

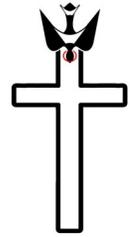


Manchester Methodist Church

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The Chimes ~ November 2025

All Saints Service of Remembrance

Each year, we take time to honor and remember those from our church family who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year. We invite everyone to join us for an *All Saints Service of Remembrance* to honor them.



We will hold our All Saints observance on Sunday, November 9th at both the 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. worship services. Those saints that we will be remembering include:

Audrey Belden

Diane Miller

John Tyrrell

Shirley Haigh

Larry Swanson

Eric Zehr

Missions Team Brunch Rescheduled

The brunch which had to be postponed in October has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 16th between services. Casseroles, rolls, fruit, and drinks will be served. Proceeds will be sent to support the Dirt Roads Network.



Now Taking Orders for Poinsettias

Help us beautify our sanctuary for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia plant! The cost again this year will be \$9.00 per plant. Order forms can be found on the welcome desk in the narthex. Please indicate on the form if your poinsettia is being shared in honor or in memory of someone specific, or for a special occasion. **Orders must be turned in to the office by Monday, November 17th, with payment included. Thanks!**



A note from Pastor Phil...



“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. – John 15:9–11

Last night at our WOW (Worship on Wednesday) service my son, Zach, brought a powerful message about the Holiness of God. I must confess that I was proud of his obedient response to enter ministry, and the boldness in how he proclaims his faith. But throughout the message I heard little tidbits that I know are things that he has heard me say. I must admit, it surprised me that he was listening so well that he has incorporated some of my teachings into his own. It brought me great joy to know that I have helped to nurture his walk towards faith maturity, and that these teachings would survive me into future generations.

Jesus shares in the John scripture above that He and the father are one, and that they will know not just any joy, but a complete and perfect joy, when His people share their faith... seeking to make disciples, just as He commanded. I know the pride and joy of a proud father. Can we even imagine the complete and perfect joy of our Lord and Redeemer?

Let us focus on sharing the love of God and neighbor in all of our words and deeds, knowing with assurance that God will know complete joy in us.

Peace, Pastor Phil

Dear Congregation:

My family and I really enjoyed seeing many of our church family and our other special friends last Saturday at the Good Neighbor Home. It was wonderful catching up with so many of you!

We were impressed that the room was SO BEAUTIFUL and the atmosphere was so inviting, not to mention the treats were so tasty! Our whole family enjoyed visiting with each of you, and reading all your cards. We feel so blessed.



Again, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH! We want to give a special thank you to Donna Scanlan and friends for this act of love. It is our hope that you will stop by and visit us often at the GNH!



Love, Linda & Ron



MMC Single Board - October 21, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Mark Reth, Pastor Phil, Charlie Dighton, Bill Scanlan, Wayne Birkenholz, Bruce Nodurft, Shirley Davis, Kathy Dolan, Jean Gross, Paul Lyman.

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from John 6:25-27. Jesus reminds us to work for the 'food that endures to eternal life.'

Prayers and praises were lifted up, followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce reported there have been 22 responses to the 110 letters sent out requesting support for our recent roof repairs. So far \$11,155 has been received with a few pledges for future support. He also reported we have received an undesignated memorial gift in the amount of \$16,068; 90% of this will go to the building fund with the remaining 10% being divided up between missions, the general fund, and the building fund per previous board action. \$30,000 has been drawn from the monies earned by the Richter endowment fund to be used if needed to pay for the roof repairs. Bruce will be working on the 2026 budget, and it will be presented at the November Single Board meeting.

Trustees: Charlie said the final bill has been received from Lynch Roofing and the work was completed. The south parking lot handicapped signs have been replaced by Reserved Parking signs and the parking stops have been painted. Yellow stripes have been placed by the ramp to indicate the subtle rises in the sidewalk. The AED needs to be updated and a letter has been sent to the company. The north doors of the elevator were not working properly and have been repaired by the company. No salt will be used for snow removal but only sand. Zach Rogers power washed the parsonage. Debbie informed the trustees that the parsonage garage doors are not working properly. Tom will contact Overhead Doors in Dyersville to schedule them to come and replace them.

Christian Ed.: Paul said there are two, possibly three students for our confirmation class this year. Sunday School is going well. We will need to be looking for a Sunday School teacher next year for the class that meets in the library.

Missions: Wayne reported \$1,551 was sent for Texas flood relief. The brunch has been rescheduled for Sunday November 16th between services. Casseroles, rolls, fruit, and drinks will be served. Proceeds will be sent to support the Dirt Road Network. January missions will be for WayPoint Services and we will be having a soup supper. February will support Heifer International and March HACAP. The team welcomes input from the congregation for mission suggestions.

Congregational Care: The birthday party held on October 9th was another success, with 41 in attendance. Wayne shared a program about his honeybees, which all enjoyed. On Pastor Appreciation Sunday we served pie and ice cream to honor Pastor Phil. Twelve pies were made by the team. We are hosting fellowship and greeting/ushering the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cards and visits continue to be made and roses shared with those having a new member of their family.

Staff Parish: Shirley reported that staff salaries and evaluations are being looked at for next year. Background checks can now be done online, but they need to be updated every three years. Nursery attendance is doing OK, as reported by Sadie. We are meeting again on Monday, October 27th.

Our Charge Conference this year is scheduled for November 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. We will make an extra effort to remind the congregation all are welcome to attend. Zach is writing the Advent study for this year and copies will be available. There was some discussion as to the possibility of installing some washers and dryers for the homeless in our community to use. This would be in correlation with Social Services. Grant money is available, but the need for more electricity and sewer must be assessed before anything can move forward. More discussion is needed in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted.
Jean Gross, Secretary





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

UPCOMING EVENTS

DROP-OFF LOCATION

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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

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

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

(Volunteers Needed)

November 17-24

11/17, 11/21 & 11/22 9:00-11:00 a.m.

11/18 & 11/20 1:00-3:00 p.m.

11/19 4:00-6:00 p.m.

11/23 12:00-2:00 p.m.

11/24 8:00-10:00 a.m.

PACKING PARTY

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

2025 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF LOCATION

2,100 boxes

\$11,578.82 of \$10,000 raised!

PACKING PARTY NEEDS

- Coloring books
- Notebooks or folders w/paper
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Combs
- Toothbrushes & holders
- Clothing (esp. 10-14 yr. old boys)
- WOW items

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for our Drop Off Location and the health and safety of our volunteers as they prepare to welcome donors and accept their carefully packed shoeboxes.
- Praise God for the many families and groups that are packing shoebox gifts. Pray that the Lord would stir their excitement and give them vision for what He is accomplishing through them.
- Pray for ongoing follow-up meetings that teams have in hard-to-reach communities. Pray that we will be able to build favor and trust with the people and that they will respond to the Gospel message.





OPERATION CHRISTMASCHILD
Packing Party

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 9:00 AM
MANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH

413 E Butler St Manchester IA
Park in the lot behind the church and use the back door.

Help us pack 1,000 shoeboxes with gifts like school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, & toys for children around the world so they can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information about OCC, visit
www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

SERVING OUR CHURCH

November 2nd

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick

November 9th

8:30

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

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean Gross, Meghan Mensen

November 16th

8:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Children's Message: Roy Vice

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Wayne B., Tom or Connie Allyn

November 23rd

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Children's Message: Michael Stocks

10:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap
Communion: Pam V., Julie Porter

November 30th

8:30

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

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Dustin Kirkpatrick, 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:

◆ 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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Charge Conference Scheduled

Our yearly Charge Conference is scheduled for November 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend and help celebrate our accomplishments!



Musicians Wanted!

The church choir rehearses in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:00 A.M. We sing at the 10:30 worship service every Sunday, except for the last Sunday of each month, and we take the summer off. 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"!

Happy Birthday!

Mike Reth	11/05
Lisa Hough.....	11/07
Wayne Birkenholz.....	11/07
Cheryl Voelker	11/08
Erin Mensen	11/11
Clarence Slife.....	11/16
Craig Carradus	11/21
Jason Kluesner.....	11/22
James Hough	11/24

Happy Anniversary!

Roger & Tammy White	11/15
Mike & Regina Reth.....	11/28
Ron & Janine Stellick	11/30

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!

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).



November Radio Broadcasts:

Nov. 2	Glenn Nystel, in remembrance of Ellen's birthday, on Nov. 5th
Nov. 9	Anonymous
Nov. 16	Anonymous
Nov. 23	Glenn Nystel, in loving memory of Ellen Jean Nystel
Nov. 30	Ron & Janine Stellick, in celebration of their 62nd anniversary

November Altar Flowers:

All Sundays in November are AVAILABLE for anyone wanting to share altar flowers.

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



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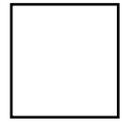


Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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Return Service Requested

TO:



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon./Wed.: 9:00am-5:00pm ~ Tues./Thurs.: 9:00am-3:00pm ~ Friday: Closed
(Office closed for lunch approx. 12:30-1:30...times may vary)

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

Music Director: Beth Mueller

Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles

Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman

Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz