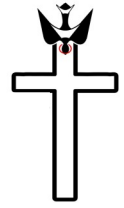


# Manchester Methodist Church

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## *The Chimes ~ May 2026*



### Confirmation Sunday will be May 10<sup>th</sup>

Our confirmands this year are Jenelle Mensen and Aurora Milroy, who are being confirmed at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a reception held in their honor during fellowship time.

### Senior Sunday - May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Worship

A reception will be held in honor of our graduates, Alaina Bardgett and Erin Mensen, during fellowship time between services on the 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you can join us in congratulating them at the reception and recognizing them at the 10:30 worship service!



### May Mission of the Month: Second Helpings



God's Work ~ Our Hands

The May MOTM is to supply Second Helpings with items that are commonly used to feed around 80 people each Monday afternoon. Below is a list of those items which can be purchased locally. Please drop off donated items in the narthex or inside the back entrance. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Oven bags (roaster or turkey)

Pasta (all kinds)

Minced onion & other spices

Potatoes (dry hashbrowns, etc.)

Mayonnaise

Cream soups (mushroom, etc.)

Ketchup & condiments

Spaghetti sauce

Tomato sauce & tomato juice

#10 cans of baked beans, fruits, vegetables



## A note from Pastor Phil...

***41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. - Acts 2:41***

Every Sunday in prayer time I share the same two prayers... “Lord, guide our feet into the presence of someone who does not know, so that we may connect with them to hear their story, and then connect their story to our story, one that ends in victory so that they too may know, believe, and be saved.” Also “create in us to be vessels of Your Spirit, so that others will experience You, through us, and say there is something special about Jesus.” When I lead prayer from the altar, I am speaking for us all...do you share in this prayer in heart and mind?

In March we had a District Conference devoted to evangelism. Most of our leadership attended as we shared in ways that we could be deliberate about sharing our faith so that others will know and believe. Why do we put so much energy into this unpopular thing known as evangelism, sharing our witness, and to testify?

Somewhere in our past - each and every one of us - somebody loved us enough to share the gospel of God’s love story with humanity. They made sure to let us know that this redeeming love and grace included us, and we have believed and experienced the power of the Holy Spirit. How fortunate for us...but what of those outside the walls of faith who are not counted as Children of God? The Holy Contract remands their salvation to this generation. This we consistently pray for, but are we willing to put energy behind the blessing?

The scripture above comes after the conclusion of Peter’s first amazing sermon from the temple steps. Is the Holy Spirit any less powerful today? What would it be like to have our sanctuary full of seekers who come to know and believe in our worship? We must prayerfully labor and prepare the way for them to meet Jesus, face to face, in worship together.

If this is who we are, then we must take a risk and put our best effort behind this prayerful blessing. Our Single Board has agreed to split the responsibility of “Reaching and Receiving” into two positions. Lori will remain our receiving chair, but we are looking for a new team that will help us to focus on reaching new people in new ways. We are also looking for God to raise up a new person to lead this group and to sit at our leadership table. Is God calling you to participate in the focused effort to glorify Him to this generation from this place? Please get with Pastor Phil or Bill Scanlan as we prepare to respond to God’s desire to save His people.

Blessings,  
Pastor Phil



### RAINFOREST FALLS VBS

July 6-10, 2026 • 9:30-noon



Child  
Registration



Volunteer  
Registration



Scan the appropriate QR code to  
register your child or yourself!

**MMC Single Board**  
**April 21, 2026 - Wesley Hall - 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Shirley Davis, Wayne Birkenholz, Bruce Nodurft, Beth Mueller, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil, Jean Gross.

**Mark called the meeting to order** with scripture from Ecclesiastes 3:11. "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end." This passage reminds us of the beauty all around us as spring is bursting forth with new life and the wonderful colors of nature which are all part of God's creation.

**Prayers and praises** were lifted by Pastor Phil.

**Finance:** Bruce reported that actual expenses as of the end of March were \$61,761 and actual income was \$61,917 leaving a small surplus for the year so far. \$6,152 was received in March for the roof repairs giving us \$49,202.50 in cash on hand towards that project with future commitments of \$7,515.

**Action Item:** Recommendation from Finance, seconded by Wayne, to approve the new copier contract which will have upgrades for a five-year contract of \$246/month. We currently pay \$194.78 a month to lease the copier. The monthly printing charge varies depending on how many copies we print over our allowed number. For January through March that overage cost was \$273, an average of \$91 per month.

**Trustees:** 1) The old shed in the south parking lot is scheduled for removal soon and Charlie would like everything out of the building by the end of the month. It was decided to replace the shed with a smaller building for use by the garden team only. 2) Clarence inspected the parsonage for any needed repairs and found a couple small items that need addressing. 3) The church downstairs lighting is being replaced as materials are available. Additional lighting is needed in the south parking lot and will be discussed further after shed removal. 4) Three monitors will be placed in the church which will scroll the announcements since they are no longer shared during the church service. Paul has volunteered to provide the monitors and set them up.

**Christian Ed:** Confirmation will be May 10 at first service, with a reception to follow between services. Graduates will be honored May 17 at the second service with a reception, also.

**Missions:** Wayne mentioned that our May missions will be Second Helpings to help with bulk items commonly used. Pastor Phil has requested Disaster Funds be raised for the conference and a brunch or pancake breakfast will be considered for September. RAGBRAI will be coming thru Manchester on Friday, July 24. Lori is investigating any city permits needed should we choose to participate. A separate committee needs to be in charge if something is decided. Paint by Neighbor is being looked at for June dates and possible projects to do. We are looking at a possible paint job and also a tear out of the theater room.

**Congregational Care:** Sherry shared that flowers will be ordered again for Mother's Day and we will be helping with the confirmation and graduation receptions in May.

**SPPRC:** We continue to work on job descriptions and job evaluations.

**Pastor Phil** would like to have a team whose sole focus is outreach and evangelism. He is taking suggestions as to who would be a good fit from our church family for this team. Please let him know if you are interested.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in Wesley Hall. 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

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30

Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks  
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann,  
Jenelle Mensen, Aurora Milroy

10:30

Communion: Janine Stellick & Jean Gross

May 10<sup>th</sup> - Mothers

8:30 - Confirmation

Liturgists: Jenelle Mensen & Aurora Milroy  
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

10:30

Communion: Pam Vap & Julie Porter

May 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30

Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill

10:30 - Graduate Recognition

Communion: Jean Gross & Wayne Birkenholz

May 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Communion: Janine Stellick & Jean Gross

May 31<sup>st</sup> - Contemporary Services

8:30

Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

10:30

Communion: Dustin Kirkpatrick & Bill Scanlan

## MMC Serving Teams

If you would like to be part of one of the serving teams, please contact the following:

◆ **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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# Homemade & **HOMEGROWN** **SALE**

There's something for everyone at our 4th annual  
Homemade & Homegrown sale!

-  Plants (Perennials & Houseplants)
-  Crafts
-  Baked Goods



**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH**

8:00AM - 12:00PM

308 S Wayne St.  
Manchester, IA 52057



**Sponsored by Manchester Methodist Church.  
All proceeds go to support shipping costs for  
Operation Christmas Child!**

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## Upcoming Dates

### Homemade & Homegrown Sale

Saturday, May 16  
8:00 a.m.–Noon

### National Collection Week

November 16–23

### Packing Party

Saturday, November 21

## Homemade & Homegrown Sale

Donations of plants (labeled), crafts, and baked goods can be dropped off at Jackie Sherman's beginning Wed. May 13 @ 3 p.m.

## 2026 Goals

### Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes

**\$3,255.55 of \$11,050 raised**

### Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

## Packing Party Needs

### Toys

- Soccer ball & pump
- Slinky
- Yo-yo
- Doll
- Musical instruments (harmonica, etc.)
- Cars, trucks, etc.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for God's continued provision of resources to support the logistics efforts involved in shipping shoebox gifts around the world.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to equip ministry partners as they plan and prepare for outreach events.
- Praise God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with an unreached community in Ivory Coast. Pray that many there will call on the Name of the Lord and be saved.

# Happy Birthday!

- Jenny Garvin .....5/2
- Joanne Wade .....5/4
- Jill Miller .....5/5
- Pam Vap.....5/5
- LeAnn Cooksley.....5/14
- Dusty Ingles .....5/18
- Charlie Dighton .....5/22
- Peg Koeneke .....5/22
- Nicholas Stocks .....5/27

# Happy Anniversary!

- Jeff & Dianne Larsen ..... 5/2
- Gary & Marilyn Feldmann ..... 5/15
- Mark & Terri Philgreen ..... 5/18
- Zach & Kat Rogers..... 5/24
- Duane & Michelle Philgreen ..... 5/25
- Jerry & Barb Ridenour ..... 5/25



*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.



### May Radio Sponsors

- May 3, 10 .... OPEN
- May 17 ..... Gary & Marilyn Feldmann, in celebration of their anniversary
- May 24, 31 .. OPEN

### May Altar Flowers

- May 3, 10 .... OPEN
- May 17 ..... Jenny Garvin
- May 24, 31 .. OPEN

### Good Neighbor Home Residents

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
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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## Announcement from the Trustees

The shed which is located in the south parking lot will be coming down soon. If anyone has something stored in that shed that you want to keep, it is time to get it relocated. Anything that remains after May 8<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of. Thank you for taking care of this in a timely manner.

- Charlie Dighton



**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 will be in front of the altar. That food will be added to the pantry as needed. (You may also place items in the pantry directly at other times throughout the month.)




## **Special Coffee Guest** **SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS**

**Senior Life Solutions will be visiting the Manchester Public Library and speaking for Mental Health Awareness Month!**

Regional Medical Center  Senior Life Solutions

**RMC's Senior Life Solutions** is an outpatient group therapy program designed to meet the unique needs of **older adults** struggling with symptoms of depression and anxiety.

**You will have the chance to speak with their team, ask questions, and enjoy some refreshments.**

  
**Thursday Morning Coffee**



**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 am**

# May 2026

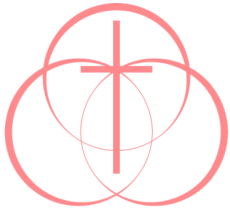
**\*Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule**  
 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship Time Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship	<b>4</b> 4:30 - 5:30pm Second Helpings & Clothing Closet	<b>5</b> 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group	<b>6</b> 9am-4pm WIC & Clothing Closet  5:30pm *WOW	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet  <b>8</b> 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet	<b>2</b> Confirmation Retreat  <b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30am Worship/ Confirmation 9:30am Sunday School Conf. Reception Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship	<b>11</b> 4:30 - 5:30pm Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 5:30pm Worship Design mtg.	<b>12</b> 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group	<b>13</b> 10am - 2pm Clothing Closet  5:30pm *WOW	<b>14</b> 10:30am GNH/Meadows Communion	<b>15</b> 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket	<b>16</b> 8am-noon Homemade & Homegrown Sale
<b>17</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Grad Reception 10:30am Worship/ Grad Recognition	<b>18</b> 4:30 - 5:30pm Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 5:00pm Missions mtg.	<b>19</b> 9:00am Del. Co. Ministerial 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group 6:00pm Single Board	<b>20</b> 9am-4pm WIC & Clothing Closet  5:30pm *WOW	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i> NO Second Helpings or CC	<b>26</b> 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group	<b>27</b> 10am - 2pm Clothing Closet  5:30pm *WOW	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

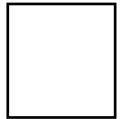
**31**  
8:30am  
Worship  
9:30am  
Sunday School  
10:30am  
Worship



June 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	2
21	22	23	24	25	26	2
28	29	30				



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**Return Service Requested**

**TO:**

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**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



**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)*



**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

*Blessings to all the mothers  
and mother figures  
in our lives!*

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