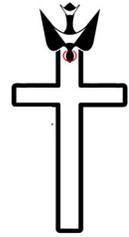


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The Chimes ~ July 2025

**This summer's Vacation Bible School program
- *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World* -
will be held July 14th-18th from 9:30 until 11:45 A.M.**



***Children from age 3 (potty trained) through
those entering 5th grade are welcome!
There's still time to register!***

You may pick up a registration form at the welcome desk at the church, or you may also register via a link on our church website or on our Facebook page. Note...there is still a need for more volunteers to sign up, and there is also a link for that!

You may also scan the QR codes found to the right to register a child, or to register yourself as a volunteer. Share this info with your family & friends. Thank you!

Child Sign Up



Volunteer
Sign Up



A note from Pastor Phil...

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"
6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.
7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"
8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,
9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" - John 6:5-8

Andrew is one of the original 12 Disciples, though not included in the inner circle of Peter, James, and John. When Andrew met Jesus he knew that he was standing in the presence of God and went to find his brother, Peter, to introduce to Jesus. Without Andrew's faith there would be no Peter, the rock upon which the church is built.

Once again Andrew, in faithfulness, provides Jesus with the introduction that triggers a miracle and an opportunity for Jesus to again proclaim His magnificent holiness.



- *"Here is a boy"*...Looking at the original text, this would be better translated as a "little boy." In this culture, this little boy would be regarded as insignificant because he was not old enough to work and help support his family.
- *"five small barley loaves"*...Barley was not held in high regard by the people of this generation. It was considered food for the poor, as it was valued to be one third of the cost of wheat. In fact, in the Talmud, which is an ancient book of Jewish ceremony and law, there is a passage where one man said, "There is a fine crop of barley" and another man answered, "Tell it to the horses and donkeys."
- *"and two small fish"*...This word that is often translated from the original text as fish would be better translated as two very small salted fish...like sardines.

All things considered, this insignificant child offers poor fare to the Son of God...and it was more than enough. Jesus took these meager offerings, from one deemed without value, and fed a multitude! In my mind's eye I see this young boy, offering what he had - with a heart of hope. Imagine how he felt as Jesus transformed this meager meal into a feast!

As we labor to be servants of our God there are times when we may feel as if we are not enough. This is a normal part of the human condition I guess. Sometimes I wonder if I have honored God's call on my life, am I doing all that I can, am I giving enough effort, am I meeting God's expectations?

When I look at this story it reveals that we need only put energy behind the blessing, God can take us in our brokenness, and in our doubt, and in His magnificence achieve something amazing - even miraculous. What is Jesus calling for us to achieve together today, and how do we in faith take that first step to live into all that Jesus calls His Bride to achieve from this unique place, in this unique time?

Peace,
Pastor Phil

~ July Mission of the Month ~



The Mission of the Month for July will be an upgrade for our sanctuary sound system. You may recall that the sound system went out during Holy Week. Since that time, we have had to “make do” with a makeshift system that was piecemealed together using components from the Wesley Hall sound system, etc. It has been 20 years since the sanctuary sound system has received an upgrade, so it is long overdue. Thank you in advance for any donations that you are able to share to help us accomplish this major undertaking, which will greatly enhance our worship service experience!



Mark your calendars for our annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held on Wednesday, July 30th, 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 ~ Baked Beans
Potato Chips ~ Cheesy Potatoes
Pies ~ Bars ~ Cake ~ ICE CREAM!
(Carry-outs will be available)



The cost will be just a freewill donation. A portion of the proceeds will go towards our July Mission of the Month, the new sanctuary sound system.

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. You will find the sign-up sheets posted in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Please check them out to see how you may be able to help!!

Plan to attend, and invite your neighbors and friends to join us!

MMC Single Board
June 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from Romans 12:6-8, 12. This scripture focuses on our spiritual gifts and making good use of them to further God's kingdom. We are to encourage one another and to give generously of our time and resources. We need to be verse 12: *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Are we patient in God's eyes was a topic for discussion. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Mark.

Finance: Bruce reported that the expenses year to date are \$97,607 and the actual income is \$99,202 leaving us with a surplus of \$1,595 so far for the year. The Biennial Report will be done as soon as the proper paperwork is completed. Money is coming in for the sound system update.

Trustees: Charlie reported the east sidewalk work will be completed this month. The work on the parking lot ramp will proceed as soon as materials arrive. It will take a couple months for the new south entrance door to come. A floor buffer is being ordered, which Ken will use in Wesley Hall.

Worship: Beth reported that we should have a quote for the new sound system equipment hopefully this week. The finances needed for the upgrade will be given to the congregation for possible donations towards this project. It has been 20 years since the sound system was last upgraded.

Christian Ed: Paul reported that VBS plans are moving ahead. Needed donations are listed in the narthex and can be purchased and returned there.

Missions: Wayne reported that this week is a mission work week. Part of their time has been spent in tidying up Rahab House for whenever someone is available to move in. The Rahab board is searching for a family that meets the mission requirements for this project. Workers have been few and Wayne suggested rethinking mission work week for ways to improve its success.

Mark reported that he has received information for the EIN number from the IRS for Rahab House and said the Rahab funds need to be transferred to the 501C3 for Rahab expenses and be controlled by the Rahab House board. This will be a totally separate account from the church. He shared materials with those in charge.

Congregational Care: Sherry shared that October 9 will be the birthday luncheon for those age 75 and over. Our program will be Wayne Birkenholz sharing his bee knowledge. Sunday, October 12 we will celebrate our appreciation of Pastor Phil. The team will be serving pie during fellowship time between services. Our team has volunteered to serve the receptions for confirmands and graduates next year in conjunction with our youth leader.

Staff Parish: Shirley reported that there was not a quorum at the recently called meeting, but she would like to meet once a quarter to see if there are any concerns needing attention.

Lay Leader: Bill gave a brief Annual Conference Report. He reported that Bishop Webb did a great job of conducting the conference with 601 in attendance. They voted on delegates and policy. The Book of Discipline for the Global Methodist Church is being printed. Pastor Phil gave a disaster relief presentation to the group. Bill shared that it was a very spiritually uplifting conference and urged others to go if at all possible in the future.

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 15, 2025 in Wesley Hall. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

July 6th - 9:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen
 Children's Message: Terry Larson
 Communion: Jeff & Terry Larson,
 Meghan Mensen

July 13th - 9:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap
 Children's Message: Michael Stocks

July 20th - 9:30

Liturgist: Jackie Sherman
 Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

July 27th Contemporary Service - 9:30

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

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	20-S
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
 techteam.mmc@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!

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
Clayton Larsen.....	7/7
Beth Mueller.....	7/11
Michelle Philgreen.....	7/12
Becky Bardgett.....	7/17
Diane Miller.....	7/18
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
Merle & Mary Mangold.....	7/30

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).



July Radio Broadcasts:

- July 6..... Anonymous
- July 13..... Lori Snyder, in celebration of her son, Josh's 35th b'day
- July 20..... Anonymous
- July 27..... Anonymous

July Altar Flowers:

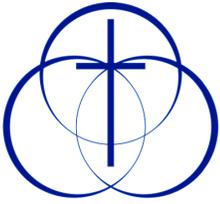
All Sundays in July are available if you would like to share altar flowers!



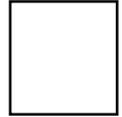
JULY

**** NO WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS IN JULY. We will resume on August 6th. ****

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TO:

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 (none in July)**



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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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