



MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

December 2015

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Holiday Office Hours

The office will be closed

Christmas ~ December 24th, 25th, 28th

New Years ~ December 31st, January 1st, 4th

The church will remain closed Fridays as usual.

To assist you with your needs, the office will be open regular business hours on

December 29th & 30th

2016 beginning January 5th

Your staff appreciates time to spend with their family and hope you will enjoy time spent with your family as well!!



The January Chimes deadline is December 14th

Pastor Phil will be out of the office~



Please see Al Remling or call the church office for your pastoral needs.



December 20th

SCRIPTURE & SONG WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00a

December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

5:30p & 11:00p



November Mission *Angel Trees*

The "Wishes" are in!!

Request angels are now available on the tree, located in the Narthex. Please purchase item & return wrapped gift to the church by December 14th.



Scrip is available ~

Through December 23 scrip sellers will be available during the week!
Stop in and let them help you!



Sundays, before & after church

Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00, before WOW

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays: 8:30a - 11:00a



Prayer Concerns:



Dave Cole	Jolene Hakert	Howard Haigh
Eugene Harbaugh	Bob Helmrich	Virginia Nelson
Richard Lee	Pearl Seibert	Marianne Sandberg
George White	Charline Scanlan	Donna Welcher
The Family of Bonnie Fuller		
Janelle (Husmann) Walton		
Jacob @ UIHC (Grandson of Jeane Taylor)		

*Please remember the residents of the
Good Neighbor Home & The Meadows in your prayers*

Prayer chain
If you know of somebody that is
need of prayer, please call
Marilyn Wenger @ 927.3455
or the church office 927.4439

Pastor Phil will be out of the office
December 13—17

Reminder:

Please submit all announcements to the
office by Tuesday noon for the upcoming
service. Thank you!

Worship Design Meeting
Mondays @ 5:30p
Conference Room

Worship on Wednesdays
Light Supper @ 5:15p
Wesley Hall
Worship @ 6:00p—Sanctuary
Small Group Discussion @ 6:45p

Choir Practice
Wednesdays @ 7:00p

Knitters
Thursday @ 1:00p
Library

December

Wednesday, December 2

Communion @ GNH—9:00a

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Thursday, December 3

Trustees Meeting @ 6:00p

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Sunday, December 6

Fellowship @ Chung Garden—11:30a

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Chimes Deadline

Monday, December 14

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Tuesday, December 15

Finance Meeting @ 5:30p

Church Council Meeting @ 6:30p

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Thursday, December 17

SPPRC @ 6:30p

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Sunday, December 20

Christmas Cantata—9:00a

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Tuesday, December 22

Connectional-Bingo @ GNH @ 2:00p

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Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5:30p & 11:00p

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Monday, December 21

Monday, December 28

Monday, January 4

NO 2nd Helpings



A note from Reverend Phil...

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:8-14)

Have you ever noticed when sitting at your desk at work or school on the last day before vacation, time just seems to slow down? You know that times is fixed, there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day... But when you have great anticipation for something you have been looking forward to, the time space continuum seems to be in flux and everything just seems to grind to a frustratingly slow speed!

This is some of the frustration of Israel while they awaited the promised Messiah. They believed that the "Anointed One" will come as a mighty warrior, who will defeat Rome and restore them to self-rule. They expected a Divine King, in full armor, upon a gallant steed who would lead them successfully in rebellion. Imagine their surprise when God chose to come unto us personally, in the form of a helpless babe, born to a young couple of common means. This did not meet their expectations! Yet the child grows to be fully man and also fully Divine. Though fully Divine, the child, Jesus, chose a path of simple life, devoted faith, and miraculous teaching. Since Jesus did not meet the expectations of many as Messiah, Jesus was condemned. And God chose sacrifice and grace over violence and judgment.

What Messiah do we wait for this Christmas season? Are we prepared to meet God's Anointed Jesus Christ, or do we still wait for a Savior that will meet our expectations?

God chose to become human to enter into a closer relationship with that which God created. God chose sacrifice over judgment and grace beyond sin. This is the Messiah we patiently wait for during this Advent season.

Peace



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Council Minutes November 17, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Al Remling Pastor Phil
Ron Stellick Dianne Miller
Ron Gearhart Kathy Waterman
Linda Gearhart Randy Waterman
Jean Gross

Church Council was called to order by Chairperson Al Remling at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

After the call to worship Al read from Micah 6:1-8. What does God require of us? God wants changed lives. He wants his people to be fair, just, merciful and humble. God wants us to be living sacrifices, not just doing religious deeds, but living rightly. It is impossible to follow God consistently without his transforming love in our hearts.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Al.

Randy Waterman motioned, seconded by Ron Stellick to approve the October minutes as written. Motion carried.

The kitchen refrigerator is in need of replacement. A new one is coming Nov. 18. UMW will be donating \$500 towards the cost with the rest coming from Trustees.

The balcony sound is being looked at. Those speaking into mikes can be heard but any other activity is muted, such as the choir. The mikes over the choir no longer function. This needs to be addressed soon.

The building use revision plan is almost completed and hopefully will be addressed in December.

Some members were asked to meet in the sanctuary this week and discuss the renovation plans for the chancel area. A complete quote for the upgrade is needed by the Trustees before this can proceed. We need to make room for the pews that were taken out previously to accommodate our growth in attendance.

We were reminded of Charge Conference this Thursday in Wesley Hall at 6:30. Everyone is urged to attend.

Finance recommended sending \$2457 for October apportionments.

Saturday Nov. 28 we will be decorating and getting ready for the hanging of the greens service on Sunday. We will be doing this at 10:00 a.m. until finished.

Bill Lux will be filling the pulpit on Sunday December 13 and the choir Christmas Cantata will be December 20. Our Christmas giving for staff will also take place that day.

Our next meeting will be December 15, 2015, at 6:30 in the Library. We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Church Council Secretary

Finance // through October 31, 2015

YEAR TO DATE

INCOME:	\$202,094.00
EXPENSES:	\$225,058.00
NET:	\$ -22,964.00

If you would like to be part of the
Serving Our Church Team
please contact

Communion Server, Liturgist,
Children's Sermon:
Marianne Sandberg

Phone: 563.927.3685

e-mail: sandberg@iowatelecom.net

Door Greeter:

Janine Stellick @ 927.3485

e-mail: jstellick@iowatelecom.net

Acolyte and Usher:

Jim Kerton @ 927. 5953

Sign up at the Welcome Center.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 6

Communion Servers: Dave Gaskill, Al Remling,
Michael Stocks
Acolytes: Nicholas & Caleb Stocks
Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Al Remling
Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks
Advent Wreath: Michael & Stephanie Stocks
Nicholas & Caleb
Nursery: Connie Allyn
Door Greeters: Janine Stellick & Vi Rieger

December 13

Acolytes: Hannah Clemen
Matthew Mensen
Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Scripture Reader: Al Remling
Children's Sermon: John Tyrrell
Advent Wreath: Travis & Meghan Mensen,
Matthew, Nicholas, Erin & Janel
Nursery: Julia Hopkins
Door Greeters: Janine Stellick & Vi Rieger

December 20

Scripture & Song Worship Service

Children's Sermon: John Tyrrell
Advent Wreath:
Nursery: Kathy Waterman
Door Greeters: Janine Stellick & Vi Rieger

A Special Request~

If you are scheduled on a particular date to serve in our worship service (liturgists, scripture reader, children's sermon, usher, acolyte), please meet in the sanctuary @ 8:15a on that Sunday for a meeting with Pastor. Thank you very much!

There are several volunteer opportunities this month...please call a Serving Our Church team leader to sign up, thank you!

December 24

5:30p

Acolytes:
Liturgist:
Scripture Reader:
Children's Sermon:
Advent Wreath:
Nursery:
Door Greeters:

11:00p

Acolytes:
Liturgist:
Scripture Reader:
Children's Sermon:
Advent Wreath:
Nursery:
Door Greeters:

December 27

Acolytes:
Liturgist: Jean Gross
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon:
Nursery: Alisha Cooke
Door Greeters: Janine Stellick & Vi Rieger

Pianists & Music Coordinators:
Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen



November 25, 2015

Dear Congregation and Friends,

The holiday season is once again upon us! In the tradition of this church and congregation, we hope to present a gift to the pastor and staff members at one of the holiday Sunday services. If you are interested in taking part in this project, please feel free to leave your contribution in the Sunday collection plate or mail it to the main church office. Please make checks to: Manchester United Methodist Church SPPRC and note *gifts* in the memo.

Manchester United Methodist Church
Attn: SP/PRC
413 East Butler Street
Manchester, IA 52057

Please be sure that all gifts are in by Tuesday, December 15th so they may be presented at the 9:00am service on **Sunday, December 20th**.

This is sent to you in the spirit of the holiday season and it is the hope of the SP/PRC that you will accept it in the true spirit of Christmas.

Sincerely,

Randy Waterman

Randy Waterman
SP/PRC Chair

/s/



Poinsettias

If you wish, you are encouraged to purchase a poinsettia and bring it to the church to decorate the sanctuary. They will be put on display December 13th through Christmas. Please remember to take your poinsettia home with you December 24th or December 27th.

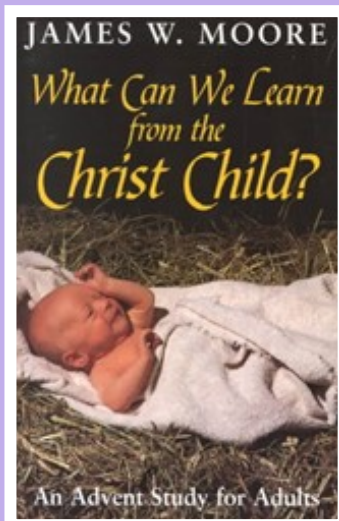
SMALL GROUPS BEGIN ADVENT

Sundays at 10:30a in the parlor

Mondays at 10:30a in the library

Small groups will begin new reading, discussing and praying about the advent season. They will concentrate on the **JAMES W. MOORE STUDY**,
“What Can We Learn from the Christ Child?”

We are better prepared to experience and share the joy of Christmas, Moore says, when we allow ourselves to learn from the Christmas story. Exploring the story through the characters of Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, and the Christ Child, helps us recognize important truths that enable us to see, hear, feel, and share Christmas in a more personal way.



Questions? Contact Al Remling: al@umcmanchester.com

CALLING ALL MEN!



Do you know there is a men's corner in our church library complete with a donated Keurig and a stash of coffee? Come in and check out the Christian fiction and non-fiction especially geared towards men that are available on the table. We also have some great biographies of sports figures and others. We hope to see you browsing our men's corner!

Have you read and studied some of the scripture used in worship?

Colossians 3: 1-4 & 8-17 (NRSV)



Judges 6:12-15 & 36-38



Judges 7: 13-14

2 Corinthians 4: 4-7



Jeremiah 23:5-6

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

John 1:1-5, 9-14



NAME TAGS.....

Your name here

I will be sending in one more order for name tags. If you don't have one and would like one, please contact me by Dec. 13th at 927-3485 or notify the church office. Thank you.

Janine Stellick

Finance committee chose to NOT order tithing envelopes for 2016:

Currently many are not used
Expense of envelopes

Alternative opportunity to tithe:

Drop your completed check in the offering
plate

Use blank envelope in pew pocket, mark date and
your name

Provide your own envelope

Scrip News!

Time to get going on that Christmas shopping!

Our gift card company, Great Lakes Scrip, has hundreds of options available. From clothing to movie theaters to home improvement to online ordering to restaurants, we have you covered!

For those of you who have people in other parts of the country to buy gifts for, we have many nationwide gift cards available. And what could be easier to mail than gift cards? You can find a complete list of available options on shopwithscrip.com, or speak with a scrip team member for more information.

While we have a wide variety of gift cards on hand, it's a wise idea to order your cards for Christmas shopping to be sure we can have everything you want. Order forms are available at the scrip table.

Gift cards are also a great choice for stocking stuffers! During the holiday season many retailers offer \$5 to \$15 cards - perfect for showing appreciation to paper carriers, teachers, coaches, hairdressers, etc. These can be used at all locations. We have \$10 cards on hand from Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Bruegger's Bagels, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Hardee's, iTunes, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, and Subway. We can also order \$10 cards from amazon.com, Groupon, Target, and Walmart.

We also carry gift cards to Sarah's Flowers & Gifts and the Posy Place for you holiday floral decorating. These places also have many nice gift items.

Scrip team members are Carol Dighton, Kathy Evarts, Linda Gearhart, Alice Kluesner, Roger Mueller, Chris Mundy, and Vicki Spellerberg.

Scrip is available —

Sundays: before & after church services
(after church please purchase *before going upstairs to coffee*)

Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00p, before WOW

Nov. 30 - Dec. 23 8:30 - 11:00a Mondays, Wednesday, and Thursdays

Operation Christmas Child Update

Change a child's zip code for eternity!

You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. John 4:35

Children around the world are desperate to know the love of God. We cannot wait another day to share the good news of the gospel, and Operation Christmas Child is just one way we share God's love and salvation through Jesus today. This year all the shoeboxes collected in the Upper Midwest will travel to one of the following countries where the fields are ripe for harvest: Barbados, Burundi, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, & Trinidad and Tobago.

For the past five years, MUMC has served as a relay center for Operation Christmas Child opening the doors of our church in order to aide with the harvest. In that time, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of shoeboxes collected:

2011=628 boxes

2012= 658 boxes

2013=880 boxes

2014=1265 boxes

2015=1407 boxes

Thank you to everyone who participates in this ministry through donating and helping at the packing party where we packed 545 shoeboxes this year, volunteering in the relay center, loading and hauling cartons, making financial contributions, and PRAYING for all aspects of OCC.

Operation Christmas Child grows each time you promote this ministry with your family and friends. Thank you for taking up Jesus' call to join the harvest as you spread the good news of salvation through Him!



MUMC Sunday School kids pose for a photo after praying for the shoeboxes collected in the relay center during National Collection Week.



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Outstanding!





Good Neighbor Home

105 McCarren Dr // 927.3907

NAME	ROOM #	PRINT SIZE
Carol Brockmeyer	N106A	LARGE
Arlan Brockmeyer	N115	LARGE
Betty DeKeyser	N131	REGULAR
MaryLou Kimball	N119B	REGULAR
Bonnie Lindsay	N102	LARGE
Martha Palmer	N142	REGULAR
Dorothy Palmer	S11	REGULAR
Leona Pohlman	N137B	LARGE
Catherine Manson	S15A	LARGE
James Manson	S22	LARGE
Delores Timmer	S25	LARGE

Marietta's Place

Merlin Butikofer	208	LARGE
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Our Meadow Residents

200 McCarren Dr // 927.6467

Virginia Nelson	110	LARGE
Twyla Milroy		LARGE
Lois Mott	114	LARGE

Edgewood Convalescent Home

513 Ball St., Edgewood, IA 52042 // 563.928.6461

Arla Ketelson	8	LARGE
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Upper Room is here!
Please stop by the Narthex and
pick up your copy of the
January/February issue today.

\$1.00 donation would be appreciated.

Looking ahead.....

January

Thursday, December 31-January 4

Church/office is CLOSED

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Sunday, January 3

Fellowship @ Chung Garden—11:30a

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Wednesday, January 6

9:00a-Communion @ GNH

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Thursday, January 7

Trustees Meeting @ 6:00p

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Tuesday, January 19

Finance Meeting @ 5:30p

Church Council Meeting @ 6:30p

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Wednesday, January 20

Chimes Deadline

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Tuesday, January 26

Connectional-Bingo @ GNH @ 2:00p

Worship on Wednesdays

Light Supper @ 5:15p

Wesley Hall

Worship @ 6:00p—Sanctuary

Small Group Discussion @ 6:45p

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Choir Practice

Wednesdays @ 7:00p

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Knitters

Thursdays @ 1:00p

Library



Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Debbie in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Happy Birthday



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jerry Ridenour	12/03
Vicki Spellerberg	12/03
Clifford Swanson.....	12/03
Les Carlson	12/05
Tiffany Feldmann	12/05
Julia Hopkins.....	12/06
Michael Wade	12/06
Michael Ryan	12/07
Lori Clemen	12/08
Mark Philgreen.....	12/08
William Wolter	12/11
Christian Zehr.....	12/11
Kenze Tutton.....	12/12
Jeffrey Nystel.....	12/14
Luanne Becker.....	12/15
Gary Gibbs	12/18
Donna Reeder	12/19
Jeanne Taylor	12/21
Carol Brockmeyer	12/22
David Gaskill.....	12/24
Pat Swanson.....	12/26
Marilyn Hamman.....	12/28
Linda Kerton	12/28
Janie Vogt	12/28
Travis Mensen.....	12/29
Blair Heims.....	12/30
Teri Mueller.....	12/31
Kathy Waterman	12/31

Verle & Donna Hankins	12/24
Richard & Judy Fox	12/28
Ron & Janie Vogt	12/30
Ken & Lisa Edaburn	12/31

Prayer Box

Please leave your prayer requests in the prayer box at the back of the sanctuary or at the welcome center. Requests will be picked up before worship service begins each Sunday morning.

We ask that you give special attention to filling out the card if you are requesting prayer on somebody else's behalf.

It is very important to obtain the approval of the person for whom we are praying . Printing in MUMC publications need to have their permission.

Please leave a phone number, we may need more information.

Thank you.

December Mission...

Second Helpings

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Questions? please see Alice Kluesner



DECEMBER

Sun

8:15a
Serving Our Church Leaders
meet in the Sanctuary every Sunday morning

Mon

WIC
DECEMBER 7 & 14
Comm. Room 9a-4p

Tue

CHIMES DEADLINE
December 14

Wed

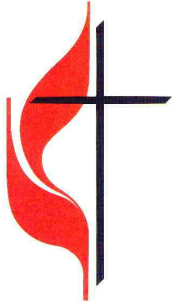
Worship on Wednesdays
Dinner @ 5:15p
Wesley Hall
Worship @ 6:00p—Sanctuary
Small Group Discussion @ 6:45p

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>December Mission of the Month:</i> Second Helpings		1 9:00a Calico Cut-Ups 9:00a Bible Study	2 9:00a Communion @GNH 5:15p Worship on Wednesdays 7:00p Choir	3 1:00p Knitters in the Library 6:00p Trustee Meeting	4 9:30a Sippers@ Coffee Den	5 8:00p AA
6 9:00a Worship w/ Communion 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a Sun. School 11:30a Choung Garden	7 9:30a Prayer Chapel 10:30a Study Group 5:30p 2nd Helpings 5:30p Worship Design	8 9:00a Calico Cut-Ups 9:00a Bible Study	9 5:15p Worship on Wednesdays 7:00p Choir	10 1:00p Knitters in the Library	11 9:30a Sippers@ Coffee Den	12 8:00p AA
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20 9:00a <i>Christmas Cantata</i> 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a Sunday School	21 9:30a Prayer Chapel 10:30a Study Group No 2nd Helpings 5:30p Worship Design	22 9:00a Calico Cut-Ups 9:00a Bible Study	23 NO WOW WORSHIP SERVICE NO Choir	24 Church office Closed 5:30p 11:00p Christmas Eve Worship Service	25  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26 8:00p AA
27 9:00a Worship <i>Hanging of Greens</i> 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a Adult Sunday School only	28 Church office is closed No 2nd Helpings	29 9:00a Calico Cut-Ups 9:00a Bible Study	30 5:15p Worship on Wednesdays NO Choir	31 January 1  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	<i>Church office is closed: December 24-28 December 31 - January 4</i>	
Church office is open						



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We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School classes @ 10:30a

Wow—Worship on Wednesdays

Light supper at 5:15pm in Wesley Hall

Worship at 6pm in the Sanctuary

6:45pm Small Group Discussion

VISION

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committed to living the scriptures through

LOVING SERVICE & GIVING

to our community and the world.

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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:

The Entire Congregation

Reverend Phil Rogers

Secretary: Debbie Saunders

Church Administrator: Allen Remling

Church Custodian: Glenn Nystel/Dennis Porter

Christian Education Director: Position Open

Choir Director & Organist: Position Open

Bell Choir Director: Position Open

Mission Coordinator: Diane Miller

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at MUMC, by numerous volunteers.

Please forward any new addresses to the church at
413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439 Thank you!