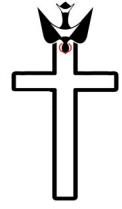


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The Chimes ~ March 2026

Holy Week Worship Services



March 29, Palm Sunday...worship at 8:30 & 10:30am
 April 1, Holy Wednesday..... worship at 7:00pm
 April 2, Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00pm
 April 3, Good Friday worship at 7:00pm
 April 5, Easter Sunday.....worship at 8:30 & 10:30am



Palm Sunday Brunch

OCC will be hosting a brunch between services on Palm Sunday, March 29th. A free will offering will be taken, and all proceeds will go to OCC shipping expenses. Contact Jean Gross if you'd like to help.



March Mission of the Month:

HACAP (Hawkeye Area Community Action Program)

HACAP helps neighbors in Eastern Iowa overcome barriers to stability. Every day, people face the challenge of paying rent, buying food, and finding affordable childcare, among many others. HACAP bridges the gap with food, health, housing, and childhood support, empowering people to build a future, not just survive today. Please consider making a donation to this essential program that serves people throughout Delaware County.

A note from Pastor Phil...

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. - Acts 2:42-47

This year seems to be moving quickly. It's hard to believe that it is already Lent! This is the time of the Christian year that we focus on the cost of humanities sinfulness. All sin, even my own, is paid in full by the suffering and death of our Lord upon the cross. Eternity is assured in the resurrection. We "give up" things for the Lenten season to remind us of all that Jesus gave up for us. Or we "take on" things that remind us of all that Jesus accepted for our grace. It's only symbolic...I do not think giving up chocolate, or the inconvenience of reading scriptures everyday does not equal all that Jesus has done, is doing, and will yet do for us. But it's the thought that counts? All of these things are physical representations of our appreciation and obedience to Jesus our Lord. But they are not required. Paul writes in his 2nd letter to the Church of Corinth, 9:7, Jesus loves a joyful giver! (Paraphrased by Pastor Phil) Jesus intends that all that he taught, suffered, died, and in resurrection brings peace and joy to His people. We "give up" or "take on" for our reminder, not the requirement of Jesus. But let's take a look at the earliest recorded example of what it means to be the people of His Church recorded in Acts chapter 2 above. They devoted themselves to teaching and fellowship, and the breaking of bread. They devoted themselves to fellowship and worship every day. John and Charles Wesley embraced this as a lifestyle themselves which is why we are called "Methodists", because they had a consistent method practicing their faith. Not as a burden, but in passionate heartfelt joy, much like the early church "*praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*" Is this not still the prayer of the Church?

Granted, our lives are very different from 1st century believers. We have more demands on our time and distractions for our attention. But imagine how our lives might be less hectic, less stressful, perhaps even fuller if we were to slow down and limit our focus more on things of eternal significance. What if we set an experiment? I know Easter is not till next month, but it is the first Sunday of April. This means Holy Week begins on the last Sunday of March which is Palm Sunday. April 1st is Holy Wednesday, April 2nd is Maundy Thursday, April 3rd is Good Friday, and April 5th is Easter Sunday. To set an experiment and challenge to the church, what if we set our priority to emulate the early church and focus that week - from March 29th to April 5th - on worship, and, if physically able, in person for fellowship? And what if we made a priority of inviting someone we may know or meet to be a part of our worship together so that they may experience the presence of Christ so they too may be saved? What if we made a deliberate effort for the Lord to add to our number everyday that week? Shall we set these dates on our calendars?



March 29th ... Palm Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:30am
April 1st Holy Wednesday Meal at 6:00 and Worship at 7:00pm
April 2nd Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm
April 3rd Good Friday Worship at 7:00pm
April 5th Easter Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:30am

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

MMC Single Board
February 17, 2026 - Wesley Hall - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jean Gross, Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Lori Snyder, Bruce Nodurft, Charlie Dighton, Paul Lyman, Pastor Phil, Mark Reth, Bill Scanlan.

Kathy called the meeting to order. While we waited for Mark to join us Pastor said that there is an Evangelism Conference being planned for Saturday, March 21st in Farley for our District. More information to follow, but he would like the Single Board to attend if possible.

Mark joined us with scripture from 2 Timothy 3:14-17. This scripture reminds us there is much to learn from the written word that is useful for reaching and teaching. The only way any of us can truly learn of God's will for our lives is to study and share what we have learned with others no matter what age.

Finance: Bruce shared that actual expenses for January were \$20,505 and actual income was \$19,141 leaving us with a small deficit. The Silent Auction from the soup supper netted us \$1,177 for the roof repair. Cash on hand for the roof repair amounts to \$40,925 with \$7,745 anticipated future giving. We are awaiting a check from the Iowa Methodist Foundation in the amount of \$305 for the Donald Reth bequest. This money goes toward Christian Education. The Clothing Closet has been awarded a grant from the Delaware County Foundation in the amount of \$800. The Foundation also sent us a \$200 monetary gift for our roof repair expenses.

Trustees: One of the parsonage garage door openers needs to be repaired. The fan in the Wesley Hall bathroom has been replaced. After a tour of the church it was decided ceiling repair by the elevator outside the sanctuary needs to be done. Al Saunders will be contacted for this project. The front door will be painted this summer. The south entrance interior door frame needs to be removed or covered. LED light bulbs need to be installed in hallway light fixtures to improve lighting. Charlie will be retiring from Trustees the end of this year.

Worship: Pastor shared that he has been mentoring Pastor Tim and has asked him to give the message this Sunday and one Sunday in March.

Christian Education: Paul said May 2nd is planned for a confirmation retreat and May 3rd the class will be serving refreshments between services. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for May 10th at the 8:30 service. This is also Mother's Day. Paul is hoping to find people to step up and help teach Sunday School in the fall. No experience is necessary and materials are available to help you and the class learn and grow together!

Missions: The soup supper raised a little over \$1,000 for Waypoint Services and \$1,200 from the Silent Auction went to the roof repair expenses.

Congregational Care: Three funerals have been served in February. Visits were made at the GNH and Meadows. We hosted Fellowship time on Sunday, February 8th. The Valentine Luncheon on February 12th was attended by 40 people. Denise Golden did a great job entertaining, singing 50's and 60's music and shared some music trivia. Prayer shawls and lap covers were given to anyone wishing to have one.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori will check and see how many t-shirts and sweatshirts have been ordered and will decide when to finish with that project.

SPPRC: Shirley reported that we have started janitorial evaluations. Some of the job responsibilities have been updated. We will be scheduling further evaluations.

Pastor is scheduled to have foot surgery March 4th and will be wearing a "boot" for several weeks after.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 17th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

March 1st

8:30

Liturgist: Jordan LeClere
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson
Communion: T. & J. Larson, Marilyn Feldmann

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: Janine S. & Wayne Birkenholz

March 8th

8:30

Liturgist: Paul Lyman
Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks

10:30

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

March 15th

8:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice
Children's Sermon: Roy Vice

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean G. & Dustin Kirkpatrick

March 22nd

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

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

March 29th - Contemporary Service

Palm Sunday

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Pam Vap & Julie Porter

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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REMINDER: The first Sunday of each month 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 the office to let us know.



Happy Birthday!

Walt Davis 3/2
 Ken Newell 3/3
 Karen Petlon 3/4
 Mary Mangold 3/5
 Ronnie Bachman..... 3/7
 Jeff Larson 3/7
 Bowe Vice..... 3/8
 Michael Stocks..... 3/10
 Blake O'Connell 3/11
 Lila Joslyn 3/12
 Jim Shover 3/13
 Nancy Bachman..... 3/19
 Roger Mueller..... 3/20
 Nick Mensen..... 3/28
 Rex Rogers 3/28
 Meghan Mensen 3/29

March Radio Sponsors

March 1 Jeff & Terry Larson
 March 8 Bob & Glenda Betels, in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 12th
 March 15, 22, & 29 are all OPEN

March Altar Flowers

All March Sundays are open to share flowers!

THANK YOU

We want to let the church know how much we appreciate their kindness during the loss of our mother. You have all been such a blessing during this difficult time.

- Roger & Connie Erickson

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Glenda Betels 3/12

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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!

Good Neighbor Home Residents

NAME	ROOM #
Dave Gaskill	105-N
Linda Gearhart	25-S
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	117-N
Louise Reth	20-S
Diane Simon	101-N
Pat Swanson	103-N

The Meadows Residents

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Upcoming Dates

OCC Brunch Fundraiser

March 29

Between services

(Contact Jean Gross
if you'd like to help)

MAY

Homemade &
Homegrown Sale
(Contact Jackie Sherman
if you'd like to help)

Bake Sale

No bake sale in
March

2026 Goals

Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes

\$2,172.83 of \$11,050 raised

Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

Packing Party Needs

Clothing

- Winter clearance
- Socks
- Underwear

Hygiene Items

- Comb/Hairbrush
- Washcloth
- Toothbrush

Prayer Requests

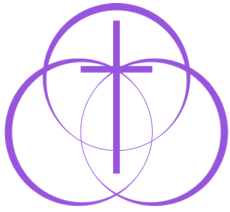
- Pray for our Area Coordinator, Steve Fast, as he contacts individuals seeking a Logistics Coordinator for our Northeast Iowa Area Team.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up committed teachers who are passionate about discipleship and leading The Greatest Journey.
- Pray that God will demonstrate His power and receive all the glory as He opens doors for ministry to the lost in hard-to-reach areas.



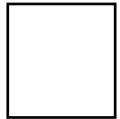
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Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule
 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

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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



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