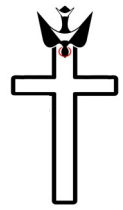


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The Chimes ~ July 2026



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!

Many more volunteers are still needed to make VBS happen!!

***Please consider volunteering, even if you are not able to help the entire week.
You can use the QR code above, or call the church office to sign up to help us
make VBS week successful - and fun for the kids!***



Mark your calendars for our annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd, serving from 4:30-7:00 P.M. Julie Porter will be taking the lead for us once again this year...thank you, Julie!



The menu will include:

Maid Rites • Hot Dogs • Cheesy Potatoes • Potato Chips
Pies • Bars • Cake • ICE CREAM & toppings!
(Freewill donation...Carry-outs will be available)



A portion of the proceeds will go towards our July Mission of the Month, "Christmas in July" - Delaware County Operation Santa Claus. (see pg. 4)

As in the past, in order for this to be a success we will need plenty of volunteers and many donations of items to use to prepare the meal. Check out the sign-up sheets posted in the narthex to see how you may be able to help!!

A note from Pastor Phil...

Community Worship is returning to the Delaware County Fair!

Manchester Methodist Church is excited to participate in the Sunday Worship service at the Delaware County Fair this year on July 19th. Multiple churches from our community are coming together to lead praise and worship together as a people sharing faith together in our town. We will not have our usual two services on that Sunday...instead, all are invited to participate with the Community Worship at the fairgrounds. The schedule will be:

9:30AMContemporary worship music

10:00AMCommunity Worship

11:30AMHymn Sing

A portion of the offering and gate admission from the service will go towards establishing a new Delaware County homeless initiative here in Manchester.

Note: For those who feel that there might be a mobility challenge to get to worship at the fair, we will offer a prayer service here in church at 10:00 AM.

So mark your calendars for this wonderful event where the faithful of our community seek to connect with the unchurched for the glory of Christ!

Blessings,
Pastor Phil

Additional information about the Community Worship Service at the Fair

Both an adult choir and a children's choir are being organized for the worship service, and we would love to have singers from churches across the community participate. Please help spread the word! Choir practices will be held on June 30 and July 9 at MMC. Participants are welcome to attend one or both practices.



All who attend the service will need a ticket to get in the gate. Below is a special link from the fair office where church members may purchase tickets ahead at a reduced admission price of \$8 per ticket. These tickets will be valid Sunday morning, July 19th, only until 11:00 a.m., but they will allow attendees to enjoy the entire day at the fair. If you'd like to have hard copy tickets, our church will purchase some to have available for you to pick up from the church office for a freewill offering. These tickets will be available during church office hours from July 7th through the 16th (only until noon on the 16th).

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/80500541/sunday-gate-admission-manchester-delaware-county-fairgroundsmanchester-ia>

NOTE: There will be some golf carts available to bring people with mobility issues from the north parking lot to the worship service that morning if anyone would like to attend and needs assistance.

MMC Single Board – June 16, 2026 – Wesley Hall – 6:00 p.m.

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

Pastor Phil called the meeting to order. Mark shared scripture passages from Genesis 14 where Abram made a great decision concerning his actions. Mark challenged us on how we should approach our next dilemma with a good action or a great one.

Prayers and praises were lifted up for those in our midst facing challenges.

Finance: Bruce shared the financial report. The expenses as of the end of May have been \$102,746 and our actual income was \$100,203 leaving a small deficit for the year so far. We have received \$5372.50 in May for the roof repairs making the total thus far of \$55,942 towards that expense with a promise of \$2265 expected in the future. Bruce also shared that Plot #3 of our cemetery plots has been turned over to Julie Porter leaving Plot #2 in Oakland Cemetery still open.

Trustees: Charlie reported that the shed removal was scheduled for June 16. This has been done and the area cleaned up. Lynch Roofing did some minor repairs due to some leakage in the church. The parsonage sewer issue has been taken care of as roots were the problem. Our church building insurance will see a 3% increase. The parsonage is in need of a new electrical panel as the one there is outdated. Discussion was held on solar lights for the parking lot with motion detectors.

Worship: Beth reported that Jordan LeClere will be preaching at our WOW service this Wednesday as Pastor and Zach are going to Conference. Sunday July 19 there will be a church service at the fair for the community. It will begin with worship music at 9:30 followed by a service at 10:00. A community choir will be singing and will have a couple of practices prior. There will be a charge of \$8 to attend with the proceeds going to homeless in our community. Pastor Roger White will conduct a short worship service in our church for those unable to attend the fair. WOW will be taking a break from after July 8 until September.

Christian Ed: We were reminded that Bible School will be the week before the fair, July 6-10.

Missions: Wayne shared that the July mission will be Operation Santa Claus/Christmas in July, and August will be for the Homeless Shelter Project. Four churches are participating in this project and a team is being formed. Al Saunders brought his skid loader with a grapple and a dumpster came for removal of the old storage shed. Discussion was held on removal of the theater seats. Wednesday, July 22 is the ice cream social with proceeds going to Delaware County Operation Santa Claus. OCC is taking the lead on pie and ice cream for RAGBRAI as they pass through our city on July 24. They will be serving in Wesley Hall.

Congregational Care: Sherry reminded us there will be a birthday party sometime in October again and Dean Sherman will give the program on wood turning. Anyone 75+ is urged to attend.

Staff Parish: Due to the recent vacancy in our janitorial staff, we have adjusted the number of hours Dusty Ingles will be working in order to fill this need. She will be working up to 20 hours per week going forward. There will be no impact to the overall budget at this time. Craig Carradus will do the outside work. A mower and trimmer have been purchased for his use.

Pastor Phil will be leaving tomorrow for Annual Conference which goes through Sunday. Our Bishop will give a video sermon on Sunday here.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. followed by prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

July 5th

8:30

Children's Sermon: Terry Larson
No Communion today

10:30

No Communion today

July 12th

8:30

Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman
Communion: Tom & Mary Jane Fetter,
Jeff Larsen

10:30

Communion: Wayne Birkenholz &
Pam Vap

July 19th

10:00 (note the time change)

Prayer service at the church
(Community Worship at the fairgrounds)

July 26th - Contemporary Services

8:30

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Communion: Tom & Connie Allyn

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH



The Mission for July is *Operation Santa Claus - Delaware County*. We will promote this mission as "Christmas in July." We'll be accepting monetary donations as well as personal hygiene products for children (infants-18) of families in need. We will also be able to adopt a family to provide with gifts at Christmas.

All participants in *Operation Santa Claus* are anonymous and identified through HACAP, schools, and those in the medical field. OSC volunteers, Kathy Swift & Jane Murphy, plan to attend our Ice Cream Social to answer questions and promote their cause.

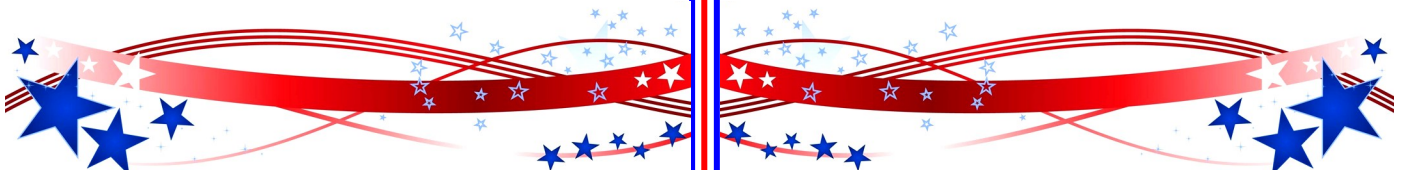
RAGBRAI FUNDRAISER FOR OCC

We will hold a pie making day on Tuesday, July 14th (and if needed, the 16th). **If you are able to help with this, please let Stephanie Stocks know (563-920-1570).**

If you aren't able to make pies, but can donate items for making them (pkgs. of crust, cans of filling or fresh/frozen fruit, butter/margarine, flour, sugar, etc.), please let Stephanie know about that, as well.



ALSO, we will need plenty of volunteers to work this fundraising event on Friday, July 24th. Please contact Stephanie if you can help that day (and if there are any restrictions on your hours of availability).



Happy Birthday!

Bob Betels	7/1
Dean Sherman	7/3
Connie Allyn	7/5
Michelle Kerton	7/5
Mary Jane Fetter.....	7/6
Marilyn Seelinger.....	7/6
Beth Mueller.....	7/11
Michelle Philgreen.....	7/12
Becky Bardgett.....	7/17
Barb Ridenour	7/23
Louise Reth	7/23
John Rasmussen	7/24
Joyce Shover.....	7/24
Regina Reth	7/26
Sarah Kluesner.....	7/27
Tammy White	7/28
Helen Cole	7/28
Randy Waterman.....	7/30

Happy Anniversary!

Chris & Angie Zehr	7/8
Travis & Meghan Mensen	7/20

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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

July Radio Sponsors

All Sundays in July are available for radio broadcast sponsors.

July Altar Flowers

July 5.....	Jenny Garvin
July 12 & 19.....	Open
July 26.....	The Tone family



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.

Good Neighbor Home Residents

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Les Carlson	309 (rehab wing)
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 Koenke	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

RAGBRAI Pie Fundraiser

Friday, July 24

Bake Sale

No July sale unless we have leftover pie from RAGBRAI!

National Collection Week

November 16-23



RAGBRAI

NEEDED: PIE BAKERS

We need 100 pies. Contact the church office if you can donate a 9" fruit pie on July 23 or help with our make/bake days.

2026 Goals

Churchwide

1,105 *quality* boxes

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

Drop Off Location

2,370 boxes

Packing Party Needs

Summer Toys/Accessories

- Sunglasses
- Hats/visors
- Flip flops
- Small kites/frisbees
- Jump ropes
- Soccer ball w/pump

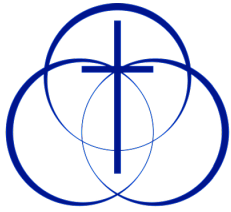
Prayer Requests

- Pray for the health & safety of all the RAGBRAI riders who will join us for pie & ice cream on July 24th. Pray for the success of this fundraiser not just monetarily but also in raising awareness for OCC.
- Pray the Lord will raise up a generation of young people eager to participate in global missions through Operation Christmas Child.
- Pray for many to hear and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ at outreach events in Peru and Tanzania.

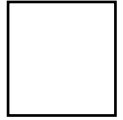
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***Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule — July 1 & 8 only.....will resume on September 16**
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups

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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)



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 Custodian: Dusty Ingles
Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman
Congregational Care: Sherry Goranson
Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz
Reaching & Receiving: Lori Snyder

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