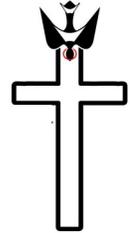




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# The Chimes ~ June 2025

***This summer's VBS program - True North -  
will be held July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 A.M. until noon.***



***Children from age 3 (potty trained) through  
those entering 5th grade are welcome to attend.***

You will find a registration form in this newsletter,  
or you may also register via a link on our church  
website, [manchestermethodistchurch.org](http://manchestermethodistchurch.org).  
There will also be a link for volunteers to sign up.

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## ~ June Mission of the Month ~

Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP) is a community action agency serving 9 counties in Eastern Iowa. We embrace the philosophy of "a help up, not a handout" in our commitment to empower and improve the lives of families living with the everyday barriers of poverty.

HACAP is our June Mission of the Month. Our goal is to collect needed resources that will support HACAP. There will be collection boxes by the church entrances for your donations. At this time, their current most needed items include:

Toilet paper  
Dish soap  
Shampoo (no conditioner)  
Tooth paste (no tooth brushes)

Laundry soap (any type)  
Deodorant (mens and womens)  
Body wash or bar soap  
Facial tissue

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

19 Therefore this is what the Lord says:

“If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me;  
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman.

Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

- Jeremiah 15:19

John Wesley has a famous quote that I have given much thought to in the last several years. “ I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should cease to exist in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect having the form of religion without power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.”

We have uniquely been called to live and minister in a unique time and culture where many refer to a “post Christian.” How is this happening on our watch? It would appear to me that we have lost the wonder, power, and mystery of God. So much of the western church has sought out a progressive view of God and His Word. So much so that many may assume they do not need God, nor grace, and that they are saved because in their own opinions they are “good people.” Those who truly believe know that this is not true... Acts 14 informs us that there is no other name in heaven or earth that men shall be saved. Jesus proclaims on multiple occasions that this requires repentance and belief. Yet in the arrogance of the world, many think they can live into their own desires, and that God will bless them just because they are righteous on their own.

Methodists have always been a creedal people and trusted in the authority of one book. This means that we affirm the ancient creeds like the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed and we place all our trust in the un-redacted Word of God. We have also been a people who work together in fellowship to prepare, encourage, and hold accountable one another in love as we journey towards perfection in this life. This is only possible when we come together in worship and small groups- seeking to fulfill the Lord’s prayer that “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” We are less when we are not in community...we diminish the presence of God when we are not together.

Lord, may we be a church that acknowledges Your power in our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! May we have fellowship together with You! Amen

Peace,  
Pastor Phil

**MMC Single Board - May 20, 2025**  
**6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall**

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

**Mark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.** followed by a sharing time from Isaiah 43:16-17. "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

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

**Finance:** Bruce shared that actual expenses through April 30 were \$76,542 and contributions were \$77,581 leaving us with a balance of +1,039 YTD. Bruce has been working on resolving issues with our Windstream cancellation since changing to Comelec in January.

**Trustees:** The estimate to replace the east sidewalk is \$4,000. We are waiting on estimates from contractors for the ramp on the south side entrance.

**Worship:** Beth reported she is waiting on estimates for replacing the sanctuary sound system that no longer functions. We will be given different possible solutions all depending on the expense involved..

**Christian Ed:** Paul stated that the materials for VBS have been ordered and received and we are waiting on input from those who volunteered to be in charge. He is looking for a Senior High teacher so he can help with the Confirmation Class.

**Missions:** Thank yous were received from Dirt Road Network, U of Iowa Health Center, and Heifer International for recent mission donations. April mission of the month was the Food Pantry and May is Pay it Forward. June will be HACAP. We have a list of needed donations. The July Ice Cream Social donations will go towards the sound system. The vegetable garden is all planted and growing.

**Congregational Care:** In Sherry's absence Pastor Phil met with a team member to discuss current needs and concerns.

**SPPRC:** Shirley is planning a June meeting.

**Rahab House** is now officially a 501C entity pending signatures. The search is on for a suitable family to accomplish this mission.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30.** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025 in Wesley Hall. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Gross  
Single Board Secretary

## PAINT BY NEIGHBOR!

The Missions Team will once again be doing the "Paint by Neighbor" mission project. They will be doing this the week of June 16th. They plan to have the youth help power wash the tables and chairs from Wesley hall on Wednesday of that week. The team is still looking for small projects to do. Contact Wayne Birkenholz (515-710-6924) if you have a project that you need assistance with during the week of June 16th.

~ *Neighbor Helping Neighbor* ~

### THANK YOU!

I would like to extend a sincere 'thank you' to everyone for the phone calls, visits, and the food brought to me while I was ill. It was all very much appreciated!

Doris Lei

### From the Family of Audrey Belden...

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, words of sympathy, and other kindnesses shown to us at the time of Audrey's passing. Thank you for helping us remember and celebrate her faith-filled life.

John & Lynne Rasmussen & family

Richard Belden & family



## Certified Lay Ministry (CLM) Program 2025 Summer/Fall Session

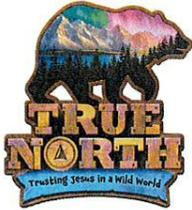
Another 6 months has passed and the Upper Midwest Conference will be hosting the next session of training for the Certified Lay Ministry (CLM) program. This program is for professing members with at least 2 years in their membership who are in lay leadership with their church, leading a church as a lay person, or is called to further their calling to join in said leadership. This session will run from July 2025 - December 2025. You will learn more about your calling, understanding the church, Bible study, mission and evangelism, and more! Each class is 1 day and may include pre-work or homework after the conclusion of the class. Upon completion of the coursework and other requirements, you would be commissioned as a CLM as early as 2026 at the Upper Midwest Annual Conference.

You'll find more information about the program and the registration form here:

<https://www.uppermidwestgmc.org/certified-lay-ministry>

If you have any further questions, please reach out to your pastor or the CLM Committee itself here: [certifiedlayministry@uppermidwestgmc.org](mailto:certifiedlayministry@uppermidwestgmc.org)

**Manchester Methodist Church VBS Registration**  
**July 14-18, 2025 - 9:30am-noon**



VBS Contact: Jeanne Bardgett and Kaci Reth  
563-608-0712 or 563-920-2513

Email: [jeannebardgett@gmail.com](mailto:jeannebardgett@gmail.com) or [kaci.reth@icloud.com](mailto:kaci.reth@icloud.com)

(Ages 3 & potty trained to just entering 5th grade)

~ PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN ~

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to take and use photos  yes  no

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade just completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Concerns:

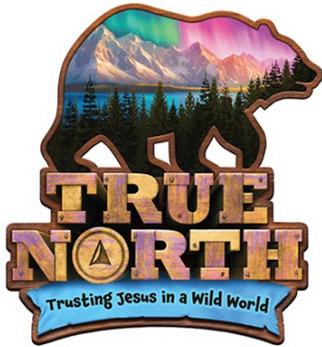
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Will your child be getting picked up or walking home? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Anyone other than you have permission to pick up your child?

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_



You may register your child(ren) for Vacation Bible School by scanning the CHILD QR code below. You may also sign yourself up to be a volunteer by using the VOLUNTEER QR code below.

Alternately, you may go to our church website and click on the appropriate link there to sign up your child or yourself.

If you prefer, you may use the form on the opposite side of this page and return it to the church.

Child Sign Up



Volunteer  
Sign Up



# SERVING OUR CHURCH

## June 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:30

Liturgist: Tom Allyn  
 Children's Message: Darla Gaskill  
 Communion: Tom & Connie Allyn,  
 Marilyn Feldmann

## June 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller  
 Children's Message: Paul Lyman

## June 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross  
 Children's Message: Travis Mensen

## June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice  
 Children's Message: Roy Vice

## June 29<sup>th</sup> - Contemporary Service - 9:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member  
 Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

### Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

NAME	ROOM #
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N

### The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

## 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 & Lynne Rasmussen  
 elizabethannmueller@gmail.com,  
 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
Pauline Philgreen.....	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!

Rex & Leann Van Dyke.....	6/7
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
Clyde & Doris Scovel.....	6/25
Roger & Beth Mueller.....	6/30

**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 next time!



**If you have a new baby in your family,** please be sure to notify the office and we will place a rose (or roses) on the altar for new moms, grandmas, & great-grandmas!

## RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the calendar in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast (\$75/Sunday), or to share flowers for the altar. If they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone, please let Lynne in the office know (or include it on the sign-up sheet).



### June Radio Broadcasts:

- June 1 ..... Will & Alaina Turner
- June 8 ..... Anonymous
- June 15 ..... Tim Tacy (birthday)
- June 22 ..... Glenn Nystel (birthday)
- June 29 ..... Anonymous

### June Altar Flowers:

- June 1, 8, 15, 22 are all open
- June 29 ..... Jean Gross

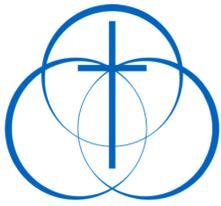




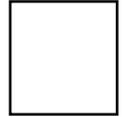
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 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm**  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm**  
**Friday: Closed**

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

- ◆ **Sunday mornings in person at 9:30am (thru Sept. 7th)**
- ◆ **Find us on YouTube to watch the Sun. 9:30am 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  
Office Manager/Secretary: Lynne Rasmussen  
Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles  
Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman  
Music Director: Beth Mueller  
Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz

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