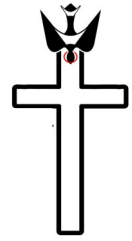




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The Chimes ~ May 2025

The 3rd Annual
“Homemade & Homegrown Sale”



will be on Friday, May 16th
from noon until 6:00 p.m.
(at the Sherman's - 308 S. Wayne St.)



- ◆ **Plants**
- ◆ **Crafts**
- ◆ **Baked Goods**

All proceeds go to support shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child.



~ May Mission of the Month ~



The mission of the month for May will be “Delaware County Pay It Forward”.
The mission of PIF is to model humility, unity, and compassion to the members of our county by sharing hope and inspiring kindness.



KINDNESS MATTERS - PAY IT FORWARD



A note from Pastor Phil...

During my devotional time this morning I came across the testimony of a young Russian Muslim woman. She tells the story of her sister being shunned from the family for converting to Christianity. She continued to meet with her sister in secret, trying to convince her to return to "true faith." She prayed to Allah daily to return her sister to her faith and family. One day she decided to read the Bible so she could prove to her sister that Jesus was only a prophet, not the second person of a Triune God. She found as she read the Holy Scriptures that she was finding a peace in truth that she had never before experienced. Then she came across this scripture in John chapter 14:

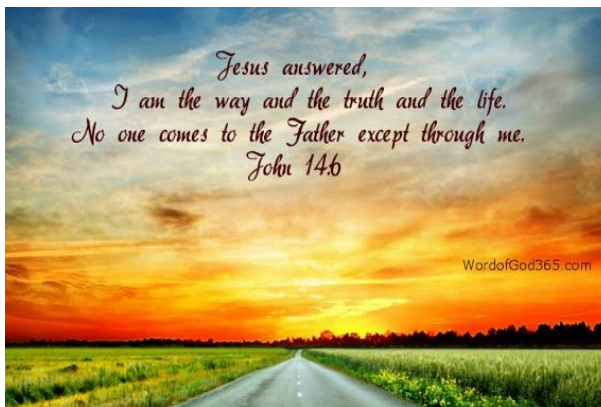
***Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me. - John 14:6***

She became convinced that Jesus is much more than a prophet, and in truth, the way of salvation for all humanity. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus. She prayed for Jesus to enter her life as she sought to live her life to His glory. Today she is a Christian Missionary in Eastern Europe.

This story provides hope, but also sorrow. We know the hope of redemption and peace in Christ Jesus, but for some it may come at a cost in family, community - even their own well being. What risk do I have in choosing Jesus as my Lord and Savior? Perhaps a risk to my social life?

Our culture describes these days in which we are living as "Post-Christian." Our society has evolved beyond the confines of Christian morality. I find this confusing, as it would appear that as society moved away from loving God we have also ceased to love neighbor. There is no acceptance of another's point of view, and in fact our society is so fractured that to disagree is to be like an enemy. I do not find a greater peace or joy than is promised if we live our lives in Christian faith and God's glory. Yet it seems as if our culture is prepared to double down in pursuit of a worldly joy, which scripture promises is beyond eternal reach. But in Jesus, there is the promise of joy, peace, and grace.

So how did we - a nation established on the foundation of Christian faith - become this culture where the majority are lost in the world? I believe it is the sin of silence and apathy... perhaps since we do not have any real risk in sharing our faith that somehow it has diminished in value. Are we still a people who seek to love God and love neighbor?



***Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven
given to mankind by which we must be saved."
- Acts 4:12***

As we view this world lost in its own worldly desires, who do you know that needs to hear this truth so that they may know and believe?

Peace,
Pastor Phil

MMC Single Board - April 15, 2025
6:00 p.m. - Conference Room

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

Mark called the meeting to order followed by a sharing time from Ephesians 2:10. "God planned for us to do good things and to live as He always wanted us to live. That's why He sent Christ to make us what we are." He shared an inspirational article on "What is Good." Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Mark.

Finance: Bruce shared that actual expenses through March 31 were \$58,543 and actual income was \$56,856 leaving us with a small deficit of -\$1,687. He reminded everyone to turn in a "greenie" when reimbursement is expected so that the proper accounts can be charged for bookkeeping purposes.

Trustees: There are two new members on the Trustee team: Dan Kunde and Blake O'Connell. Discussion was held about purchasing a floor buffer for Wesley Hall. The old church buffer is worn out. Pastor will talk to Ken about this so he can find something adequate for the needs. Estimates for the south ramp are being taken and the old garage will be removed sometime this year and a new small storage shed will replace it. A doorbell has been mounted on the east entrance for anyone wishing to use that door. Lynne will open that door.

Christian Ed: Paul reported that Kaci Reth and Jeanne Bardgett agreed to be in charge of VBS this year. Materials have been ordered. There will probably be five confirmation students next spring. Kristin Milroy will help teach that class but needs someone able to help as a substitute.

Missions: Wayne shared that \$655 was raised for Heifer International in March. May mission will be "Pay It Forward" and June will be HACAP. Paint by Neighbor will happen in June. The plan as of now is to power wash the tables and chairs from Wesley Hall in the parking lot, but they are looking for other projects to do also. Julie Porter is preparing to lead the Ice Cream Social event this summer. Anyone needing yard/landscape cleanup assistance - this will be done after Easter.

Worship: Beth shared that there will be several opportunities to worship during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, including a special service on Wednesday of that week.

Reaching and Receiving: There are still copies of our new pictorial directories available. The cost of the directory came in less than expected so there is a surplus in that fund for future use. Pastor and Debbie's picture will soon be in the hallway upstairs with the other pictures of previous pastors.

Congregational Care: There were no funerals to report. Cards have been sent for birthdays and anniversaries. Easter cards will go out to the GNH and Meadows. Several visits and phone calls were made. Discussion was held on the outcome of the recent Congregational Care District Conference held at Delhi. Carnations will be give out on Mother's Day as usual. We are looking at a different source for these this year. The fall birthday celebration for those 75+ is being planned. Wayne Birkenholz will be sharing his experience on raising bees and collecting honey. We will also plan to give out prayer shawls to anyone who would like one as there is an overabundance in the storage room.

Discussion was held on our Safe Sanctuary Policy which needs to be shared with the Conference. This was updated a few years ago, so we will see if any changes are needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Single Board Secretary

Neighbor Helping Neighbor: Spring Clean-up

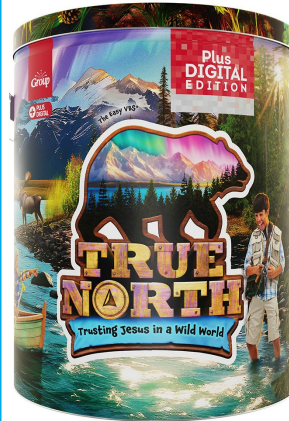


The Missions Team will be offering assistance to those who are unable to do their spring yard clean-up by themselves. The team is also looking for volunteers to help with this project! Contact Wayne Birkenholz (515-710-6924) or the church office to request help with your yard clean-up, or to volunteer to be a helper.

A Big Thank You!

We would like to thank our wonderful church family for celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary with us. Our reception exceeded our expectations! Thanks for attending, and a BIG thank you to those who helped put it all together!

*Blessings,
Bill and Donna Scanlan*



SAVE THE DATE!!
True North VBS
will be held the
week of July 21-25.
Be watching for
more details and
registration info
coming soon!

In concert, May 17th at Manchester Methodist Church

ERNIE COUCH & REVIVAL



“Ernie Couch & Revival” is a father/son/grandson music group from Nashville that will be presenting a concert here at MMC on Sat., May 17th at 6:30 P.M.

Their musical style has often been described as ‘Americana Gospel’, and will appeal to all ages. There is no cost to attend the concert, but a freewill love offering will be collected. Invite your friends & neighbors to join us for this free night of musical entertainment!

Follow Ernie, Memphis and Jason on Facebook  and at www.erniecouchandrevival.com

SERVING OUR CHURCH

May 4th

8:30

Liturgist: Evan Maifeld
Children's Message: Terry Larson
Communion: Evan M., Jeff & Terry Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen
Communion: Meghan M. & Janine Stellick

May 11th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Children's Message:
Jordan LeClere



10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean G. & Pam Vap

May 18th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Message: Paul Lyman

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: Janine S. & Wayne Birkenholz

May 25th - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Message: Tom Fetter

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Bill & Donna Scanlan

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!

- Jenny Garvin 5/2
- Joanne Wade 5/4
- Jill Miller..... 5/5
- Pam Vap 5/5
- LeAnn Cooksley 5/14
- Dusty Ingles..... 5/18
- Caria Philgreen 5/18
- Calee Philgreen 5/21
- Charlie Dighton 5/22
- Peg Koeneke..... 5/22
- Nicholas Stocks 5/27

Happy Anniversary!

- Jeff & Dianne Larsen 5/2
- Wayne & Jenny Garvin 5/13
- Gary & Marilyn Feldmann 5/15
- Mark & Terri Philgreen 5/18
- Zach & Kat Rogers 5/24
- Duane & Michelle Philgreen 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!*



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).

May Radio Broadcasts:

All May broadcasts are being sponsored by Randy & Kathy Waterman. Thank you!

May Altar Flowers:

All May Sundays are currently available for sharing flowers.



Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
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



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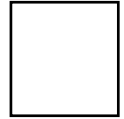


Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:
 5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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

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**



*Happy Mother's Day blessings
to all the mothers and mother
figures in our lives!*

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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