

Manchester Methodist Church

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The Chimes ~ February 2026



Valentine's Luncheon



You are invited to attend a Valentine's Luncheon on Thursday, February 12th at noon, hosted by the Congregational Care Committee.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Denise Golden.

All are welcome, but please RSVP by Monday,

February 9th if you plan to attend.



Ash Wednesday Service



Ash Wednesday - February 18th - marks the beginning of the Lenten season. We will observe this day with a special worship service at 6:30 P.M., which will include the imposition of ashes. Our usual Wednesday night meal will be served at 5:30 for those who wish to join us for that, as well.

"From dust you came, to dust you will return."



A note from Pastor Phil...

Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

- Ephesians 5:15-16

Lynne came in yesterday morning to remind me that I needed an article for the Chimes by the end of today. I am not yet used to writing the year “2026” on my documents and it is already February?? Ash Wednesday is in only three weeks? This year seems to be moving way too fast. Then it occurred to me, I am writing a Chimes article because it is due...I am only reacting to what is before me. Is this the best way to accomplish my Kingdom purposes?

In the last five years this church family has endured much...in pandemic, disaffiliation, leaky roof we are still paying for, and other things. Perhaps it has created in us a sense of hesitancy as we await whatever challenge is next. This is understandable, but is this the best way for us as the Bride of Christ to live out our Kingdom Purpose? What, uniquely, is our Kingdom purpose? As Global Methodists, our vision statement is: “Multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ who flourish in Scriptural holiness through the power of the Holy Spirit, while worshipping passionately, loving extravagantly, and witnessing boldly.” As a church, how are we living into this call? How do our priorities align with this vision?

This church is very active in our community, but is there something we can improve on, or a need we can focus on together? We need to hear from our young families, how can we support you at this time? I always found it humorous that if you buy a toaster you get a multipage manual, but when you have a child you are mostly left on your own! How about the voices of our youth families? What goals do you have in these formulative years for your child's faith development, and how should the church support you in this goal? What about newly retired voices, voices of the elderly, voices of the disabled? We need to hear from all the voices that make up this unique and wonderful church.

To act deliberately is to create anticipated results. It is time we speak to one another to create a deliberate plan — this year, before it has passed us by — to fulfill our unique Kingdom purposes. My prayer is that as we come together to discuss our Godly visions together... there will be pie!

Blessings,
Pastor Phil



In lieu of a Single Board meeting this month, the following reports are shared:

Finance: January through December 2025 actual expenses were \$242,794 and actual income amounted to \$244,670 leaving a surplus at the end of 2025 of \$1,876 for the year. The church budgeted amount for last year was \$267,200 with actual expenses coming in under budget.

Congregational Care:

- ◆ Four funeral lunches were served between December 1st and January 16th.
- ◆ The Good Neighbor Home now has home delivery meals called “Neighbor’s Table”. Medicaid and Elderly Waivers are accepted for payment. Otherwise meals are \$10 each and you can order from 5-14 meals per week. Our committee will be using this program for any needed requests.
- ◆ The **Valentine’s Luncheon** will be served on Thursday, February 12th at noon. Please sign up by February 9th. Denise Golden will entertain us with music and trivia. Prayer shawls will be available for anyone who does not have one or would like one.

Missions:

- ◆ January mission of the month is Waypoint Services, and the proceeds from the soup supper on January 28th will go towards that mission.
 - ◇ Upcoming month’s missions are as follows:
 - **February** - Heifer International
 - **March** - HACAP
 - **April** - Blessman International
 - **May** - Second Helpings
 - **June** - Clothing Closet (Hygiene Products).
- ◆ Sign-up sheets were posted for the soup supper and advertising was done. The Silent Auction proceeds from the Soup Supper will go towards the roof repair expenses.

Trustees: Due to lack of a quorum no decisions were made, but possible projects for this year were discussed by those present.

SPPRC: At the January 19th meeting, upcoming employee reviews were discussed. At least two or three team members will be present at these reviews. We will be starting with our janitors, and then Zach and Lynne, followed by Pastor Phil. We hope to have them all completed in the next few weeks.

Preparing
Our Hearts
for Lent,
A Season
of Renewal

FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 29..... PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 2MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY





SERVING OUR CHURCH



February 1st

8:30

Liturgist: Aurora or Sam Milroy
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Communion: Terry Larson, Marilyn Feldmann

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Communion: Wayne B. & Pam Vap



February 8th

8:30

Liturgist: Erin or Jenelle Mensen
Children's Sermon: Travis Mensen



10:30

Liturgist: Jackie Sherman
Communion: Jean Gross & TBD



February 15th

8:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice
Children's Sermon: Roy Vice



10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: Janine S. & Pam Vap



February 22nd - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Jean Gross & TBD

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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Our talented & caring MMC Sewing Group recently donated eight quilts to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Iowa & Western Illinois. New adult-sized blankets and quilts are urgently needed & may be dropped off at:
 Ronald McDonald House,
 730 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City

Happy Birthday!

- Dianne Larsen..... 2/1
- Connie Erickson..... 2/4
- Jackie Sherman 2/6
- Clyde Scovel 2/7
- Linda Toms 2/8
- Alex Zehr 2/8
- Vi Rieger..... 2/9
- Terry Larson..... 2/9
- Maya Huegel 2/10
- Linda Gearhart 2/11
- Helen Skinner 2/12
- Lynne Rasmussen 2/15
- Elwyn Curtis 2/18
- Ruby Rogers 2/24
- Stephanie Stocks 2/26
- Caryssa O'Connell..... 2/28

Happy Anniversary!

- Brad & Shirley Davis..... 2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart 2/19

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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!*

**REMINDER:** The first Sunday of each month is when we collect non-perishable food items for the little food pantry in our parking lot. When you bring your items on Sunday morning you are asked to place them in the tub that is in front of the altar. That food will be added to the pantry as needed.

**RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP**

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast (which is \$75 per Sunday) or share flowers for the altar, please sign up on the chart in the hallway. You can indicate on the chart if they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone, or call Lynne in the office to let her know. All February Sundays are currently available for radio broadcast sponsors or to share flowers.



**Good Neighbor Home Residents**

| <u>NAME</u>       | <u>ROOM #</u> |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Dave Gaskill      |               |
| Linda Gearhart    | 25-S          |
| Barb O'Connell    | 116-N         |
| Fred Phelps       | 117-N         |
| Pauline Philgreen |               |
| 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 Dates

### Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 3rd  
6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Bake Sale

February 22  
Between services

### National Collection Week

November 16-23

## 2025 Totals

**12,205,900**

Shoeboxes collected  
worldwide!

## 2026 Goals

### Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes  
**\$2,172.83 of \$11,050 raised**

### Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

## Packing Party Needs

Valentine's clearance  
Winter clothing clearance

### WOW Items

- Stuffed animals/dolls
- Soccer balls/pumps
- Musical instruments

## Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the amazing things He accomplished during the 2025 shoebox season. Pray for His blessing and guidance for the 2026 season and that millions of children will come to know the Savior in the new year.
- Pray that the Lord will clear the path for logistics and exoneration of all shoebox gifts as they make their way to the volunteer teams in country that are eagerly awaiting their arrival.
- Pray that the Lord will strengthen and preserve our teams in the face of spiritual opposition as we follow God's leading to reach difficult areas.

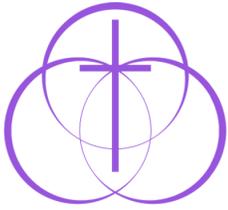
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**Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule**  
 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

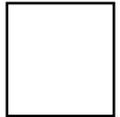
| Sun                                                                                                                   | Mon                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                   | Wed                                                                                              | Thu                                                                                     | Fri                                                        | Sat                                                                               |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30am<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Sunday School<br>Fellowship Time<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30am<br>Worship  | <b>2</b><br>4:30 - 5:30pm<br>Second<br>Helpings &<br>Clothing<br>Closet<br>5:30pm<br>Worship Design | <b>3</b><br>9:30-11:30am<br>Sewing Group<br><br>6:30pm<br>OCC Planning<br>Meeting                     | <b>4</b><br>9am-4pm<br>WIC<br>& Clothing Closet<br><br>5:30pm<br>WOW                             | <b>5</b><br>8-10am<br>Clothing Closet<br><br>3-6pm<br>Wesley Hall<br>in use             | <b>6</b><br>9:30-10:30am<br>Sippers meet<br>@Bread Basket  | <b>7</b><br>8:00pm<br>Community<br>meetings<br>in parlor &<br>conference<br>room  |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30am<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Sunday School<br>Fellowship Time<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30am<br>Worship  | <b>9</b><br>4:30 - 5:30pm<br>Second<br>Helpings &<br>Clothing<br>Closet                             | <b>10</b><br>9:30-11:30am<br>Sewing Group<br><br>11am-3pm<br>Manchester<br>Women's Con-<br>nection    | <b>11</b><br>9am-4pm<br>WIC<br>& Clothing Closet<br><br>5:30pm<br>WOW                            | <b>12</b><br>10:30am<br>GNH/Meadows<br>Communion<br><br>NOON<br>Valentine's<br>Luncheon | <b>13</b><br>9:30-10:30am<br>Sippers meet<br>@Bread Basket | <b>14</b><br>8:00pm<br>Community<br>meetings<br>in parlor &<br>conference<br>room |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30am<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Sunday School<br>Fellowship Time<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>10:30am<br>Worship | <b>16</b><br>4:30 - 5:30pm<br>Second<br>Helpings &<br>Clothing<br>Closet                            | <b>17</b><br>9:00am<br>Del. Co. Ministerial<br>9:30-11:30am<br>Sewing Group<br>6:00pm<br>Single Board | <b>18</b><br>ASH<br>WEDNESDAY<br>10am - 2pm<br>Clothing Closet<br><br>6:30pm<br>Ash Wed. Worship | <b>19</b>                                                                               | <b>20</b><br>9:30-10:30am<br>Sippers meet<br>@Bread Basket | <b>21</b><br>8:00pm<br>Community<br>meetings<br>in parlor &<br>conference<br>room |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30am<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Sunday School<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:30am<br>Worship                    | <b>23</b><br>4:30 - 5:30pm<br>Second<br>Helpings &<br>Clothing<br>Closet                            | <b>24</b><br>9:30-11:30am<br>Sewing Group                                                             | <b>25</b><br>10am - 2pm<br>Clothing Closet<br><br>5:30pm<br>WOW                                  | <b>26</b>                                                                               | <b>27</b><br>9:30-10:30am<br>Sippers meet<br>@Bread Basket | <b>28</b><br>8:00pm<br>Community<br>meetings<br>in parlor &<br>conference<br>room |

## March 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | We | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5   | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9   | 10  | 11 | 12  | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16  | 17  | 18 | 19  | 20  | 21  |
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**Return Service Requested**

**TO:**

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**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**



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