



Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

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February 2024

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Where God's love is,

there is no fear, because
God's perfect love drives
out fear.

1 John 4:18

Become a Founding Member Feb 11th

Super Bowl Party Feb 11th

*“On the Way to The Cross”
Bible Study*

Valentine's Day Luncheon Feb 14th

Ash Wednesday Feb 14th

“How to Pray” Bible Study

OCC Bake Sale Feb 25th

Weather Closer Policy

A note from Pastor Phil...

7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

-Mark 11- 7-9

4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” -Mark 16:4-7

Have you ever watched the movie “It’s A Wonderful Life” starring Jimmy Stewart? The movie begins with a young man with big dreams to travel beyond his hometown and see the world. He works hard, saves his money, and makes big plans. Then he meets a beautiful young woman that fits into his plans and they fall in love, get married, and there is a great scene in the back of their friend’s taxi talking about all the places they will travel and see.

What if you then fast forwarded the movie to its conclusion where This young man has grown to be loved and respected by everyone in town singing a Christmas carol and celebrating in front of the joyfully decorated Christmas tree. You may well get caught up in the reverie, but would you truly appreciate the significance of the moment? You would have missed the challenges of a building and loan manager surviving the great depression. A young family fixing up a broken down old house. The nefarious character who tries to take over the town by profiting from others misery. Then when money was accidentally misplaced the threat of prosecution, imprisonment, loss of reputation... When the main character is at his wits end, an angel appears to lead him back into understanding all the ways he has been blessed in his life, and has been a blessing to others. We enter this last scene when he returns home to face whatever consequences the world may bring, only to be supported by all those people whom he has touched in his life... Would you truly experience the joy of all that has been overcome if you missed the important parts in the middle?

February 14th is Valentine’s Day... More importantly it is also Ash Wednesday. This is the beginning of our Lenten season... The 40 days of preparation that culminates in Easter Sunday. We just celebrated Christmas a little over a month ago where God came down from His throne in the form of a child named Jesus to save the world. In the 40 days of Lent we worship and consider the actions necessary and the high cost to pay that saving the world requires.

I invite all to worship with fullness and humble hearts during this Lenten season. I have written a Lenten series that will shed light on the intricacies of the Holy Transaction where Jesus, Son of God, becomes the eternal sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity. What is required of Jesus the Christ? What is humanity’s part in the story? Why does this all still matter today? I encourage all that are part of this church family to come to Ash Wednesday, take part in the small group studies, make a point to attend all the Lenten worships including special worships during Holy Week. Let us together make a commitment to be in fellowship, and worship, and faith development as we follow along with Jesus on the “Journey To The Cross.”

MMC Single Board
January 30, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from Ephesians 6: 10-11, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Mark reminded us that during these turbulent times we need to remain diligent when it comes to spiritual matters and remain strong in our faith. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce gave the year end financial report. With December contributions we ended the year with a small surplus. Giving in 2023 was down approximately \$20,000 from the previous year. The actual expenses for last year were \$236,276 and the actual income was \$236,521. The Brick-by-Brick campaign contributions in December were \$4800 bringing that total to \$47,617 after \$95,373 in expenses for 2023.

Trustees: Charlie reported the Trustees will be deciding where to proceed next with building improvements. Remodeling the back entryway to make it handicapped accessible is one possibility along with moving the offices to the east wing.

Worship: New banners are coming for Easter and the staging in the sanctuary has been improved to make it more stable.

Christian Ed.: There are four students in confirmation who will be confirmed on Mother's Day. Paul Lyman and Kristin Milroy are teaching the class.

Missions: Wayne reported that \$1100 was raised from the soup supper and those funds have been sent to Waypoint. Three employees from this women's shelter were at the soup supper to express their thanks and to tell us about their mission. The mission team will be looking for candidates for their Paint by Neighbor endeavor this summer.

Reaching and Receiving: New name badges are in the works and there has been some consideration of a new Pictorial Directory for our church.

Congregational Care: A Valentine's Day light luncheon is being planned for noon. Roger Mueller will share some music with us.

Mark shared an *Articles of Dissolution* that needs to be completed for the Iowa Secretary of State. This form was filled out and signed by the board leadership and will be sent along with a five dollar filing fee to the Secretary of State. This is the final act in our dissolution from the Manchester United Methodist Church affiliation.

Pastor has written a Lenten Devotional booklet that will be available soon. He is encouraging small groups to meet during Lent for some light discussion on the material. Those interested in guiding a small group or hosting one can let the office know.

Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6:00 p.m. 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

Financial Report as of November 30, 2023

01 General Fund

Expenses for November: \$18,475
Income for November: \$14,250
Balance for November: -\$4,225

Expenses year-to-date: \$214,771
Income year-to-date: \$206,274
Balance year-to-date: -\$8,497

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on November 30, 2023:
\$42,817 (\$1,400 in donations in November; no expenses)

Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses:
\$95,373

Commitments initially given but not honored: \$35,000

SERVING OUR CHURCH

February 4th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann & Roger Mueller

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers
Communion: Scanlan's & Janine Stellick

February 11th

8:30

Scout Sunday

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

February 18th

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Communion: Stephanie Stocks & Jeff Larsen

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

February 25th

Contemporary Service

8:30

Communion: Kaci & Mark Reth

10:30

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen
Piano/Organ Substitute: Duane Philgreen,
Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg

Tech Team: Michael Stocks, Ruth Voshell

If you would like to be part of the
Serving Our Church Team
please contact

**Communion Server, Liturgist,
Scripture Reader, Children's Sermon:**

Jeff Larsen @ 927-5089 or
call the office @ 927-4439

Door Greeter:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Tech Team:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Desk



Ash Wednesday

February 14th at 6:30PM

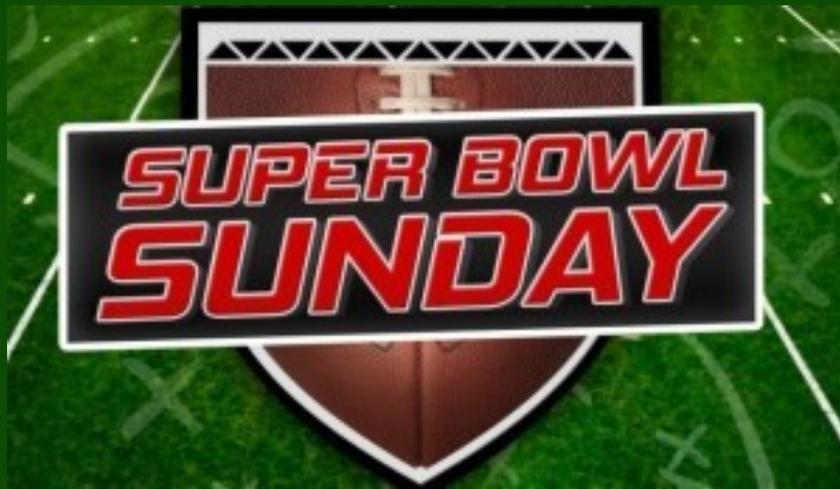
“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

~Genesis 3:19



*Join us in
preparation,
and prayer through
forty days of Lent.*

*Please
invite all who are
important to you
as we find
our hope in
The Passion Story.*



Superbowl Party

When: Sunday February 11th at 5:00pm

Where: MMC Community Room

Can you say POTLUCK?

Please bring your favorite football dish to share!

Pop will be provided . You are welcome to bring your own beverage if you wish.

See you there!

On The Way to The Cross Bible Study

Want to lead or join our Lenten Study this year?

Clipboards for signup are now located in the church Narthex.

Weather Closer Policy

Reminder that our church/office is closed on days that school is cancelled due to weather. We will post closers on our Facebook page, KMCH radio and on channel 9 news. If we know a storm is coming, Kat will take the church laptop and cell phone in order to work from home if necessary. Kat can be reached via email kat@manchestermethodistchurch.org or by the church cell phone, 563-929-6511, on these days. If weather looks bad on Sunday please check our Facebook page for an immediate update as to whether or not services will be cancelled.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING EVENTS

PLANNING MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2024 @ 6:30 Fellowship Hall

BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 25, 2024

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK

November 18-25, 2024

2024 GOALS

PACKING PARTY

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

FEBRUARY

Valentine's clearance

Wow Items

- Stuffed animals/dolls
- Soccer balls/pumps
- Musical instruments

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that God will meet all of the logistical and spiritual needs of our ministry partners as they prepare to receive and distribute shoebox gifts.
- Pray that the gift boxes will serve as a reminder to these children that they have a Father in heaven who loves them, who sees them, and who will not forget them.
- Pray that children will hear the Gospel clearly and boldly presented and that many will call upon the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved.
- Pray for our local volunteers as we begin planning for the packing and collection of quality shoeboxes during the 2024 collection season.

A red background with a large light pink heart in the center. Inside the heart is the text for the Valentine's Day Luncheon. Surrounding the central heart are four smaller hearts: a dark red one at the top left, a light pink one at the top right, a white one at the bottom left, and a dark red one at the bottom right.

Valentine's Day Luncheon

Fellowship & Entertainment

Date: February 14th

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: Wesley Hall

RSVP: By Feb 9th

Call the

Office 563-927-4439

Bible Study

We will restart our study from.. last October on "How to Pray". Our study will begin on February 1, 2024 at 3:15p.m. and go to 4:30 p.m. in the Conference room at the church. We will meet for 6 weeks at these times. Our class will be on February 1, February 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7. We left off on page 83 in the book.

I will need to end on the 7th so that our Worship Design Team can work on all the supplies, materials, and set up for Lent and Easter.

I'm looking forward to studying with you all....we know that PRAYER is the only thing that works for sure!!! See you then.

Donna Scanlan 563 927-6080.

how to pray

a simple guide
for normal
people

pete greig



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Dear MMC Family,

We have changed our sign but have not changed who we are. When we joined Global, we chose to move forward with a ministry which holds Biblical authority above all else and will always agree with the ancient creeds that we hold dear.

With a great start to a new year, we are now ready to move forward with membership. Please fill out the bottom portion of this page and send it back to the church if you are interested in becoming a founding member of Manchester Methodist Church no later than February 7th. To be a member you must be at least 18 years old or have completed confirmation and live into the vows you accept the day you become a member.

Rather than have each individual stand and be recognized as a new member we will do membership vows and have all who wish to become members stand at that time during worship on February 11th. We will assume, if you are unable to attend worship in person, your vows taken at home while watching online or listening over the radio will be taken with honesty and integrity. Please be sure to include the names of everyone in your family below who wish to join the church. You may bring this form to the church in person, mail in, drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or fill it out online at <https://www.manchestermethodistchurch.org/become-a-member/>

God Bless,
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Name(s) In Full _____

Minors/Non Members included in household _____

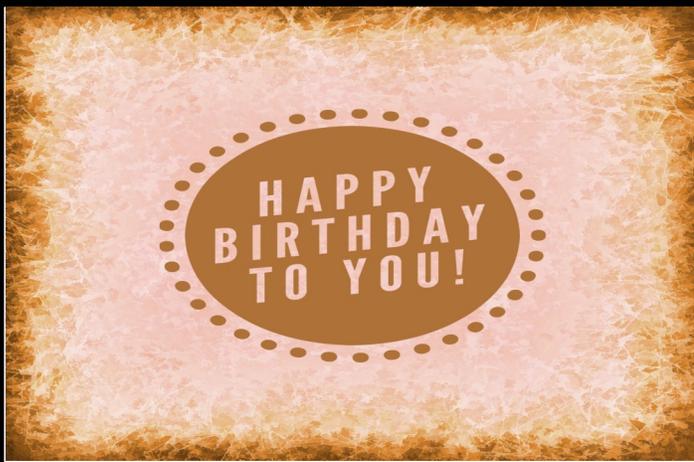
Address _____

Phone/Email _____

I would like to be a member but am unable to attend.

I would like to be a member and will be there.

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- Connie Erickson2/04
- Shirley Haigh.....2/05
- Jackie Sherman.....2/06
- Linda Toms.....2/08
- Terry Larson.....2/09
- Linda Gearhart2/11
- Lynne Rasmussen2/15
- Don Mellody.....2/20
- Arlan Henderson.....2/23
- Stephanie Stocks.....2/26
- Caryssa O'Connell.....2/28

- Brad & Shirley Davis2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart.....2/19

FLOWER SIGN UP

Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Kat in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.



Good Neighbor Home

105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
John LeClere Sr.	133-N
Louise Reth	210 Mariettas
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
Joe Vap	108
Bill Welcher	15-S

The Meadows

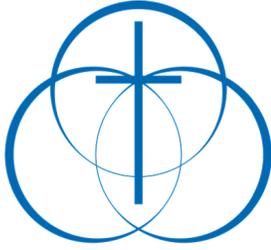
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Service 8:30AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	February 21st CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 Youth/Small Groups	February Mission:		
Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM-10:20AM	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			
				1	2	3 8:00PM Community Meeting
Second Service 10:30AM						
4	5 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	6	7 WOW	8	9	10 8:00PM Community Meeting
11 Superbowl Party 5:00pm	12 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	13	14 Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	15	16	17 8:00PM Community Meeting
18	19 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	20	21 Chimes Deadline	22	23	24 8:00PM Community Meeting
25	26 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	27	28 WOW	29		



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Return Service Requested

TO: _____

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
 9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday
 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday
 Church is Closed

**We invite you to join us for
 worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30am,
 and 10:30 am. Visit our website
manchestermethodistchurch.org
 Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on
 Sunday Nights**

YOU SAY... GOD SAYS...

<u>YOU SAY</u>	<u>GOD SAYS</u>	<u>BIBLE VERSES</u>
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

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The Ministry Team at MMC includes:
The Entire Congregation
Reverend Phil Rogers
Secretary: Kat Rogers
Church Custodian:
Dennis Porter
And Dusty Ingles
Christian Education Director:
Paul Lyman
Choir Director & Organist: Beth Mueller
& Lynne Rasmussen
Bell Choir Director: Beth Mueller
Mission Coordinator:
Wayne Birkenholz
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Thank you!