

*Manchester United Methodist Church*



# *The Chimes*

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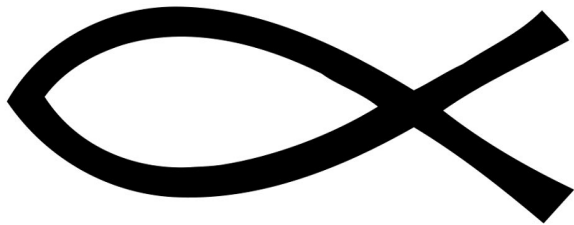
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***Especially in our prayers at this time are:***

Arlan Brockmeyer- Carol Carlson –Michael Compton Family-Jeff Duncan-Kristine Galiher- Howard Haigh- The Family of Ira Hatch- The Family of Helen Heyer-Karen Hine, sister of Ron Vogt-Catherine Hogan, mother of Tina Mead-Dean Jones -James Manson -Virginia Nelson- Marianne Nodurft-Charline Scanlan-Scott Spoerl - Gerald Wiltse



**FRONT'N CENTER**

The theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is "righteousness". Paul addresses how people both Jews and Gentiles can be righteous before God. Righteousness means a person who has a right relationship with God, and a life that shows it.

Our salvation is something we are looking for throughout our lives and we discover that it has many facets. *"It was salvation from physical illness (Matthew 9:21), salvation from danger (Matthew 8:25), salvation from life's infection (Acts 2:40), salvation from a sense of being lost (Matthew 18:11), salvation from sin (Matthew 1:21), and salvation from the wrath of God (Romans 5:9)."*

*"The Christian faith came to a desperate world offering salvation which would keep man safe in time and in eternity. Faith means belief or indestructible hope (2 Corinthians 5:7), but in Paul's understanding faith means total acceptance and absolute trust. It means betting your life that*

*there is a God. It means being utterly sure that what Jesus said is true, and staking all time and eternity on that assurance."*

*"Christianity always separates us, but it separates us not for privilege and self-glory and pride, but for service and humility and love for all men."* I believe we often forget what our salvation affords to us and what true faith in God demands of us.

Discipleship demands both a secure knowledge of what salvation means to a believer and a true understanding of what faith requires. Our church is at a crucial time in which we are redefining whose and what we are. We each are being asked to make a conscious decision about where we are in our relationship with God. The time for indecision is quickly coming to an end. If we are to be moving forward it will take total commitment to God; our mission is to proclaim the Gospel. Join me in praying that God will anoint each of us all with a refreshing of the Holy Spirit so that we will be motivated and equipped to do the ministry to which God calls us.

Peace and Grace,

(Note: the portions in italics are thoughts from William Barclay's Daily Study Bible Series on the Letter to the Romans.)



***Hannah Clemens***

Congratulations on receiving your Confirmation and membership to Manchester United Methodist Church! Parents of Hannah are Mark & Lori Clemens.



**Administrative Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of April 22, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Present at Meeting:

Tina Mead Donna Hankins  
Randy Waterman Ron Gearhart  
Kathy Waterman Linda Gearhart  
Jean Gross Bill Scanlan  
Pastor Mike

In the absence of our chairperson, Randy Waterman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. After joys and concerns were shared, Pastor Mike led us in prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Kathy Waterman moved, seconded by Bill Scanlan to approve the March 18 Ad Council minutes as written. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bill Scanlan, seconded by Jean Gross to approve the Financial Report as written.

Ministry Team Reports were shared from those present.

Connectional Ministries will be having a Church and Family Fun/Work night on May 4. We are planning on working in the church garden plus cleaning up the foliage around the church. This will be followed by a light supper. All are invited. We will be helping with bingo at the GNH Tuesday, April 29. This is a change from our regular date but next month we will be back to the fourth Tuesday. All are welcome to come and join us. We meet at 1:30 in the activity room.

The church library has received several new books. A few of these have been cataloged and are in the library now. More new items will be coming soon so be sure and stop frequently and check out the

display counter for those. We will be scheduling a cleaning day in May for the library team.

Diane Miller is the contact person now for the funeral committee.

Pastor Mike reported that a parenting class will be offered this fall for any parents in our community. Some members of our congregation have offered to help with this. There is a need for a resource to help parents who may be struggling with parenting issues.

Pastor Mike also shared that we will be going to one service starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and due to attendance this will continue into the fall or until our numbers grow sufficiently to have the need for two services. He would also like to see those in the balcony join the rest of us as a community of believers in the sanctuary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

The next regularly scheduled Ad Council meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross  
Ad. Council Secretary



**Finance Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**5:30 pm**

Present at the meeting:

Pastor Mike Druhl Paul Roberg  
Roger Mueller Randy Waterman  
Kathy Evarts Deb Saunders  
Paul Kammermeyer Luanne Becker

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Luanne Becker.

Pastor asked Deb to explain the financial reports; the reports now include a bank reconciliation report after having Natalie from Goslings work on helping to get the account up to date. Paul Kammermeyer noted the \$10k entry under miscellaneous, which was inadvertently deposited into the GNB account and a check written to the Trustees, therefore the adjustment was made. Deb reported that the general operations account is now reconciled using the Church Power Plus software, this took approximately two hours longer than Natalie had anticipated to do as our records were more complex as we got further into the process. This extra time had been pre-approved by Pastor. A letter was submitted by Natalie for an explanation of work performed and what is anticipated to get the software running smoothly. Deb requested the board to consider hiring Natalie for a few months, (1- 1.5 hours monthly) as we work through the update. Paul Kammermeyer made a motion to hire Natalie through July, Paul Roberg seconded, and the motion was carried with all in favor. The board will review again in July to determine the progress/benefit of this service.

Apportionments were discussed, Roger Mueller motioned to give a total of \$2125 for the month of March; Randy Waterman seconded this, with all in favor the motion carried. It was reminded that February's apportionment was \$1642. The details of apportionments were discussed again, as a question had been brought up by Kelsey regarding her apportionment check for CORE being less than she understood it would be. Pastor will explain apportionments to Kelsey. The board will review this matter again in June.

JJC Media was discussed, Kathy Evarts asked what their service included as Deb noted she has not had time to update the calendar, and probably will not get to it until May. As time allows Deb will work on adding more information to the website and will work with Steven Huff to see if there is an option to merge the calendars so they can be updated quickly. Kathy Evarts gave a report on Scrip; sales are down year to date close to \$10k. Poor sales are more than likely the result of our cold winter.

Luanne Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm and it was closed with a prayer by Pastor Mike. The next finance meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014 @ 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Saunders  
Administrative Secretary



**SP/PRC Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**6:30 pm**

With all members present, Pastor Mike opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 pm. Minutes from the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read and approved.

The committee worked through the form "Another Set of Eyes" with Pastor Mike, dealing with Relationship Strengthening & Feedback Tools. Results of the form will be compiled and sent to the District Office.

SP/PRC Committee discussed compensation for Alison Winn's time spent with payroll and bill payments during the duration without an administrative secretary and for time spent with Debbie sharing documentation and payroll issues. An amount of \$300.00 (script) with card expressing our thankfulness for her involvement during this transition period was approved.

Pastor Mike closed the meeting with prayer at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Waterman  
SP/PRC Chairman



Thank you to all who were involved in the clean up after the MUMC Garage Sale. It looks FANTASTIC! Your efforts have saved the church approximately 1-2 hours of custodial costs and this savings reflects in the church's budget. Many hands make light work, thank you for helping.

Ray Wilkinson

## From the desk of the Mission Coordinator

Our mission committee meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> present were Jim, Diane, Tina, and Alice.

We discussed having small one day mission trips instead of a large trip, so that more people may be inst rested in going. Will keep you updated on where and when.

We also discussed how our mission giving has gone down this year, for example last year we brought in 986.00 for Heifer Project this year we brought in 612.00. This has been the trend the first few months of this year so far. Anyone having any ideas on how we can bring this up please let myself or mission committee know thanks. You can also write the amount you are wishing to give to missions on the front of you contribution envelope.

May mission is the Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids. This is a shelter for women and children mow they are spreading out and helping the men also.

Thanks to everyone who help. or brought things in for our Easter bake sale we made 496.00 for Second Helpings. So I just want to thank everyone.

Thanks to the generous donation from Earlville United Parish, we will be having Kid's Learn and lunch this summer this will start on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a pizza kick off.

Respectfully yours,

**Tina**

May 11<sup>th</sup>



## 2014 Operation Christmas Child Donations

**May & June:** Monetary donations for the postage which averages \$7 per box.  
**July & August – School supplies:** pencils, sharpeners, erasers, pens, rulers, small notebooks, writing pads, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks (No Liquids), calculators, small coloring books. Small pencil bags, fabric bags with zippers, small plastic containers.

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### **Your IT talents are needed...**

The copy machine currently is not set up for scanning and emailing. Please call the church office if you are available to help. Thank you!

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### **We need your help....**

The staff would like to upgrade our Microsoft Office System. We are in need of somebody to research details of the upgrade, get quotes and submit to the finance committee. For more information, please call or email Kelsey: [coreyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:coreyouthmin@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for this consideration!

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### **Father's Day is coming!!**

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

A member of MUMC has graciously donated a new 13" Thickness Planer (Model # dw735) Please submit your bids to Deb in the office via email at: [mumc@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mumc@iowatelecom.net) or by submitting a handwritten bid no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds go to the church.

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**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

**Exodus 20:8**



ELIZABETH BECKER 05/01  
 ALLEN REMLING 05/01  
 JENNY GARVIN 05/02  
 DAVID DRINKWATER 05/03  
 FAITH LITTERER 05/03  
 HEATHER ANDREGG 05/04  
 MARTHA PALMER 05/04  
 JOANNE WADE 05/04  
 DOUGLAS BOONE 05/07  
 MACKENZIE KLUESNER 05/07  
 KIELYN TUTTON 05/07  
 DENNIS GEESAMAN 05/10  
 ROBERT RETH 05/11  
 JAMES DEKEYSER 05/12  
 ETHAN RONNEBAUM 05/12  
 JAKE BLUMER 05/16  
 MAX WINEMILLER 05/17  
 CARIA PHILGREEN 05/18  
 KELSEY PUFFET 05/18  
 ALI FOX 05/19  
 ILA MARQUARDT 05/19  
 DONNA DOWNS 05/21  
 CYNTHIA LYNESS 05/21  
 CALEE PHILGREEN 05/21  
 CARRIE RAUSCH 05/21  
 CHARLES DIGHTON 05/22  
 PADDY DRUHL 05/22  
 ELLA KOLOC 05/22  
 DIANE TROUTMAN 05/23  
 MEGAN DOWNS 05/27  
 NICHOLAS STOCKS 05/27  
 MARK GELWICKS 05/28  
 JEAN PUFFETT 05/28  
 KAITLYN UTHE 05/28  
 OWEN WARD 05/29

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 The Funeral Committee would like to thank all who donated their time and/or food for our recent funeral, please remember to pick up your dishes in the back entry. Thank you!!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JEFF & DIANE LARSEN 05/02  
 JASON & SARAH KLUESNER 05/09  
 KEN & LISA PASKER 05/09  
 LARRY & JENNIFER GRONEWOLD, JR. 05/12  
 WAYNE & JENNY GARVIN 05/13  
 DAVID & LILA JOSYLN 05/13  
 GARY & MARILYN FELDMANN 05/15  
 WILLIAM & MARY NADING 05/15  
 STEVEN & HEATHER HUEGEL 05/17  
 MARK & TERRI PHILGREEN 05/18  
 BILL & AMY BLUMER 05/22  
 DUANE & MICHELLE PHILGREEN 05/25  
 JERRY & BARBARA RIDENOUR 05/25  
 MICHAEL & LINDA RYAN 05/28

Good Neighbor Home Residents		
Bonnie Lindsay	N102	Large
Carol Brockmeyer	N106A	Large
Arlan Brockmeyer	N115	Large
Florence Logan	N117A	Large
Mary Lou Kimball	N119B	Regular
Betty Dekeyser	N131	Regular
Harlan Carradus	N138	Large
Dave /Mida Drinkwater	N139A&B	Large
Martha Palmer	N142	Regular
Gerry Wiltse	N146	Regular
Dorothy Palmer	S11	Regular
Delores Timmer	S25	Large
Dean Jones	S13A	
Edgewood Convalescent Home		
Arla Ketelsen	8	
Our Meadows Residents		
Virginia Nelson	110	Regular
Lois Mott	114	Large
Catherine Manson		

# Buy Scrip!

**May** is a month full of big events, so consider how purchasing scrip gift cards can help you - and your church - with those occasions!

**Mother's Day is May 11.** We have scrip for Posy Place and Sarah's Flowers and Gifts for your corsage and flower needs, and The Green Spot for lovely plants and gardening supplies. Taking mom out to a restaurant? We have Fireside, Pin Oak, and Chuong Garden for local dining, plus many restaurants in the cities around us.

May also brings with it **graduation celebrations**. For those special graduates we have many useful gift cards, from Kwik Star and Casey's for gas to Target and Wal-Mart for general supplies to Hardee's, Burger King, Dairy Queen and Subway for quick snacks to Kohl's, Younkers, and Dillard's for clothing . . . the list of possibilities is very long! Need grad cards? We have Hallmark and Widners. For the little something to include in a card we can get \$5 - \$10 gift cards for places like Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Panera, Target, Starbucks, and Wal-Mart.

**Memorial Day** starts the summer season, so why not grill or have picnics with supplies from Fareway, Wal-Mart / Sam's Club, or Kwik Star? Get your gardening started with help from The Green Spot - we have that too. When you buy gift cards through scrip you not only make your buying easy for yourself but you also support MUMC.

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*The Request Clothing Closet is now accepting spring and summer apparel. Please bring your donations to the church during their regular business hours: Mondays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm/ 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm or Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm*

## “CHURCH FAMILY” FUNDAY!!

Remember the fun we had last spring working outside together and doing some new plantings? We have set aside Sunday, May 4th for the next “Fun Day” to get things cleaned up in the garden and around the church. Dress appropriately and bring your garden gloves and whatever garden tools you want to work with.

Anyone in the church is invited to join us. We will have games for the children. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. to work outside and then share a meal @5:30. The meal will be provided by Connectional Ministries. If you are unable to help outside, please come for the fellowship and join us at 5:30 for the meal.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU ENJOY SOCIALIZING WITH SENIOR CITIZEN'S?  
PLAYING GAMES?  
COMPANIONSHIP?  
IF SO, YOUR VOLUNTEER TALENT WOULD BE WELCOME

## Delaware County Adult Day Services

Phone 563-927-2105 or dcad1208@aol.com



### “People Helping People”

A “Life Saver” For Socially Isolated  
Nutritional Meals, Exercises, Arts, Crafts, Puzzles,  
Client-centered care, Memory enhancing activities,  
Support, Educational activities, increased socialization.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is less than 3 months away, and it is time to start planning this action packed week! This year's theme is *Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love Is One-of-a-Kind!* The kids are in for an adventure filled week, but it won't be possible without YOUR help!

This year's VBS will be July 21-25 from 9:00-11:45 a.m., and we are in need of station leaders, crew leaders, and preschool leaders. Descriptions of these positions are below. If you are interested in helping with any aspect of VBS, please contact Stephanie Stocks at 927-3351 or [mstocks@iowatelecom.net](mailto:mstocks@iowatelecom.net) or contact the church office.

**OZZY'S PRESCHOOL PARK:** Rather than have our 3-year-olds rotate through the stations with the older kids, they will have their own class. We need one or two adults to lead this class. Crew leaders will be in charge of organizing these kids and assisting the leaders.

**STATION LEADERS:** Kids (who are grouped in crews) move through various stations that are staffed by an adult leader and feature a different Bible-learning activity. You are the "teacher" for your station. Crews are at your station for approximately 20 minutes. Stations include:

- **Sing & Play Stampede/The Tail End:** This energetic individual opens and closes the morning with all the kids in the sanctuary. They introduce the Bible Point and Bible Memory Buddy each day. They help lead the praise songs, discuss God Sightings, and give hints about what the daily Bible story will be. They may use drama experiences and engaging object lessons to help kids apply what they've learned throughout the day.
- **One-of-a-Kind Bible Adventures:** This individual helps the kids experience the daily Bible story in a hands-on way.
- **Imagination Station:** This individual leads the kids through experiments that connect to the day's Bible story.
- **KidVid Cinema:** This individual plays the daily video segment in our theater and helps the kids practice using a Bible by finding and reading each day's key Bible verse. God sightings and the week's mission project are also discussed.
- **Critter Café:** This individual prepares and serves the daily snack while reinforcing the daily Bible verse.
- **Untamed Games:** This enthusiastic individual leads the crews through a variety of games that connect with the daily Bible Point or Bible story. There are always a variety of games for the leader to choose from to best suit the kids at our VBS.

**CREW LEADERS:** These individuals are assigned to a group of approximately 6 kids. They lead their crew through each station assisting the station leaders as needed.

With 75-100 kids attending VBS each summer, we need at least 16 crew leaders in addition to at least 7 station leaders and a preschool teacher to make VBS a success. We also need creative people to help decorate the church, people to sit at the registration table, assistants for the station leaders, and much more. Please consider how you can use your talents and gifts to benefit the children who attend this year's VBS!

# Sunday, May 18, 2014

## BOB "CROSSWALKER" HANUS

My name is Bob Hanus, and God has entrusted me with the highest calling on planet Earth. That is going into all the world and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As a youngster I went through the same motions every week at church; stand, sit, kneel, stand, sit, kneel, fall asleep during the sermon, and run out the back door right after communion. There was nothing there for me. I felt like a hypocrite because I knew that for the next 6 days I was going to be drinking. By the time I graduated high school, I was an alcoholic. I thought it was normal to drink every night because all of my friends drank. Even at this point in my life, I never thought I would become a cocaine dealer. My ambitions were to go to college, get a good job, get married, and live happily ever after.

In August of 1983, I entered my freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I was financing my own education and working a full-time job. Things were going great. In the fall of 1984, I moved into my own apartment and joined a fraternity. I was still working full-time and going to school full-time. Partying was also a full-time activity of mine. Every night after work, I would go to the bars to drink, shoot pool, and find someone to sleep with. **I was trying to fill the void in my life.** I knew that there was something missing but I did not know what it was. Then one evening in May of 1985, I stopped to see a drinking buddy of mine. He introduced me to cocaine. I swore to myself that I would never touch the stuff, but after a few drinks and seeing my friends doing cocaine I thought, "why not?" I loved it. I thought that I had finally found what I was looking for to fill the void in my life. I got addicted after just one line of cocaine. In the fall of 1985, I was already getting into dealing cocaine to support my habit. Before my introduction to cocaine, I had money saved in the bank. I had credit cards and a good credit rating. I was working a good full-time job and I had just started a new part-time job, all in addition to going to college full-time and driving the hottest car on campus. Life seemed great. I was driving back to Wisconsin after a Spring-break in Daytona when my heart started hurting real bad. It was not beating properly. I pulled over to the side of the road because I knew I was about to die, but God healed my heart. It was a miracle, but I still could not stop doing cocaine. Then in the spring of 1987, I got a drunk driving conviction and I dropped out of college in my senior year. At this point in my life, I had a cocaine addiction well in excess of \$35,000 a year. I was snorting no less than \$100 of cocaine every night. I lied, cheated, and wrote out bad checks to cover other bad checks. Through all of this, I thought about committing

suicide every single night. My life was a real mess. Many times when I was coming down off the drugs I would cry so hard wishing I was dead. How did I get like this? I never wanted to be a cocaine addict.

Even with all I was going through, I still loved my parents even if I did not always show it. My parents and I went to the Hilton in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on June 18, 1987. It was not an ordinary dinner, it was a Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship Meeting. I was thinking, "What did I get myself into?" I was in a banquet room with approximately 250 people listening to the testimony of the guest speaker. He was a very successful lawyer who had fame, power, money, and a family name. These things were gods in my life. It got me to thinking how I really messed up my life. This man was sharing how even with all those things he still felt empty. Then he shared how he gave his life to Jesus and how Jesus filled the void in his life. Then this man invited anyone who did not know Jesus as their personal Savior to come forward and pray a simple prayer to ask Jesus into their lives. That night I went forward. I felt the release of all the sin in my life and I felt God's love come upon me so heavy that I wept like a baby. **Jesus showed me that he is real and he filled that void in my life.** The Lord Jesus opened up the doors for me to go back to school. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a B.B.A. in Marketing. God blessed me with a wonderful wife. I now know that I am in right standing with God and that I am spending eternity in heaven. I have the best job anyone can have; my wife, Cori, and I are allowed to tell others about Jesus on a full-time basis by traveling all over the world carrying this wooden cross. In 2006, I was asked to be the Police Chaplain for the law enforcement officers of the Sturgis Rally and currently counsel many law enforcement officers. In January 2007, I was officially ordained through Solid Rock Church. Cori and I both serve on the board of Broken Bread Ministries. **In July 2008, I finished "crosswalking" the longest highway in the entire United States (US HWY 20) 3426 miles in length from Boston, MA to Newport, OR (ocean-to-ocean) carrying the cross every step of the way.** It has been wonderful to share and encourage so many people on the Sky Angel Network with Cornerstone Television. It has been incredible to have been interviewed in hundreds of newspapers and magazines. Please pray for us as we continue to evangelize. **I would also like to invite you to join me at the Manchester United Methodist Church in Manchester, Iowa at the 8 am or 10:30 am Sunday morning services to hear the rest of my story and to worship God.**

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# Mark Your Calendars **MAY 2014**

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Mission of the month is **Mission of Hope** in  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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**May 4<sup>th</sup>** @ 10:30am Service  
**Confirmation**

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**May 4<sup>th</sup>** @ 11:45 am  
**Choung Garden Fellowship**

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**Calico Cut-ups**  
Tuesday morning's beginning  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 - 11:00am  
Everyone Welcome!!

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**UMW Events**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am **May Day Breakfast**

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**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mother's Day**  
9:45 am **Reception for High School Graduates** in  
**Fellowship Hall**

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10:30am Service  
**High School Graduation Recognition**

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6:00 pm - **Deeper**  
last day - summer break

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**May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 pm **Baccalaureate** @ West Delaware

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**May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 and 10:30am Service  
**Crosswalker**

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**May 18<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am **Children's Sunday School Singing** @ GNH  
Children's last day of Sunday School- summer break

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**Choir**  
last day - summer break

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**May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 pm - **Encounter**  
last day-summer break

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**May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**No Second Helpings**

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May Schedule  
**MUMC - DVD**  
Good Neighbor Home

May 6<sup>th</sup> - Jenny Garvin

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Rita Carney

May 20<sup>th</sup> - Jenny Garvin

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Donna Hankins

If you would like to volunteer to take the church  
service DVD to the Good Neighbor Home,  
please call Jenny Garvin @ 927.6026  
June 17<sup>th</sup> Jenny will be gone- looking for a substitute.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

# 2014

## GRADUATES!

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*



*Loving others unconditionally –  
one heart at a time.*

## **Beliefs – Vision – Future**

### **OUR BELIEFS**

#### **We believe in giving people the best.**

So many of the people we serve have been given “the leftovers” all their lives. That’s why we offer fresh-baked cookies after each worship service, hot homemade meals at our Shelter, a clean and inviting atmosphere, and nice (and often new) clothes in our emergency closet. These are all ways we show people we care, that they have value, and that they are loved – by us and by God.

#### **We believe in giving people second**

**chances.** Just as God never gives up on us, we never give up on people and always welcome them back. We never know when the “next time” will be the time that people truly embrace change. There is always hope.

#### **We believe in loving people as they are.**

It doesn’t matter where they’ve have been, what they have done, or what they even continue to do, we love them anyway. Through this unconditional love, we build relationship and trust. Through relationship and trust, hearts are open to change.

#### **We believe in partnering with the local**

**church.** Without the support of the local church and the community, we cannot do this work. We believe God calls us together to love each other, serve each other, and make a difference in the lives of our brothers & sisters.

### **OUR VISION**

Mission of Hope’s vision is to provide a 24/7 Christ-centered ministry offering physical, emotional, and spiritual help to former offenders and others in need. Just as our Shelter is open 24/7,

we desire that the Mission be also – providing Bible studies, worship services, and prayer around the clock, day and night.

As we meet people’s basic needs, God begins to change hearts. As lives are transformed, His people are disciplined through a number of different resources. And as the Church uses their gifts to serve the Body, it is also taught, trained, and transformed. Mission of Hope was created to “be the Church,” offering His unconditional love, forgiveness, and direction to those who put their hope in Him.

### **OUR FUTURE**

For nearly nine years, Mission of Hope has resided in a building that we don’t own. We’ve paid over \$2,300/month in rent for the past several years, and we desire to own our own building. Furthermore, we would love to have a facility that would house both the Mission and the Shelter – with everything under one roof. Our facility committee continues to watch for potential sites, and we’ve toured several places over the past few years, but we continue to wait on God for His will. We also want to have some type of a business or factory, hiring those who have difficulty finding jobs and paying them a decent wage. The profits made from this business will go back to support the ministry.

*Reprinted from Mission of Hope website: for more information go to:*

<http://www.missionofhopecr.org>

*Mission of Hope, Cedar Rapids, Iowa is  
Manchester United Methodist  
Church’s Mission of the Month.*

How awesome is that!

*“In everything I did, I showed you that by  
this kind of hard work we must help the weak,  
remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself  
said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”*

*Acts 20:35*

*Please come to church on Sunday, Pastor  
has a message to share with you.*