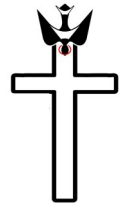


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The Chimes ~ June 2026

Congratulations to our Graduates and Confirmands!



Alaina Bardgett & Erin Mensen



Jenelle Mensen & Aurora Milroy



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!

Children from age 3 (potty trained) thru those entering 5th grade are welcome.
Please share this information with anyone who you think might be interested!
If you need a paper registration form, you may pick one up from the church office
or request one via email: admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org

A note from Pastor Phil...

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. - Ephesians 4:26-27

I had planned a different article for the Chimes this month, but instead I feel the Spirit's urging to share something different. You see, today I am mad at God.

I began my day in the hospital room of a member of our church family who is also an employee and a friend. The situation seems grim, and I have prayed earnestly for healing that I fear will not come. Tomorrow I will board an airplane to fly to Arizona to participate in a celebration of life for my sister-in-law Susan. This church and many other friends have prayed for Susan for many years, yet it appears Alzheimers has had its victory. These people are important to me, and it doesn't seem fair...thus I am mad at God.

Do my feelings separate me from the Savior who gave all? Does my anger diminish the power of the sacrifice of Jesus? No, it is for a time such as this that God's mercy is revealed. In God's mercy, my friend will know perfect peace, love, and joy in the presence of the Savior...I absolutely believe this...and for this truth, I am thankful. For my sister-in-law Susan, this is the end of a long journey. For my brother Bob, the end of a long season of frustration, anger, and grief. I also know Susan is in the presence of Jesus, and knows her risen life has been prepared for her in eternal fullness. I am so very thankful for that. But what of those of us remaining, faithful prayer warriors who sought a different outcome? Where, God, is the power in our prayers?

God has told us time and again that our ways are not His ways...and we must learn to trust. God's way is perfect, my way might well be selfish. All of humanity is on a clock that reveals our time here on earth...when the clock chimes it is not only when convenient, or preferable. It is from birth to that moment the clock chimes that we live here on earth learning to love God and neighbor...learning about investing in relationships that put others first...learning to live into the image of the Son, fulfilled by our best lives. Which means when our lives are over, we will be removed from sight for a time. Remember death is not an ending, but only an interruption in an eternal relationship.

Today I may be mad at God, because His eternal perfect plan is better than my selfish momentary idea. I will see my loved one again, on the other side of the veil. And at that time there may be others that love ME who will be mad at God. But greater than my anger in this moment is my thankfulness and joy that we all shall be together again in the presence of our Savior. Though we miss our loved ones, though we might be frustrated our prayers were not met with our desires, in prayer we moved closer to God who shall overcome our grief in eternal victory.

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

June Mission of the Month: Marilyn Wycoff Hygiene Bank

During the month of June we will be collecting feminine hygiene products for the hygiene bank in the Clothing Closet. They will accept tampons and pads of all absorption levels - light to heavy.



Paint By Neighbor

This is scheduled for the week of June 15th. More details will be provided soon, but our main project will be painting Barb Feeney's house west of town. **Volunteers are needed! Youth - if you are looking to log some service hours over the summer, here is another opportunity for you!!** Contact Wayne Birkenholz if you are willing to help!

MMC Single Board – May 19, 2026 – Wesley Hall, 6:00 p.m.

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

Mark called the meeting to order with scripture from Matthew 6: 25-27 which stresses that worry does our life no good. It doesn't add a single hour to our life. We need to seek God as our refuge in times of concern. "Worry doesn't empty tomorrow of sorrows; it empties today of strength."

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

Finance: Bruce reported that our actual income through April was \$79,341 and our actual expenses for that period of time were \$81,459 leaving a slight deficit for January through April. Our roof repair donations as of now have amounted to \$50,569.50 with future pledges coming which will make that amount \$57,964.50.

Trustees: Charlie reported the broken window on the east side close to the roof and air conditioners has been repaired. It is uncertain how that happened. The parsonage plugged sewer has been fixed and will be something that needs to be done yearly due to tree root obstruction. Our church insurance will be available again with a 3% increase in premium. The person we had hoped would take down the old garage will not be available to do that, so Trustees are looking for other options. A new printer with more capabilities has been leased for the church office.

Worship: Beth reported that WOW will continue through July 8 and start again in September.

Missions: Wayne reported the June Mission focus will be the Clothing Closet, specifically women's hygiene products. The ice cream social has been changed to July 22 and will be "Christmas in July" with proceeds to go to Operation Santa Claus. Two reps from the group will be present for the social and be available to answer questions and promote their cause. New yard signs will be made for the social. Paint-by-Neighbor will be the week of June 15. More youth are needed for this project. Lori is looking at possible vendor options for RAGBRAI on July 24. Homemade pies and ice cream are a favorite of the riders regardless of the time of day. We can advertise this through the Chamber for a fee of \$50 if it is on our property. Lori is looking for people interested in heading up a team.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported we have completed our help with the Confirmation and Graduation receptions during fellowship time the previous Sundays. She also reminded us that the Good Neighbor Home has a meal plan available to anyone needing food assistance, with a delivery service included. The cost is \$10 a meal and is available to anyone whether on government assistance or not.

Christian Ed: Aurora Milroy and Jeanne Bardgett will be in charge of this year's Bible School. Sunday School is done for the summer.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 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

RAGBRAI Coming To Manchester!

On Friday, July 24th, RAGBRAI will be stopping in Manchester, and we would love for our church to be involved in this exciting community event! We are looking for volunteers to help make this a fun and welcoming day by serving homemade pies, ice cream, and other treats.



To get started, we need to form a committee to organize and coordinate the details for this one day event. A committee leader is also needed. **A sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Desk.** Please consider being part of this fun opportunity to serve our community!



SERVING OUR CHURCH

June 7th

8:30

Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann,
Stephanie Stocks, & Roger Mueller

10:30

Communion: Janine Stellick & Jean Gross



June 14th - Father's Day

8:30

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Communion: Wayne Birkenholz &
Meghan Mensen

June 21st

8:30

Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

10:30

Communion: Pam Vap &
Dustin Kirkpatrick



June 28th - Contemporary Services

8:30

Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

10:30

Communion: Tom & Connie Allyn

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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Happy Birthday!

Mike Roete.....	6/3
Mark Reth	6/6
Gwyneth Hough	6/8
Kino DeKeyser	6/10
Brittany Reth	6/10
Shirley Davis.....	6/11
Matthew Mensen	6/12
Kathy Evarts	6/14
Caleb Stocks.....	6/15
Bruce Nodurft	6/16
Marianne Nodurft.....	6/16
Tim Tacy	6/18
Roger White	6/18
Hannah Clemen	6/21
Glenn Nystel	6/23
Zach Rogers.....	6/23
Jean Gross.....	6/24
Bill Scanlan.....	6/24
Sandy Swanson	6/30
Ruth Voshell.....	6/30

Happy Anniversary!

John & Lynne Rasmussen.....	6/8
Michael & Stephanie Stocks	6/12
Mark & Brittany Reth	6/17
Gary & Vicki Spellerberg	6/20
Charlie & Carol Dighton	6/22
Roger & Beth Mueller	6/30

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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 hall-way. 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.



June Radio Sponsors

June 7 Anonymous donor
June 14, 21 & 28 are all available for radio broadcast sponsors.

June Altar Flowers

All Sundays in June are OPEN if you would like to share some altar flowers.

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
Marge Wolter	28

The Meadows Residents

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

Lincolnwood Asst. Lvg. (Edgewood)

Norma Vande Vegte	16
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Riverbend Retirement Comm. (Cascade)

Kino DeKeyser	503
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Upcoming Dates

Bake Sale

June 28, 2026

National Collection Week

November 16-23

Packing Party

Saturday, November 21

Homemade & Homegrown Sale

THANK YOU to everyone who prayed for, donated, volunteered, and shopped at our sale! We raised over \$1735!

2026 Goals

Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes

\$5,031.33 of \$11,050 raised

Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

Packing Party Needs

Clothing

- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Pants/J Jeans
- Dresses
- Hats/Hair accessories
- Socks
- Underwear

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for another successful Homemade & Homegrown Sale fundraising event.
- Pray for translation work being done in the languages of several unreached people groups.
- Pray for God's protection over our ministry partners and new believers who are living in spiritually dark places.

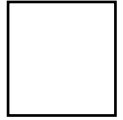
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***Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule**
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

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Return Service Requested

TO:

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)



Blessings
to all the fathers
and father figures
in our lives!

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

Congregational Care: Sherry Goranson

Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz

Reaching & Receiving: Lori Snyder

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