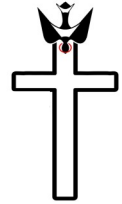


# Manchester Methodist Church

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## The Chimes ~ April 2026

### Holy Week Worship Services



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

*(all services will also be livestreamed)*

### April Mission of the Month: Blessman International

Blessman International is a faith-based mission organization working to meet the physical and spiritual needs of impoverished families in South Africa. One program of the mission is “Girls Empowerment”. They make and provide washable reusable menstrual hygiene kits for young women so they may continue to remain in school during their monthly cycle. Our MMC sewing group is making some of the feminine hygiene kits. Monetary donations are welcome to help purchase materials to make the kits.

### Confirmation Sunday will be May 10th...

Our confirmands are Jenelle Mensen and Aurora Milroy. If you would like to write a letter of encouragement to either or both of them, we will be presenting their letters to them on Saturday, May 2nd during our confirmation retreat. Thank you for supporting Jenelle & Aurora! - Paul Lyman



## *A note from Pastor Phil...*

***I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong — that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.***

**- Romans 1:11-12**

Trying to be a Disciple alone is futile. Discipleship by yourself fails because true spiritual growth is designed to happen in community, not isolation. Relying only on oneself often leads to a lack of accountability, missed shared wisdom, and a higher risk of losing focus, making it a dangerous approach to faith development. Transformation thrives when interacting with, and learning from, other Christians. True discipleship cannot happen alone, because the call of a disciple is to share their faith wisdom with another. In a nutshell, if you do not feel called to share your faith, it is time to consider a deep self-reflective consideration of your faith. This is what Paul is sharing with the church in Rome in the epistle above. I long to share my faith wisdom with you, and also to receive faith wisdom from you. Proverbs 27:17 teaches us the same thing. As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. It is important to be in community worship, and in small accountability groups together.

Starting this Sunday is Holy Week. We journey together from Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem through some important final teachings...to the table of the Last Supper, the Washing of Feet, the Arrest in the Garden, Crucifixion, Death, and the placement of Jesus' Body into the Tomb. Then on Easter Sunday we celebrate the conclusion of the Holy Contract...an Empty Tomb, and the Resurrection of Jesus to overcome the human condition's stain of sin and death. If you only come to the Sundays you will experience the celebrations, but not the why we celebrate.

I invite all who relate to this church to come and walk together the full story beginning with Palm Sunday and to try and make this week a priority to attend all the services through Easter Sunday. Let us grow together in faith as faithful Disciples of Jesus Christ. And be sure to invite someone who needs to find hope, and a church body prepared to walk the journey of faith together with them.

Blessings,  
Pastor Phil



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**RAINFOREST FALLS**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 6-10, 2026 at MMC**

**Registration information coming soon!**



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

**Present:** Paul Lyman, Beth Mueller, Charlie Dighton, Bruce Nodurft, Wayne Birkenholz, Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Lori Snyder, Mark Reth, Jean Gross, Pastor Phil.

Mark called the meeting to order. He opened the meeting with a few thoughts on the difference between joy and happiness, reminding us that happiness is fleeting, but joy is always with us no matter the circumstance, because we have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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

**Finance:** Bruce reported that actual expenses YTD were \$41,917 and actual income was \$38,735 leaving a deficit of \$3,182 YTD. He reminded us that a "greenie" needs to be filled out for every invoice so he knows which account to charge. The roof repair fund has received \$43,330 so far with \$7,630 pledged for future support.

**Trustees:** Charlie shared the lower level sump pump has been replaced and the nursery bathroom is out of commission again awaiting repairs. He is hopeful the old garage in the parking lot will get torn down this summer.

**Worship:** Beth reported the worship team is working on finalizing the plans for Holy Week and Easter. The Delhi Methodist church will join us for the Wednesday night worship of Holy Week.

**Christian Ed.:** Paul shared the plans for the Confirmation Class as they will have a retreat on Saturday May 2 and will be confirmed on May 10. He encouraged members of our church family to write letters of encouragement to the class. Jenelle Mensen and Aurora Milroy are in the class this year. Paul will have an article in the Chimes about their plans. He is also working on the curriculum for confirmation and high school youth.

**Missions:** Wayne shared that the mission team has received several thank you notes from Mission of the Month contributions. February mission was Heifer International and \$245 has been sent to them. March is clothing closet hygiene products. April will be Blessman International which aids impoverished families in South Africa. The sewing group is also helping with this mission. The ice cream social is going to be Wednesday, July 29. There was some discussion on serving something the previous week if RAGBRAI goes through town. Pie and ice cream has been a big hit in the past.

**Reaching and Receiving:** Lori said that Stay Wild Gifts downtown will continue to have MMC sweatshirts and t-shirts available to order on line.

**Congregational Care:** Cards have been sent from the church and roses shared with families having new additions. The GNH and Meadows have been visited. We will be giving out carnations again for Mother's Day on May 10.

Pastor reminded everyone of the District Conference in Farley this coming Saturday starting with 9:30 registration, a noon lunch, and ending by 2:00. The board is encouraged to attend if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean Gross, Secretary

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

April 5<sup>th</sup>

8:30

Liturgist: Will Turner  
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy  
Communion: Will T., Kristin M., Jeff Larsen

10:30

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



April 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen  
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick  
Communion: Janine S. & Julie Porter



April 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller  
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross  
Communion: Jean G. & Julie Porter



April 26<sup>th</sup> - Contemporary Service

8:30

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

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member  
Communion: Pam Vap & 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  
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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## **BAPTISM**

*Cassidy Jane O'Connell, daughter of Blake & Caryssa (Philgreen) O'Connell, was baptized on Sunday, March 1st.*



**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. **April 5<sup>th</sup> is the day!**

## Happy Birthday!

Cheryl Syren ..... 4/2  
 Norma Vande Vegte..... 4/3  
 Betty Brauer ..... 4/4  
 Julie Porter ..... 4/7  
 Barb Davis..... 4/8  
 Carol Dighton..... 4/12  
 Carolyn Mellody ..... 4/12  
 Gary Feldmann ..... 4/18  
 Marge Wolter ..... 4/20  
 Steve Huegel..... 4/21  
 Cindy Birkenholz ..... 4/22  
 Gary Spellerberg..... 4/29

## Happy Anniversary!

Gary & Kathy Evarts..... 4/4  
 Bill & Donna Scanlan ..... 4/5  
 Sam & Kristin Milroy..... 4/12  
 Jim & Julia Hopkins..... 4/24  
 Chris & Mary Jo Larsen ..... 4/25

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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!*

## 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.



### April Radio Sponsors

April 5..... Bill & Donna Scanlan, in celebration of their anniversary  
 April 12..... OPEN  
 April 19..... Pam Vap, in loving memory of her husband, Joe  
 April 26..... OPEN

### April Altar Flowers

April 5..... Scanlans  
 April 12..... OPEN  
 April 19..... Pam Vap  
 April 26..... OPEN



### 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

### Lincolnwood Asst. Lvg. (Edgewood)

Norma Vande Vegte	16
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### Edgewood Convalescent Home

Jerry Hamman	
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# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## Upcoming Dates

### Homemade & Homegrown Sale

May (Specific date TBD)  
(Contact Jackie Sherman if you'd like to help)

### National Collection Week

November 16-23

### Packing Party

Saturday, November 21

## Bake Sale

April 26

Between services

## 2026 Goals

### Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes

**\$2,442.83 of \$11,050 raised**

### Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

## Packing Party Needs

### Easter Clearance

### Games & Small toys

- Puzzles
- Card games
- Dominos
- Hot Wheels cars
- Fidget toys
- Slinky

## Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the many containers of shoebox gifts that have crossed overseas and successfully passed through customs.
- Pray that many families who don't normally go to church will respond positively as their children are invited to attend an outreach event.
- Pray that God will keep children safe as they attend outreach events in places where many people are opposed to the Gospel.

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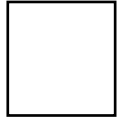


**Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule**  
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

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**Return Service Requested**

**TO:**

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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:**

**Rev. 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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