

*Manchester United Methodist Church*



# *The Chimes*

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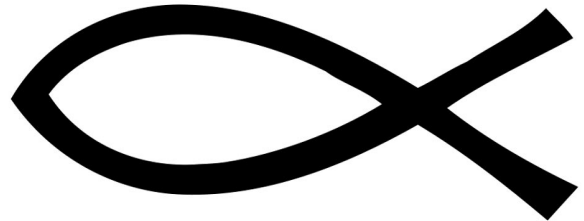
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*Especially in our prayers at this time are:*

Arlan Brockmeyer- Carol Carlson –Michael  
Compton Family-Jeff Duncan-Kristine Galiher-  
Dean Jones James Manson - Chuck Mitchell  
Family-Katie Mitchell-Virginia Nelson- Charline  
Scanlan Scott Spoerl - Gerald Wiltse  
Randy Shover



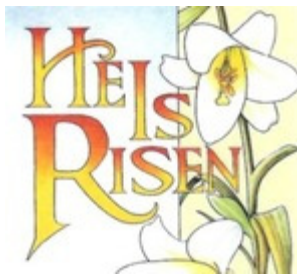
**FRONT’N CENTER**

I have been burdened over these past months with the spiritual life of our congregation. My heart and experience tells me that it is vital for all persons to have a saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. There have been situations in which persons have expressed with both words and actions that their hearts are not set upon the things and purposes of God, but rather upon personal human interests.

The bottom line is that I am concerned about the salvation of your souls. It is paramount to me that each person has saving relationship with God. There is a popular verse in Joshua in which Joshua proclaims for his household that he says, “but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord” 24:7. The remainder of the story follows in which the people of God also affirm their obedience to God. Joshua says to the people that they will not be able to serve the Lord until they put away the things in their lives that are like gods to them.

Joshua continues to say that their vows which they made to God would be a witness against them if they turned from them. We each say that we have given ourselves to the Lord; we have confessed that we have sinned against God, that we cannot be righteous within ourselves, that we accept that Jesus is the one and only way to God, we have asked for forgiveness in the name of Jesus, and have promised to obey and serve only God for the remainder of our lives.

**Mark your Calendars**



**United Methodist Church Services**

**Wednesday Lenten Services**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm

April 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

**Maundy Thursday Service**

April 17<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm

**Good Friday Service**

April 18<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm

**Easter Sunday Services**

8:00 am and 10:30 am



*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son to die for us so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

*John 3: 16*

We have made our vow to God to serve him with our lives and yet we continue to walk in the way of our previous life and focusing upon our self rather than on God. We speak words that epitomize our human beliefs and we act like God does not exist. In doing so, we betray our witness that Jesus Christ the One and only Lord of our life. When we deny God in our everyday life and live like we are the most important thing in the creation we are not in or of God's kingdom. We say to God, I know what I promised to you, but I am going to live my life in my own way.

Examine your own heart and soul. What motivates you in your life? What is your highest priority? If it is all about you and what you think or do; then you are not in God's kingdom. Lent is the time to get your life right with God. Do not endanger your eternal life. Make sure your relationship with God is secure in Jesus Christ and begin to live like it.

Peace & Grace,

**Financial News:**

The Administrative Council asked that I share important information with church concerning the financial health of the church. The first two months of this year have been hard on all of us and also on the life of the church. The months of January and February suffered low attendance and therefore the receipts were also low. As of the end of February the receipts were exceeded by the expenses by \$5880.00. The church has also had unexpected expenses with the boilers and water softener. The church was able to pay additional and shortfall expenses by using money from the savings/emergency fund. We are current with all obligations excluding apportionments.

The savings/emergency fund is instrumental in the financial health of the church because it affords us a cash flow base. The more we draw upon it the less cash flow we have and we put the church in an unhealthy financial situation.

Therefore, the Administrative Council is asking each of you to be diligent in your offerings so that the church can continue to be solvent.



**UMW Events**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast has been cancelled  
Rescheduled:  
May 7<sup>th</sup> May Day Breakfast @ 9:00 am

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**Men's Lenten Breakfast**

Theme: "Who is this man?" A question people often asked about Jesus and the answers they were given.

Saturdays 7-8 a.m.

April 5<sup>th</sup>            First Lutheran Church  
April 12<sup>th</sup>          First Presbyterian Church



**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of March 18, 2014**

**Present at Meeting:**

Randy Waterman	Tina Mead
Kathy Waterman	Paul Kammarmeyer
Pastor Mike	Marilyn Feldmann
Linda Gearhart	Bill Scanlan
Ron Gearhart	Al Remling

Ad Council Chair Paul Kammarmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mike led us in prayer after joys and concerns were shared.

Kathy Waterman moved, seconded by Bill Scanlon to approve the February 25<sup>th</sup> Ad Council minutes as written. Motion carried.

Pastor Mike shared concerns of the January and February giving towards the budget. Giving is considerably less than needed. Pastor Mike will

share concern with congregation at March 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Services.

Apportionments to be paid for February will be calculated at 10% of the base line receipts, plus designated apportionments giving for the month and rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

Marilyn Feldman-Alter Committee, reported on the purchase of Lenten and Funeral Banners purchased by the MUMW Memorial money. Also, a banner stand was purchased for displaying the banners

Mission Coordinator Tina Mead reported on activities scheduled:

1. Easter Bake sale on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-to 11:00, more details later. They will be selling after the Good Friday service if any wishes to purchase early. There will also be a sign up sheet in the hallway if anyone would like to bake something for the sale. Please bring items to the church on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> so they can put it out.
2. Next mission meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.
3. March's mission is the Heifer project and April's mission is Haiti. We are helping a hospital there to rebuild.
4. The ice cream social is set for July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
5. There will be no kids "learn and lunch" program this summer due to lack of funding, at this time.

Tina is still working on a mission trip for this summer if anyone is interested in going please let her know.

Al Remling-Evangelism Committee reported on the CPL Wall (Care, Prayer and Love) sign off sheets located on the wall of the hallway ramp area. Many people are signing them but, much more work needs to be done to assist people in responding.

Randy Waterman reported on information from March 11<sup>th</sup> Finance Meeting. General Operations shortfall in budget for February covered from Savings/Reserve funds in the amount of \$3319.00. Approved a maximum of \$300.00 for training in the Church PowerPlus Software for Administrative Secretary by Goslings. A question on Program Expense budget for CORE was discussed. After reviewing Church Change Conference Meeting Minutes, dated November 19, 2013, budget set for

CORE 2014 year is \$625.00/month (maximum). Actual amount calculated from actual receipts compared to base line receipts. Finance Committee scheduled to re-visit this issue in June.

Pastor Mike shared concern about Funeral Committee. Kay Deahl, Funeral Ministry Team Leader has moved to DeWitt, leaving a need for someone to chair this committee. We will be looking for someone to step forward.

Annual Conference dates are June 7<sup>th</sup>-June 10<sup>th</sup>. Al Remling-Lay Delegate will be attending with Pastor Mike.

Script sales are up with Administrative Secretary position being filled, making Script available through the church office as well as Sunday mornings.

Randy Waterman reported that SPPRC has not met with a regular meeting since January with many special meetings involved with hiring process of Administrative Secretary. An April meeting is being scheduled with no date at this time.

Paul Kamarmeyer reported on MUMM rescheduling of the Buffalo Luncheon scheduled for Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at noon. Also, Al Remling shared on the study, "The Way" that will be used with Sunday School and Monday morning Bible Study.

MUMW-Kathy Waterman reported on the re-scheduling of the Lenten Breakfast to April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Pastor Mike reported that there is no scheduled Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Mike shared up and coming event schedules:

1. Church Pictorial Directory Schedule-Pictures will be taken April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three (3) volunteers are heading up this event with sitting times being scheduled.
2. Senior Graduate Recognition-Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
3. Choir-last Sunday set for May 18<sup>th</sup>
4. Vacation Bible School-July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>, with a program on July 27<sup>th</sup>

Tina Mead-Mission Coordinator announced there was no: Lunch and Learning Program scheduled at this time for the summer unless funding from the community becomes available. Approximate cost of the program is \$2300.00.

Pastor Mike was asked about the Nominating Committee and new committee members. Reported that he, Pastor Mike was the nominating committee and two (2) new members joined the Trust

Next Ad Council meeting will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike closed meeting in prayer at 7:10 p.m. and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Waterman  
Ad Council Secretary-Pro Tem



Finance Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2013

Present at the meeting:

Debbie Saunders                      Kathy Evarts  
Roger Mueller                        Paul Roberg  
Randy Waterman

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

All present reviewed the budget, Debbie pointed out the deficit in the General Budget for February. After discussion of whether or not to pull funds from the reserve, Randy Waterman made a motion to transfer funds in the amount of \$3319.00 from reserve to the General Budget. Roger Mueller seconded it, the committee approved. The motion was carried.

Debbie asked the council if there were funds available for training in the Church Power Plus software. It was approved to spend up to \$300.00 with Goslings for such training.

Randy Waterman asked if we were up to date on the automatic contributions being made in the absence of the secretary during January and February. Yes,

they have all been made with the exception of one member who Pastor is working with.

Debbie questioned the contribution to CORE as she understood the dollar amount was to be \$625.00 per month regardless of the funds brought in under the fund yet there was some discrepancy during training in the dollar amount, that there may have been some changes made. After discussion by the board it was determined that Debbie would review prior Ad Council minutes to determine their decision and make appropriate payment. The minutes were located; payment is to be \$625.00 per month.

Scrip sales were discussed, sales are up since the administration position has been filled and the weather has improved.

The next finance meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Randy Waterman at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Saunders  
Administrative Secretary

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**SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE WALL**

On the wall in the hallway of the church you will see sheets with names of families in our congregation. Sign your name in the blank space beside your printed name. Look for printed names with blanks beside their name. Sign your name there if you would like to reach out to that family to show them that you care about them. You may like to call or visit them. Invite them to our worship services.





RANDY BROWN	04/02
DAN BEEVERS	04/03
JIM CARNEY	04/03
MARY PIEGORS	04/03
NORMA VANDE VEGTE	04/03
BETTY BRAUER	04/04
CLIFFORD COLE	04/07
PAIGE MOORE	04/07
BARBARA DAVIS	04/08
ALYS HENDERSON	04/09
ADAM LARSON	04/09
KACI TUTTON	04/09
LUCAS WIESER	04/09
BRITTNEY MEAD	04/10
CALEB SCHULTE	04/11
CAROL DIGHTON	04/12
CAROLYN MELLODY	04/12
EVANGELINE WARD	04/12
MILTON RETZ	04/13
ANNA RONNEBAUM	04/16
KELSEY ANDERSON	04/17
JERRY ANDREGG	04/18
GARY FELDMANN	04/18
DUANE HEIMS	04/18
DONNA HANKINS	04/20
MATTHEW KERTON	04/20
ZOEY LEE	04/20
MARJORIE WOLTER	04/20
STEVEN HUEGEL	04/21
TANJA FOSTER	04/22
DARL TOMS	04/22
CHARLES UTHE	04/23
COLBY BAHLS	04/25
MATTHEW WOOLDRIDGE	04/26
GARY SPELLERBERG	04/29
DONA VONTALGE	04/29
JEFFERY BUTIKOFER	04/30
ASHLEY PHILGREEN	04/30

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*April showers bring May flowers.....*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

GARY & KATHY EVARTS	04/04
CATHERINE & JIM MANSON	04/04
MERLIN & KATHLEEN BUTIKOFER	04/05
WILLIAM & DONNA SCANLAN	04/05
LYLE & GAYLE SAUNDERS	04/18
GERALD & KAREN PETLON	04/20
JIM & JULIA HOPKINS	04/24
CHRIS & MARY JO LARSEN	04/25

Good Neighbor Home Residents		
Bonnie Lindsay	N102	Large
Carol Brockmeyer	N106A	Large
Mary Lou Kimball	N119B	Regular
Arlan Brockmeyer	N115	Large
Harlan Carradus	N138	Large
Betty Dekeyser	N131	Regular
Dave Drinkwater	139A	Large
Martha Palmer	N142	Regular
Dave /Mida Drinkwater	139A&B	Large
Dorothy Palmer	S11	Regular
Delores Timmer	S25	Large
Virginia Nelson	N117A	Regular
Gerry Wiltse	N146	Regular
Edgewood Convalescent Home		
Arla Ketelsen	8	
Our Meadows Residents		
Lois Mott	114	Large

## Church Directory

It's time to have your picture taken for the church pictorial. Information enclosed in this edition of Chimes and at the Welcome Center. Please look at your schedule and stop by the Welcome Center Sunday mornings starting April 6<sup>th</sup> to sign up or call the church office after April 1, 2014.



2014

### Operation Christmas Child Donations

**March & April – Toys:** small cars, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, harmonicas, yo-yos, marbles, jacks, small box puzzles, soccer ball & pump, jump ropes, slinky, paddle balls. **For older children:** sewing kit, small tools, fabric remnants, solar flashlight, duct tape, clothesline rope. **Clothing:** socks, t-shirts, underwear, shirts, sunglasses, watches, ball caps.

### MUMC Garage Sale

It's time to clean out your closets and cupboards! We will be holding a garage sale this spring in conjunction with the city-wide garage sales at the end of April. Proceeds from the garage sale will be split between camperships for our youth and the shipping costs of the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

You may start bringing items for the garage sale on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please put them on the pews in the hallway on the west side of the sanctuary. We are especially looking for the following items for the sale:

- Good used kids clothing
- Good used toys/books
- Household items (dishes, pans, glasses, etc.)
- Miscellaneous knick-knacks including holiday items
- Bikes
- Baked goods (please bring Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>)

Because adult clothing doesn't usually sell very well, we suggest you take those in-season items to the Clothing Closet. If you have larger items to donate, please contact one of the committee members (Mary Jane Fetter, Meghan Mensen, or Stephanie Stocks) before bringing them in so we can determine whether or not we will be able to sell them.

The garage sale will be open Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Set up will begin Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. If you are available to help, please contact a committee member or simply join us!

### "The Way" Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Travel to the Holy Land in this Bible study for six weeks, every Monday morning at 10:30. The study will retrace the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry. The DVD will show actual pictures of His travel.



### 2014 Lily Order Form



*In Honor of:*

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*In Memory of:*

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*Provided by:*

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*Please purchase my lily from:*

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Please return to the office by Wednesday,  
**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

You have an option to purchase from both The Green Spot (\$12.00) and Sue's Garden Center (\$19.00) this year.

Make checks payable to MUMC.

**Additional order forms are at the Welcome Center.**