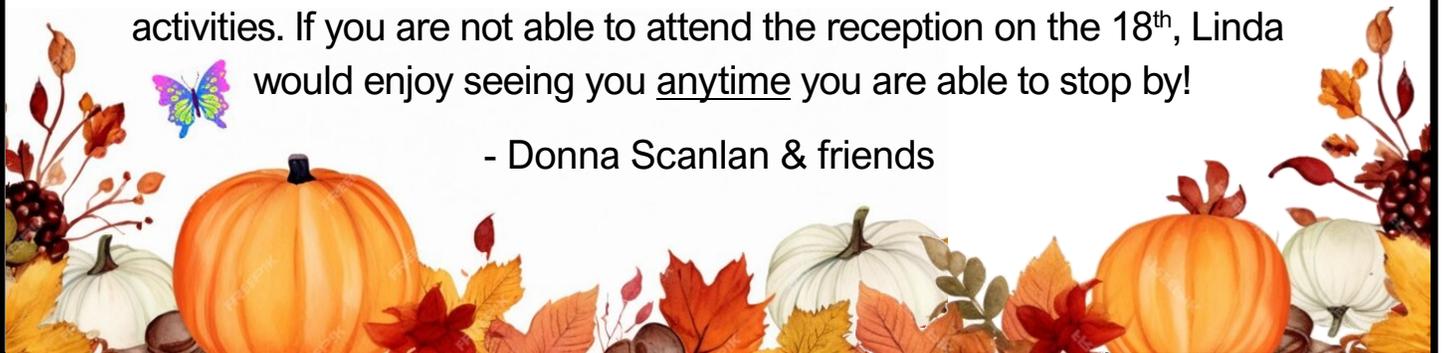


Welcome Back Celebration Planned!

We praise God that Linda Gearhart is now at the Good Neighbor Home here in Manchester! To celebrate this wonderful news, a reception is being held at the GNH in the R2H Dining Room on the north end (in the new rehab wing) on **Saturday, October 18th, from 2:00-4:00 P.M.** Light refreshments will be served. You may park in the lot on the northeast corner of the GNH. 

Please stop by to greet Linda and her family if you are able. She dearly misses seeing her church family and friends, and she also misses being part of all the activities. If you are not able to attend the reception on the 18th, Linda would enjoy seeing you anytime you are able to stop by!

- Donna Scanlan & friends



A note from Pastor Phil...

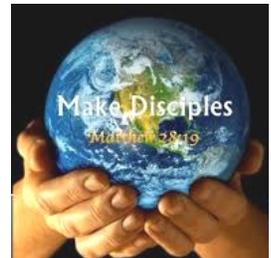
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

- Psalm 34:18

As I sit to write this, I find that my heart is still broken and my spirit troubled by the senseless assassination of Charlie Kirk. Charlie was surely a political pundit, but first and foremost Charlie Kirk was a Christian evangelist. Which of these personas required Charlie Kirk to die to the violence of evil? Perhaps both? I know evil is threatened by a believer who speaks scripture with their lips. I know evil is threatened when they feel their power is questioned. See the threat of Martin Luther King to the voices seeking power in his time, see Jesus from the voices of the Pharisees, and now another martyr has died because of a voice proclaiming the Gospel.

I have been a follower of Charlie Kirk and Turning Point USA for several years. I would watch and listen to the podcasts in their fullness and always felt that this movement could bring peace into a world seemingly bent on division and chaos. I have seen the sound bites from those who falsely claim that Charlie Kirk was a racist, homophobe, misogynist, or whatever they tried to claim to strengthen a false narrative. Most of the sound bites I recognized from hearing them - in their entirety - and knowing that it was a prooftext, completely out of context. God knows what that is like as evil tries to claim scriptural truths in partial, out of context statements. I have even experienced this myself in our disaffiliation journey as some claimed I was deceitful, or that I hated some people... it was hurtful, but I knew it was untrue and not motivated by anything that would edify our mission as a Bride of Christ to "Multiply Disciples of Jesus Christ." There is so much evil on display on social media and even some news and late-night TV. Will this movement to bring conversation and debate with a vision of faith and peace be destroyed by evil? Will we sit idly by and allow evil to have its day and claim its victory?

I was reading an interesting article this morning from a man named Anthony Delgado about Christianity making a comeback. He states some Pew (Pew Research Center) data revealing that the decline of Christianity is flatlining, though the growth is limited. Though I do not agree with all his conclusions, I did find the data somewhat encouraging. Though the author claims that there is not a revival happening, I say that God is moving, preparing for a revival, soon to come. I believe the overall response to Charlie Kirk's assassination would reveal this to be true. So the question is, is the church ready? Are we ready? All of these new people - young and old, from different backgrounds, with different life stories, different brokenness - are we ready? Have we prepared our hearts and minds to receive them? Jesus is preparing the way for revival - are we prepared to put the necessary energy behind His blessing so that God is glorified, and we seek to live into the Global Methodist vision to "make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe"? Let us pray that we seek to be worthy of this blessing.



Peace,
Pastor Phil

MMC Single Board - September 16, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from James 1:2-4. This scripture reminds us to persevere in the face of trials so we can be mature and complete. Prayers and praises were lifted up, followed by a guidance prayer from Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce reported that expenses out-paced giving in August by -\$5,062. Our year-to-date actual expenses are \$160,961 and our actual income is \$162,914. We still have a small surplus of +\$1,953 for the year. The paperwork for Rahab House has been completed and that board will be taking over the responsibilities for that separate entity. Bruce also shared some possible sources to pay for some of the needed roof repairs.

Trustees: Charlie reported the sound system replacement is complete. The final bill is being paid this week. The handicap parking lot signs for the south entrance will be replaced with "Reserved Parking" signs since the ramp is not handicap compliant. Charlie said that snow melt or salt **should not** be used on the new ramp, but only sand, to keep from damaging the metal. Discussion was held on how to pay for the roof repairs and replacement by Lynch Roofing. The work will be done this fall. Pastor Phil will announce the need for funding the repairs. Yellow striping has been placed on the sidewalk at the base of the new ramp. This is required due to the subtle elevation changes in the walkway. RAHAB House is no longer a responsibility of the Trustees.

Worship: Beth said the final cost of the sound system replacement came in under the estimate by about \$5,000. She is very happy with the work that was done. There is now sound in the balcony area.

Christian Ed.: Sunday School has begun, and plans are underway for the confirmation class this year.

Missions: Wayne reminded us of the brunch being served by missions on September 28. Food for the event is being planned. Proceeds from this event will be given to Dirt Roads Ministry. He also said the first Sunday food donations for our outside food box have been very successful.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori again mentioned that there continues to be a need for ushers and greeters, especially with the two services starting.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported that the October 9th Birthday Luncheon is being planned for those 75 and older. Pastor Appreciation Day is October 12th, and pie and ice cream will be served during Fellowship Time. We are serving for Fellowship Time every 2nd Sunday of the month as well as being greeters and ushers that Sunday. Our team continues to visit shut-ins, the GNH and Meadows.

Staff Parish: Shirley is looking for a date for a meeting to discuss salaries and evaluations of staff.

Plans will soon be underway for the next budget year.

Pastor Phil briefly talked about the recent District Conference meeting at our church which focused on the Single Board concept and what the different possibilities are for those boards. He is looking for a topic of concern for the next conference. Charge Conference for our church will be on a Tuesday in October or November and will take place before our regular meeting.

There was some discussion on serving funeral lunches for those that have no connection to our church. Pastor has informed the funeral home about this for future reference. Most churches in Manchester ask the families to find a caterer for the event.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

October 5th

8:30

Liturgist: Will Turner
Children's Message: Paul Lyman
Communion: Will Turner, Marilyn Feldmann,
Roger White

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: Janine Stellick, Dustin Kirkpatrick

October 12th

8:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice
Children's Message: Roy Vice

10:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap
Communion: Pam Vap, Tom Allyn

October 19th

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Jean Gross & Wayne Birkenholz

October 26th

Contemporary Services

8:30

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

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Jean Gross,
Dustin Kirkpatrick

MMC Serving Teams

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

◆ Door Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers:

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

◆ Tech Team/AV:

Ruth Voshell/Michael Stocks
techteam.mmc@gmail.com

Help is especially needed at this time with these two areas!

◆ Communion Servers, Liturgists, Scripture Readers, Children's Sermon:

Jeff Larsen @ 563-608-4036
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

◆ 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!

- Duane Philgreen..... 10/02
- Cami Philgreen 10/02
- Terri Philgreen..... 10/05
- Anthony Bardgett..... 10/09
- Travis Hough..... 10/11
- Rita Woods..... 10/13
- Florence Parrott 10/13
- Mary Lou Mangold..... 10/16
- Mary Haigh 10/18
- Jim Kerton 10/18
- Harold Rosauer 10/20
- Tyler Rasmussen 10/26
- Janine Stellick..... 10/28
- Nancy Hough..... 10/29

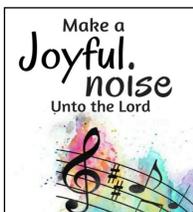
Happy Anniversary!

- Tom & Mary Jane Fetter 10/05
- Michael & Joanne Wade 10/06
- Dennis & Julie Porter..... 10/15
- Tom & Connie Allyn..... 10/21
- Phil & Debbie Rogers..... 10/24
- James & Linda Kerton..... 10/26

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!*

CHANCEL CHOIR

The church choir rehearses on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 in the sanctuary. We 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"!



RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

You may sign up on the calendar in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast (\$75 per 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).



October Radio Broadcasts:

- Oct. 5 Anonymous
- Oct. 12 Anonymous
- Oct. 19 In celebration of Wayne & Cindy Birkenholz's wedding anniversary
- Oct. 26 Anonymous

October Altar Flowers:

- Oct. 5 OPEN
- Oct. 12 In celebration of Dennis & Julie Porter's wedding anniversary
- Oct. 19/26 OPEN

Good Neighbor Home Residents

NAME	ROOM #
Marge Erikson	Marietta's
Linda Gearhart	25-S
Dorothy Hoffmann	125-N
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	120-N
Louise Reth	20-S
Diane Simon	101-N
Karen Slife	144-N
Pat Swanson	103-N

The Meadows Residents

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

BAKE SALE/CRAFT SALE

Sunday, October 26

Between services

DROP-OFF LOCATION

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Thursday, Nov. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 17-24

PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 22 @ 9:00 a.m.

2025 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF LOCATION

2,100 boxes

\$9,578.19 of \$10,000 raised!

PACKING PARTY NEEDS

CLOTHING

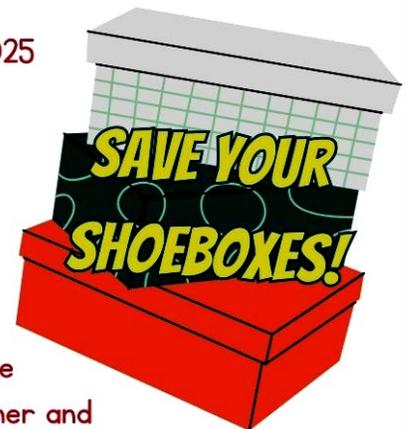
- T-shirts
- Shorts/Pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes/sandals

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Coloring books/stickers
- Puzzles or Legos
- Binoculars
- Craft kits
- Jump ropes/Yo-Yo
- Play Dough

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for God's provision as we work to fulfill the following 2025 shoebox goals:
 - 1,000 for Manchester Methodist Church
 - 2,100 for the Manchester Drop Off Location
 - 15,000 for the 13 county NE IA Team
 - 11.1 million for the U.S.
 - 12.6 million worldwide
- Pray for the more than 1,000 Chapra children living deep in the Amazon rainforest of Peru who received shoeboxes this summer and for the first time heard a clear presentation of the Gospel message.



October 2025

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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

November 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

1
 9am-4pm
 WIC
 Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 WOW

2
 8-10am
 Clothing Closet

3
 9:30am
 Sippers meet
 @Bread Basket

4
 8:00pm
 Community mtg.
 in conf. rm.

5
 8:30am
 Worship
 9:30am
 Sunday School
 Fellowship, Choir
 10:30am
 Worship

6
 4:30-5:30pm
 Second Helpings
 & Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 Worship Design
 meeting

7
 9:30-11:30am
 Sewing Group
 6:30 - 8:30pm
 Scouts/comm.rm.
 7:00pm
 Comm. mtg./parlor

8
 9am-4pm
 WIC
 Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 WOW

9
 10:30am
 GNH/Meadows
 Communion
 7:00pm
 Trustees mtg.

10
 9:30am
 Sippers meet
 @Bread Basket

11
 8:00pm
 Community mtg.
 in conf. rm.

12 Pastor
 8:30am
 Worship
 9:30am
 Sunday School
 Fellowship, Choir
 10:30am
 Worship

13
 4:30-5:30pm
 Second Helpings
 & Clothing Closet
 6:30 - 8pm
 Scout leaders
 meeting in
 community rm.

14
 9:30-11:30am
 Sewing Group
 7:00pm
 Comm. mtg./parlor

15
 10am-2pm
 Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 WOW

16

17
 9:30am
 Sippers meet
 @Bread Basket

18
 8:00pm
 Community mtg.
 in conf. rm.
 2:00-4:00pm
 Reception
 @GNH for
 Linda Gearhart

19
 8:30am
 Worship
 9:30am
 Sunday School
 Fellowship, Choir
 10:30am
 Worship

20
 4:30-5:30pm
 Second Helpings
 & Clothing Closet
 5:00pm
 Missions mtg.

21
 9:00am
 Del. Co. Min./FH
 9:30-11:30am
 Sewing Group
 6:00pm
 Single Board
 6:30 - 8:30pm
 Scouts/comm.rm.
 7:00pm
 Comm. mtg./parlor

22
 10am-2pm
 Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 WOW

23

24
 9:30am
 Sippers meet
 @Bread Basket

25
 8:00pm
 Community mtg.
 in conf. rm.

26
 8:30am
 Worship
 9:30am
 Sunday School
 OCC Bake Sale
 10:30am
 Worship

27
 4:30-5:30pm
 Second Helpings
 & Clothing Closet

28
 9:30-11:30am
 Sewing Group
 6:30 - 8:30pm
 Scouts/FH
 7:00pm
 Comm. mtg./parlor

29
 10am-2pm
 Clothing Closet
 5:30pm
 WOW

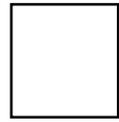
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31
 9:30am
 Sippers meet
 @Bread Basket





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Return Service Requested

TO:



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon./Wed.: 9:00am-5:00pm ~ Tues./Thurs.: 9:00am-3:00pm ~ Friday: Closed

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



The Ministry Team at MMC includes:

Pastor Phil Rogers and the entire Congregation
 Youth Director: Pastor Zach Rogers
 Office Manager/Secretary: Lynne Rasmussen
 Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles
 Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman
 Music Director: Beth Mueller



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