

Manchester United Methodist Church



The Chimes

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There will be a joint meeting with
SP/PRC and Finance Committee on
Tuesday, September 2nd @ 7:00p.

The purpose of this meeting will be to address the financial situation of the church and to make contingency plans to keep the church solvent.

Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd @ 6:00p

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Wednesday, September 3rd @ 1:30p
Program: Response Magazine Program

REMINDER: Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00a-12:00p & 1:00p - 3:00p

Friday

8:00a - 12:00p

*Upper Room is here! Please stop by the narthex
and pick up your copy of the
September/October issue today.*

*A big THANK YOU to Dean & Jackie
Sherman for hosting the choir brunch.
We appreciate your hospitality!*

GOD is Good
All the Time

Especially,

in our prayers at this time:

Howard Haigh * Donna Hankins * Bob Helmrich

Tammy Hood * Dean Jones * Virginia Nelson

Jerry Owensby, [father of Janie Vogt]

Glenn Rasmussen * Charlene Scanlan

Janelle (Husmann) Walton * Gerry Wiltse



2014-2015 Youth Sunday School

Sunday School will begin on September 7th at 10:15 am following the 9am Worship Service.

We offer classes for Preschool through 5th grade

6th – 12th grade students will have a small group discussion based on the sermon.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Mary Jane Fetter (preschool – 5th grade):

563.920.2006

Kelsey Anderson (6th – 12th grade):

563.920.9324

*Even when everything around
us says there is no peace,
let us remember who the
Author and Giver of peace is.*

~ Unknown

COVENANT TOGETHER!!

Covenant: a mutual agreement between two or more persons to do or not to do certain acts. When we first started talking about visioning for our church I thought back to the time when I was in a covenant group with four members in our church. We wrote our own covenant and then met once a week to hold each other accountable. I wondered what would happen if we as a church would covenant together and then hold each other accountable.

Covenant one: Acts of Worship

"I agree to attend worship regularly and to be in a worshipful attitude." It is so easy to come to church out of habit and forget that the main reason we come is to worship God. It is easy to come with a critical eye – not liking the music, picking apart the message, the service was too long, etc. If we come to worship with a critical eye we will find things to be critical about. If we come with an open heart and a loving spirit we will leave being filled and challenged.

Covenant two: Acts of Devotion

"I agree to spend time every day reading a devotional (possibly the Upper Room) and also the Bible."

Having a quiet time alone to read and reflect is a time to grow in our faith and in our trust and become closer to God. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Covenant three: Acts of Compassion

"I agree not to gossip, not to start a rumor and not to spread rumors."

Ask yourself, is it nice, is it necessary, is it true? Then ask yourself, even if it is true, is it necessary for me to tell someone? Gossip is so damaging, so hurtful and has no place in the church. In our covenant group we found that once we made this covenant, we were very uncomfortable around gossip. The best thing to do is keep our mouth shut and/or stand up for the person being talked about. In our church family we want to and need

to lift each other up, pray for each other and be there to support each other.

I, personally, would like to see us come together in covenant as a church family – coming together in one spirit, with one purpose – to grow in our faith and in our love for each other, to become the people that God created us to be.

"We are a family of God – we are children of the King – fill us with your Spirit, help us to live a life pleasing to you, and may the love of our Heavenly Father cover us and make us one. Amen."

~ Janine Stellick

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UMCMANCHESTER.COM

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Manchester United Methodist Church



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@mumc.delco



FRONT'N CENTER

Our time together in worship is divided between two essential elements: the time of preparation when the body of believers gather to prepare their hearts to receive God's blessing, and the proclamation of the Word when the scripture is read and preached. This is approximately two-thirds preparation and one-third proclamation. In a typical worship experience only one-third is utilized for the preaching by the pastor and the remaining time is in the hands of the remaining persons there, the laity.

There has been an on-going critique concerning the spirit of our worship. As I stated above the majority of the worship is dictated by the laity; if people want something different in worship, then they have to be willing to be involved in changing it. It all boils down to participation; if no one participates other than sitting still and being ministered too, then worship will not change.

The body sets the tempo of the worship, not the pastor. The pastor's part of the service is bring the Word and leading the sacraments. If you want a more vibrant worship, if you want to experience God in a new way; then you have to be willing to participate in making it happen. If you want to clap your hands, then clap your hands. If you want to dance in the aisle, then dance in the aisle. If you want more energy, then be more energetic. If you want it to be more spiritual, then pray and be spiritual. If you want an altar call, then come to the altar and seek prayer. If you want to see lives transformed by the power of God, then ask God to begin with you. If you want to hear personal testimonies about how God is working in someone's life, then share your testimony.

The body has forty minutes every Sunday to set the tone of the worship. The purpose of worship is

to prepare ourselves to hear the word of God; to offer God praise for sending Jesus Christ into our world and to express our thankfulness for the salvation of our souls.

This is an invitation to each of you to be active participants in our worship. You do not need my permission. Worship is our time together with God and God created each of us in a unique way. God has given to each special gifts to share with one another and when we fail to share them we are defying God and cheating one another from the blessings God has placed within us. Let us be respectful of each other's unique gifts and let us share the gifts within us to honor God in our worship.

Peace & Grace

Pastor Mike

CARD MAKING

It's time we get busy **making cards** again since our box is nearly empty and our "regular customers" are looking for and asking for cards. If you remember from last year, we were able to purchase winter jackets and snow pants for three children at Lambert School with the money earned selling these cards for a mere **\$1.00 each** for **hand crafted, one of a kind, very creative cards!!!** You need no artistic skills – just kindergarten cut and paste and you are good to go. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will begin September 3rd and meet every other week – **Sept. 3rd and 17th – October 1st, 15th and 29th – November 5th and 19th at 9:30 a.m.** either in the conference room or fellowship hall. **Please come and join us.....**and once in a while we even go out for lunch – just another perk!!

Missions of the Month

September: **Cross Walker/ Gidions**

October: **Good Samaritan Fund**

November: **Angel Tree**

December: **Second Helpings/ Food Pantry**



**Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present at meeting:

Paul Kamarmeyer
Pastor Mike
Kelsey Anderson
Kathy Waterman
Randy Waterman
Kathy Rempe
Jean Gross
Marilyn Feldmann
Linda Gearhart
Ron Gearhart
Bill Scanlan

Also: Dr. John Tyrrell

Chair Paul Kamarmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After joys and concerns were shared Pastor Mike led us in prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Motion was made by Kathy Waterman, seconded by Bill Scanlan to approve the July Ad Council Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Randy asked for clarification of the article in the Chimes stating that SPPRC had approved the change to one service. Although it had been discussed at various times no official action had been taken by that group. Due to declining attendance an executive decision was made at the April Ad Council by Pastor Mike to continue with one service after the summer until such time two services are warranted.

The financial report was approved as presented including sending of \$709.72 for designated apportionments in July.

Pastor Mike led discussion on moving towards a single group of people comprised of various teams meeting monthly as a decision making body for the church instead of various meetings of teams throughout the month who then report to ad council. This would help to streamline the process and cut down on meeting times. More information will be available in the future.

Randy Waterman reported that as SPPRC chairperson he has been asked by our secretary to remove scrip sales from her duties. It was pointed out that those sales are not part of her job description and are disruptive of her time. It will be suggested to the scrip committee that help be found during the week for scrip sales. Also it was suggested that scrip sales be conducted out of the conference room instead of by the welcome center, keeping that area for fellowship and focusing on our worship experience.

Reports of God's Work:

Connectional reported that a Church Fun Night will be held on Sept. 14 at the Sherman Pumpkin Patch. Those who attended last year had a great time and Dean and Jackie are happy to host us again. The corn maze will be open and Connectional will provide a light supper of hot dogs, chips, s'mores and drinks. There are many fun things to do there for all ages. Connectional will also be looking at going to the Meadows again this fall to visit with members who are there. Anyone is welcome to join us. The residents do enjoy our visits. Again Bingo is every fourth Tuesday of the month with our next date being August 26. You are invited to join us as we help with Bingo which starts at 2:00 p.m.

The church library has received memorial monies that will be used to purchase a Bible study series and additional books. We appreciate families considering us a source of a memorial to their loved ones. The library has been well used this summer and we hope to add some new items to the collection this fall.

Additional reports:

Before adjourning the meeting, Chairperson Paul Kammarmeyer announced he is stepping down as our chair for personal reasons. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 with Bill Scanlan leading us in prayer and singing of the doxology.

Next Ad Council meeting will be Sept. 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Ad Council Secretary



**Finance Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2014
5:30 pm**

Present at the meeting:

Pastor Mike, Paul Roberg, Kathy Evarts, Deb Saunders, Roger Mueller and Kelsey Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Mike at 5:36 pm; Pastor Mike opened with a prayer.

Debbie explained the reports as shown. One change to the report is as follows, Scrip donation (\$2,500.00) was applied to an incorrect fund number. This line item was corrected in the accounting program.

Apportionments/Designated Apportionments:
Pastor Mike noted that though we are negative in general operations we have a balance in the reserve that is available to use if necessary to send in for apportionments. After discussion, Kathy Evarts moved to send in only the designated apportionments, \$709.72. Roger Mueller seconded the motion, with all in favor the motion carried.

First action item:
Kelsey Anderson addressed the board for clarification on the funding of the youth program.

Pastor Mike and Paul Roberg explained the details of Finance's budgeting decision (October, 2014):

MUMC has budgeted \$625/month for the youth group. This will be paid first through designations. If designations exceed \$625 in any given month, the additional income will be held for future months. However, if designations are below \$625, MUMC will pay the difference if the following conditions are met: (1) We pay salaries, utilities, expenses, designation apportionments, (2) there are excess contributions that exceed these expenses, (3) equal division among all accounts (Library, Missions, Trustees, Education, etc.) **To date, the budget has run in the red and these conditions have not been met; therefore youth group (as well as all fund accounts) have only received the amount that has been designated.** Kelsey explained her purpose for attending the meeting was strictly clarification. The youth group account has sufficient funds at this time; however, she wanted to protect the integrity of Finance's decision. The issue of fundraising was addressed; the committee explained that the youth group can fundraise for applied projects, and not program expenses.

Second action item:

Debbie reported that a member of the congregation has graciously stepped forward to volunteer to work alongside her with the finances. After discussion, the board decided it was the purpose of the Finance Committee to help in the office with any financial issues that Debbie may have. At this time, the board has respectfully declined this offer. Debbie reported that she has progressed in learning the Power Church Plus program and feels it is unnecessary to switch to QuickBooks or any other program for now. She would like to finish the year out and assess the situation at a later date. The board will revisit this action item in the fall.

Kathy Evarts gave a report on Scrip sales. The summary of July scrip sales and year-to-date sales for 2014:

July 2014 Sales were \$12,705 with a profit of \$571.33 plus AOP profit of \$18.93

July 2013 Sales were \$17,985 with a profit of \$793.45 plus AOP profit of \$109.33

Year-to-date sales for 2014 as of the end of July were: \$88,670 with a profit of \$3,981.06 plus \$68.22 of AOP profit

Year-to-date sales for 2013 as of the end of July were: \$117,280.70 with a profit of \$5,313.89 plus \$321.58 of AOP profit

Decrease in sales of \$28,610.70

Decrease in profit of \$1,332.83

Roger Mueller commented on the music situation regarding payments, it has been recommended the person (people) turn in their monthly bill or forfeit their earnings. This is an item for the Ad Council to address, the discussion was closed.

Pastor closed the meeting in prayer at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Saunders
Administrative Assistant

*The next **Finance Meeting** will be Tuesday September 9th, 2014 at 5:30 pm*

Manchester UMC SP/PRC Minutes

Present at meeting:

Pastor Mike Druhl	Travis Hough
Randy Waterman	Bill Lux
Jim Dekeyser	Ellen Nystel

The Manchester UMC SP/PRC met on Thursday, August 21, 2013, at 6:30 pm. Pastor Mike opened the meeting with prayer.

We heard from Ben Hucker who was representing the choir committee. They would like to create a position of Choral Director who would be responsible for all music elements for our worship services. A committee with three members from the choir and two members of the SP/PRC will meet to create a job description and list the opening. The SP/PRC members will be Jean Gross and Ellen Nystel.

We will give Tina a card with a \$50 gift card for her 8 years of service. We discussed the filling of Tina's position and whether or not to revise the job description. No action taken at this time.

The scrip committee has been asked not to sell scrip by the front door on Sunday morning due to the congestion it creates. They can possibly use the conference room.

Deb has asked to take her computer home to catch up on work; however due to the information stored on the computer, it will not be able to leave the church office. She would like to stop selling scrip, however that is part of assisting those entering the church. We will post a sign that limits our visitors to 10 minutes so she can continue with her work. Deb is going back to school hours of 8:00am to 3:00pm and will post the hours on the office window.

We need to be thinking about staff reviews and any pay increases that will take place this fall. We are offering \$50 per week for the person that leads the choir until a new director is hired. This will add \$25 if they accompany the choir. They are responsible for turning in their hours.

We read through Pastor Mike's strategic planning for our church. Please be in prayer about this and the changes that need to be made.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 25, 2013, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Nystel

When you come to
the end of yourself,
you find the beginning of
God.

CHURCH FUN DAY at the Shermans Sunday Sept. 14th

It's time for our fall Church Fun Day at Dean and Jackie Shermans. We will congregate at 5:00 p.m. for a fun-filled evening for the young and the "young at heart." All are invited to enjoy the corn maze, hayride, harvest store, campfire, hotdog roast and s'mores. Come and join in the fun or just sit by the campfire and relax. There is something for everyone and the company is great!! The Shermans live at 413 S. Wayne Street - follow Wayne Street south, cross the RR tracks and you are at the Shermans. Just in case of rain, our rain date will be Sept. 28th. We hope to see you all there!

Help Wanted

MUMC is looking for help in the nursery. This position is from 8:30-11:30am. If interested, please call the church office or visit with any SP/PRC member.

Work Wanted

Dennis Porter is looking for work. He is willing to do odd jobs - if you know of anybody looking for help, please have them call Dennis @319.429.2693.



Upcoming camp events in 2014:
September 28 - Pancake Breakfast & Open House
September 28 - Lake Todd Dedication

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 P.M. There are

several choir members who are going to share the responsibility of rehearsing and directing the choir this fall - Lynne Rasmussen will be covering the month of September, and Roger Mueller will cover October. November & December are yet to be determined. We will be singing the first three Sundays of each month and take the fourth Sunday off. We would LOVE to have some new members join us!! If you've EVER thought about joining us, now is the time to try it out! We don't require you to sign a contract ☺, so if you try it and decide it's not for you, you're under no obligation to continue. We have lots of fun at rehearsals - come and find out what you've been missing!! Also, with only one worship service at 9:00 this fall, there won't be any 8:00 services to sing for - that's a GOOD thing for some of us who are NOT morning people! Please consider singing with us - don't miss out on the fun!!!

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A message from Alison:

"I will visit the church on Tues. Sept. 2 about 8:30am - ? for coffee and to visit whoever is free.....if you're a knitter, bring your knitting along."



It's time to clean out your closet

The Request Clothing Closet will be accepting fall and winter apparel in September. 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.

*Exercise Daily...
Walk with the Lord ~*



2014 Operation Christmas Child Donations

September & October - Hard Candy and filler items and items that we are lacking to fill the boxes, like small toys etc. Monetary donations for shipping costs.

Do not include: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate, fruit snacks, or food; liquids, lotions, or nail polish; glass or breakable items such as snow globes, or aerosol cans.

The packing party will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday November 15, 2014.

Good Neighbor Home Residents		
Bonnie Lindsay	NI02	Large
Carol Brockmeyer	NI06A	Large
Arlan Brockmeyer	NI15	Large
Florence Logan	NI17A	Large
Mary Lou Kimball	NI19B	Regular
Betty Dekeyser	NI31	Regular
Harlan Carradus	NI38	Large
Dave/MidaDrinkwater	I39A&B	Large
Martha Palmer	NI42	Regular
Gerry Wiltse	NI46	Regular
Dorothy Palmer	SI1	Regular
Delores Timmer	S25	Large
Edgewood Convalescent Home		
Arla Ketelsen	8	
Our Meadows Residents		
Virginia Nelson	110	Large
Lois Mott	114	Large
Catherine Manson	209	Large

Buy Scrip!

This month's article focuses on the financial situation of scrip. In short, we are not doing nearly as well in 2014 as we have in the past several years.

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It's hard to pinpoint exact reasons for this decrease, but contributing factors probably include the horrible winter we had with the accompanying decline in attendance, plus the period of time between secretaries when scrip was not available for purchase during the week.

How can we turn this situation around? That is up to YOU, the congregation!! If you are not currently buying scrip, why not? Any team member would be happy to answer your questions and help you get started. If you have bought in the past and have fallen out of the habit, let us help you get back in that mode. And if you're just not sure how it all works, read the July and August Chimes articles. It's one of the easiest ways to contribute financially to your church, and it does make a difference - in the four years 2010 - 2013 scrip sales contributed \$21,102.75 to the budget. All those little bits do add up! **Remember, when you buy gift cards through scrip you support YOUR church.**

SCRIP SALES:

Sundays

Before & After Church Services

Mondays

9:00a-12:00p & 1:00 - 3:00p

Thursdays

9:00a - 12:00p



Sandra Rossow	09/01
Bob Becker	09/03
Blake Thurn	09/03
Leann Van Dyke	09/03
Greg Heims	09/04
Brandon Larsen	09/04
Madeline Rule	09/04
Mida Drinkwater	09/05
Kaylee Edaburn	09/05
Garneth Hook	09/05
Michael Kerton	09/05
Karla Stephen	09/05
Conner Andregg	09/06
Kim Downs	09/06
William Nading	09/08
Tallyn Van Theemsche	09/08
Aleah Heims	09/09
Arnold Koloc	09/09
Kyleigh Mohr	09/11
Miranda Mohr	09/11
Bev Beevers	09/12
Janis Schultz	09/13
Ryan Bagby	09/14
Spencer Kluesner	09/15
Ryan Vogt	09/16
Gerry Wiltse	09/16
Bobbi Chester	09/17
Karon Rosauer	09/18
Nathan Allison	09/19
Roger Erickson	09/19
Dylan Boone	09/20
Linda Ryan	09/21
Roger Satterlee	09/21
Lyle Saunders	09/21
Nancy Miller	09/22
Casey Petlon	09/22
Kevin Bagby	09/23
Nicole Brown	09/23

Sam Milroy	09/23
Twyla Milroy	09/23
Joseph Blockhus	09/24
Kathleen Butikofer	09/24
Nolan Lyness	09/24
Shane Ward	09/24
Ron Vogt	09/25
Angela Zehr	09/25
Glenda Betels	09/26
Ashlee Allison	09/27
Emma Kennedy	09/29
Mark Clemen	09/30
Sarah Rule	09/30
Lila Sage	09/30
Tim Tutton	09/30
Madelyn Zehr	09/30



Happy Anniversary

Travis & Lisa Hough	09/01
Marvin & Sandra Rossow	09/01
James & Nancy Hough	09/02
Dean & Ruth Jones	09/02
Don & Deb Blong	09/04
Kevin & Cindy Losey	09/04
Randy & Kathy Waterman	09/05
Jeff & Cindy Lyness	09/06
Bill & Donna Welcher	09/06
Bob & Luanne Becker	09/06
Dennis & Patty Erickson	09/08
David & Callie Mangold	09/08
Paul & Jill Roberg	09/10
Elwyn & Linda Curtis	09/11
Robert & Louise Reth	09/13
Randy & Nicole Brown	09/14
Jerry & Heather Andregg	09/20
Walter & Barbara Davis	09/28
Brian & Ceann Palmer	09/30

