



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes



September 2017

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Church & Office CLOSED ~ Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.....



Youth Sunday School
Sunday, September 10th @ 10:30a
WELCOME back!!

2017-2018

For more information, please contact
(preschool – 5th grade):
Mary Jane Fetter ~ 563.920.2006

(6th—8th grade):
Kathy Rempe ~ 927.3081

(8th—12th grade):
Pastor Phil ~ 319.573.0589



Chancel Choir will be starting rehearsals soon, and we always welcome new members to join us!!

Our first rehearsal will be on

Wednesday, September 6th at 6:45 P.M.
(or immediately following the WOW service)

in the sanctuary.

We sing the first three Sundays of each month, and have the fourth Sunday off (in months with five Sundays, we usually take off the fifth Sunday).

Co-directors are Beth Mueller & Lynne Rasmussen.

If you have been considering joining us, please do!

Come to rehearsal on September 7th and see what you think!!

United Methodist Men

now meet every Sunday @ 10:30a in the parlor.

For more information, please contact
Toby Tutton 563.920.8502

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, September 6th
@ 1:30p in Fellowship Hall.



A note from Reverend Phil...

“If your brother or sister sins go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; (Matt 18:15-17a)

This is the instruction of Jesus found in Matthew chapter 18. This goes to show that conflict within the human condition and even in the church goes way back. The people known as Methodist’s have come together and parted many times through our history together. There have been issues with scripture, race, and polity, through the years. Some have returned to formal relationships, others have not. So to say that we are in unprecedented times is just not true, in fact the United Methodist Church has only been in existence since 1968. The one thing that has brought us together, and maintained our unity is the covenant relationship we have with each other and our polity as stated in the Book of Discipline. But once again, things have changed, and we are now a denomination in conflict and at a crossroads.

This is not something I speak to very much; my focus has been and shall remain on Jesus, Him crucified, and our hope in the resurrection. I labor diligently not to bring politics or personal preference into worship... We will focus on the Word of God and Jesus Christ from the first “Dear Lord” to the last “Amen.” But we have reached a place where we are thrust into the debate and must decide if we are prepared to stand for that which we believe. As I go forward with this article please keep in mind our instruction from Jesus about conflict, have we done all we can prior to consequence?

I think everyone knows the presenting cause of our conflict is around human sexuality. I submit to you that this is only the presenting cause but the issue goes much deeper. The issue is about the authority of scripture, the meaning of the word covenant, and the integrity of our relationships.

There is no affirmation of the conflicted issue around sexuality in the bible. That’s just a reality that no reasonable theologian or scholar can debate. The only way to change our stance is to choose to ignore the teaching of scripture. There is also much biblical teaching around covenants. These too must be ignored to support the behavior of some who disagree with a biblical stance on the issue. Out of this conflict has been charges against clergy for wrong doing that were ignored in one conference, while upheld in others. Because of this single issue we now have a bishop who openly questions the divinity of Jesus. Because of this issue, the ministry of our denomination has been reduced, and our churches have seen decline at a greater rate than at any time in history.

A Covenant is like a contract with one very important difference. While a contract may exist between two people, it can be broken under certain circumstances. In a Holy Covenant it is with God, and as God is Holy so then the Covenant is Holy, and cannot be broken. When you joined the church you made a covenant to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and Witness. To do less is to render less than Holy that which God deemed Holy. As clergy we “vow to accept and uphold its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline.” Those who are purposely stepping outside our polity without consequence because of a lack of integrity in leadership are not remaining in covenant with those of us who do hold firm to our commitment. There is a process for change, and it has been attempted in each General Conference for the last forty years, and it has by a very large majority been voted down every time.

Last year the issue was brought before our Judicial Council, which ruled in favor of our current standing and language of our Book of Discipline. (Something like the denominational Supreme Court.) Afterward several individual Annual Conferences were led by their Bishops to stand in open defiance of our covenant, which Iowa is one.

Though the denomination has gathered a special board to seek a way forward, and we were to honor our covenants along the way... many have chosen not to do so including the Bishop and cabinet of our own Iowa Annual Conference.

Because of this conflict, which has been brought to every level available within our polity but will not be honored by our own leadership, we have arrived at this place. How are we, a faithful congregation just seeking to make disciples in our place and time to react? Many churches are withholding apportionments throughout the connection until our covenant is fully honored. This has been going on for several years. But the number of churches withholding apportionments in on an increase.

Last June, at our 2017 Annual Conference the new budget was introduced, at a 5% increase. Our Annual Conference had voted three years ago that budget would go down as we have the highest budget in our jurisdiction. Then we are told that those who pay apportionments (Last year was 38% of Iowa Churches) were going to pay an additional 20% to make up for those who do not pay. Ultimately this is asking those of us who honor the covenant, even when we are not being honored ourselves, to pay an additional amount because the leadership does not want to face the consequences of their choices. This will make about an \$11000.00 increase for our church.

I know I have spoken to paying our apportionments in full since I have been here, and we have moved from an average less than 10% to a full 100% of apportionment in the last two years. I am a believer in apportionments, and the global power it provides in ministry for the least, lost, and hopeless everywhere. I am conflicted because though I do not support the lack of integrity shown by our leadership towards covenant, I also do not want to stop educating, healing, and feeding those in need everywhere.

Upon our return from Conference Al Remling and Bill Scanlan approached Single Board with this complicated problem. Single board has asked for an all church meeting where they will be prepared to make a proposal for a response from Manchester United Methodist Church, a people, a family. There will be time for questions and statements from the floor. The date of the **All Church Meeting** is set for **September 17, 2017** to begin in the Sanctuary immediately after the service is concluded. Please be in prayer for our denomination, those in leadership, our church, our single board, and please don't forget me. These are trying times for all.

Peace

Pastor Phil

Finance Report	
July Budget.....	\$21,010.08
July Actual.....	\$24,568.36
Year-to-date Income Budget.....	\$150,095.56
Year-to-date Income Actual.....	\$160,757.04

MUMC Single Board Meeting **August 15, 2017 - Wesley Hall - 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Bruce Nodurft, Ruth Voshell, Connie Allyn, Charlie Dighton, Randy Waterman, Zach Rogers, Marge Wolter, Al Remling, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil, Jean Gross.

New Chairperson Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. He led us in the Call to Worship. In conjunction with that Al Remling reminded us that God is majestic and mighty. God is eternal. He sees the big picture. God is mightier than His creation. He is all powerful and is always faithful.

Al is stepping down as our chair and Mark Reth is stepping up to that position. We will be looking for a new vice-chair to fill Mark's previous position on the board. Al will be available as an advisor to Mark as he settles into this new role.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and prayers for guidance.

Reports:

Staff Parish had 12 applicants for our office manager opening and are in the process of final interviews. They hope to have someone in place by September 1st or soon after.

Finance shared the July Financial Report with the board. After all bills have been paid through July we have a surplus of \$25,122.00. Our monthly actual expenses continue to come in under budget.

Trustees reported that the bill for the fascia project has been paid. The church lock box has been gone through and papers were found that indicated the church had purchased five cemetery plots in the 1950s and two of these plots are still open. We will be keeping those plots for possible future use.

Worship reported that our video upgrade has been fully funded and will include three new 80" HD flat screen televisions plus the computer system and other materials needed for the upgrade. Ruth Voshell is our new single board member for worship.

Education reported that pre-school through third grade will be studying the Life of Jesus and fourth through seventh will be focusing on the Gospel of Mark. *Pocket Magazine* is being ordered for the elementary students and *Devazine* for the older kids. These publications come from the Upper Room. Classes will be starting on September 10.

Missions reported that our garden boxes are growing but some plants are taking over. Next year more planning will be done for how plants are arranged in the boxes to avoid this issue. Missions would like to send \$400 to the Methodist College in Zimbabwe to help two students attend school there. These students have a connection to a Methodist Pastor in Iowa whom Pastor Phil has made an acquaintance.

Reaching and Receiving is looking at radical hospitality. They are in the process of learning effective ways to welcome newcomers to our midst. We are all expected to be welcoming to new people and helping them to feel wanted and loved in our midst.

Congregational Care has been having a Grief-Share meeting on Thursday evenings. They are working on a program for visitations to those not in crisis but are not able to worship regularly with us.

Action Items:

Charlie Dighton moved, seconded by Marge Wolter to send \$400 from ice cream social proceeds to help fund the two students in Zimbabwe so they can attend the Methodist College there. Approved unanimously.

September 24 our estimates of generosity drive begins. This will help Finance with the budgeting process for 2018. Budget forms will be handed out to committee chairs at our next meeting and will be due at the October meeting so we can approve that before Charge Conference on November 19th.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Wesley Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10. We closed with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Single Board Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

September 3

Communion servers:

Acolytes: Youth

Liturgist: Rita Woods

Scripture Reader: Dave Gaskill

Children's Sermon: John Tyrrell

Door Greeters: Dennis Porter, Mike Roete,
Jim and Julia Hopkins

Nursery: Connie Allyn

September 10

Acolytes: Youth

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill

Scripture Reader: Chris Mundy

Children's Sermon: Stephanie Stocks

Door Greeters: Dennis Porter, Charlie Dighton,
Jim and Julia Hopkins

Nursery: Debbie Rogers

September 17

Acolytes: Youth

Liturgist: Jean Gross

Scripture Reader: Jack Young

Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan

Door Greeters: Dennis Porter, Charlie Dighton,
Jim and Julia Hopkins

Nursery: Kathy Waterman

September 24

Acolytes: Youth

Liturgist:

Scripture Reader:

Children's Sermon:

Door Greeters: Dennis Porter, Charlie Dighton,
Jim and Julia Hopkins

Nursery: Jean Gross

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen

Piano/Organ Substitute: Duane Philgreen,
Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg

Tech Team: Michael Stocks, Ruth Voshell

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

Communion Server, Liturgist,

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Tech Team:

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mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 927.2475

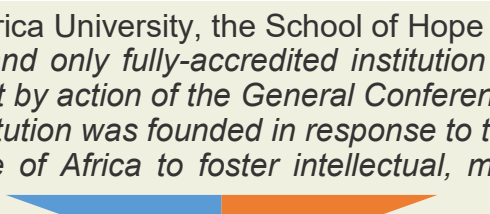
Acolyte and Usher:

Jim Kerton @ 927. 5953



Africa Mission Project

We received an interesting request for a mission project last month. Kaboko is the district superintendent of the east central district. He is filling in for Jackie while she is on leave. Kaboko had asked Pastor Phil if it would be possible for our congregation to help a couple of young men out. They are a couple of young men who live in Africa. Kaboko knows one of the young men and another from a relationship through Kaboko's brother. Kaboko asked if we could help each family put one child into school. The school is Africa University, a United Methodist University. I brought this to single board and it was unanimously voted on to help the two young men out. The cost of the university for a year is \$200 a student. The board decided that we would pull the \$400 needed from the proceeds of the Ice Cream Social. If you would like to find out more about the University please visit <http://www.africau.edu/>. With further education we can help a couple of young men move from surviving to thriving. All things are possible through Christ who strengthens us.



Greetings and Welcome to Africa University, the School of Hope in the Valley of Dreams! *Africa University is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. This amazing institution was founded in response to the call by African Bishops for a university for the whole of Africa to foster intellectual, moral, ethical and spiritual growth in its students.*

As the flagship mission of higher education of The United Methodist Church on the African continent, Africa University remains true to the enduring pan-African vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa. Africa University is pan-African by design and is home to students, faculty and staff from more than 28 African countries. Thanks to this diversity, which is stronger than ever, Africa University is a place where Africa happens every day.

Africa University is a private institution that is self-governing and independent. Africa University is governed by an international Board of Directors that represents stakeholders from Africa, Europe and North America.

The University offers over 50 cutting-edge undergraduate and graduate programs that focus on meeting Africa's vital needs such as food security, improved public health, peace, good governance and sustainable economic growth. We award degrees, diplomas and certificates from the following Colleges: College of Health, Agriculture and Natural Sciences; College of Business, Peace, Leadership and Governance and College of Social Sciences, Theology, Humanities and Education.

Guided by the faith-inspired vision, commitment and action of United Methodists and with steadfast investment from a diverse group of partners and friends, Africa University has developed into world-class center of academic excellence and institution of choice for leadership development in Africa.

We kindly invite you to take a virtual tour of our beautiful campus and witness the results of our endeavors to diversify our institutional mission to fulfill the needs of our communities with innovative ideas and solutions. I hope you will be inspired to study with us or to support this dynamic project of investing in Africa's future.

Thank you. Prof. M. Furusa Africa University Vice Chancellor

Ingathering

School Supplies Needed

It is that time of year again that we need to be thinking about ingathering. Supplies and donations need to be in by **November 4th**. The school kits go to benefit many children here in the United States and abroad. The list of donations is as follows.

Blunt scissors

Spiral or top bound note pads, single subject and no composition books

Hand held pencil sharpener

Unsharpened pencils, no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camo symbols

2 inch or larger eraser

24 count crayons

Cash donations are always accepted for the purpose of purchasing supplies. Thank you in advance for helping many that will benefit the value of schooling through Jesus.

September Mission of the Month ~ UMCOR

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

In response to the natural disaster created by hurricane Harvey along our Texas southern coast our Single Board has overwhelmingly made two decisions.

First, we will proclaim the special offering for September 2017 as Harvey Relief and will collect our special offerings to send to the special Harvey relief account with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief.) UMCOR is the natural disaster response arm of the United Methodist Church, and we know well the difference we can make together in our own floods of 2008.

Second, We will tithe 10% of all our general offerings to UMCOR as well.

This decision was not made lightly as we considered the challenges that our church faces. Last month we only raised 2/3 of our budget for the month of August. Though we had been running ahead of budget, this does not leave us much excess. But in Paul’s letter to the Galatians he articulated quite clearly our responsibility to one another quite clearly...So we will step out on faith and trust in the Lord’s work through our generosity to see our neighbors through these difficult times. But even beyond our financial support let us remember to remain in constant prayer for these people affected, and those who are there to help.



Prayer Concerns:



Mary Bissell	Jolene Hakert	Bob Helmrich
Garneth Hook	Paul Kammarmeyer	Florence Parrott
Al Remling	Marianne Sandberg	Judy Stephenson
Jacob Taylor	Donna Welcher	George White
Faye Wright	Janelle (Husmann) Walton	

Susan Rogers (Rev Phil's sister-in-law)
 Aubree Hood (George & Virginia White's great granddaughter)
 MUMC Ministries: Congregational Care & Grief share

Prayer chain
If you know of somebody that is
need of prayer, please call
Marilyn Wenger @ 927.3455

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



September & October 2017

Operation Christmas Child Donations

- Filler items and items that we are lacking to fill the boxes such as small toys, etc.
- Monetary donations for shipping costs.

Scrip News

Did you know that Great Lakes Scrip has over 1000 places available for us to get gift cards? To find out what options are out there, go to shopwithscrip.com and use the search box to see if a particular place is available or use the 'shop' tab and explore the options.

Don't forget our local-stores-only scrip. When you use this you're supporting not only your church but also local businesses. Some of those are Thompson Shoes, Widner Drug, Chuong Garden, Fireside restaurant, Castle Theatre, Dairy Queen, Pin Oak Pub & Links, and Sarah's Flowers and Gifts. There are also local businesses who do AOP - amount of purchase, and those too return a percentage to our church. Current participants in this are Boubin Tires, Corcoran Furniture, Edgewood Building Supply, Georgen Auto, Honey Creek Furniture, Lake Design, and Schroeder's Cash Supply.

Remember, the scrip team is here to help you with any questions you might have and to do our best to get the scrip you want! Speak with anyone on the scrip team: Carol Dighton, Kathy Evarts, Linda Gearhart, Alice Kluesner, Erin Learn, Roger Mueller, Chris Mundy, and Vicki Spellerberg.

– Gift cards are available –

Sundays: before & after church services

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00p, before WOW service

A New Look For WOW

This year we are going to make some changes to our Worship On Wednesday (WOW) program. We are going to continue the light meal at 5:15. At 6:00 the Adults and Children (Less than 5th grade) will meet pastor Phil in the Sanctuary for a large group lesson while the Youth (Grades 5-12) will go downstairs with Mike to the newly claimed Youth Wing for fellowship and games. At 6:30 adults and children that wish to remain for small group discussion will be led by Al Remling, and pastor Phil will go downstairs for Youth large group. At 7:00 the Youth will move into small group discussion. Adults

September 13th!

See y'all there!!! and
children
will be
ish at

done at 7:30, and Youth will fin-
8:00... All this begins on

SEPTEMBER



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

Mon
WIC
September 11
2nd Helpings
Mondays @ 5:30p

Tue
CHIMES
DEADLINE
September 20

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

Thu

Fri **Sat**

Watch for information coming on - Sherman's Fun Day - check the website and the bulletin.



	* Health Clinic 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month located in the nursery				1 9:30a Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	2 8:00p Community Meeting
3 9:00a Worship w/ communion 10:00a Fellowship 10:30a Adult Sunday School	4 10:30a Study Group *NO 2nd Helpings	5 9:00a Calico Cut Ups	6 9:00—11:00a Prayer in the Sanctuary 1:30p UMW *No WOW	7 1:00p Knitters 10:30a Communion @ GNH/Meadows	8 9:30a Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	9 8:00p Community Meeting
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Happy Anniversary

Robert Becker09/03
 Blake Thurn09/03
 Leann Van Dyke09/03
 Greg Heims09/04
 Brandon Larsen09/04
 Kaylee Edaburn09/05
 Garneth Hook09/05
 Karla Stephen09/05
 Conner Andregg09/06
 William Nading09/08
 Janis Schultz09/13
 Spencer Kluesner09/15
 Bobbi Chester09/17
 Karon Rosauer09/18
 Roger Erickson09/19
 Lyle Saunders09/21
 Sam Milroy09/23
 Nolan Lyness.....09/24
 Ron Vogt.....09/25
 Angela Zehr09/25
 Glenda Betels09/26
 Emma Kennedy09/29
 Mark Clemen09/30
 Tim Tutton09/30
 Madelynn Zehr.....09/30

Travis & Lisa Hough09/01
 Marvin & Sandra Rossow09/01
 James & Nancy Hough.....09/02
 Don & Deb Blong.....09/04
 Randy & Kathy Waterman09/05
 Jeff & Cindy Lyness.....09/06
 Bill & Donna Welcher.....09/06
 Robert & Luanne Becker09/08
 Dennis & Patty Erickson.....09/08
 Paul & Jill Roberg09/10
 Elwyn & Linda Curtis09/11
 Randy & Nicole Brown09/14
 Jerry & Heather Andregg09/20
 Walter & Barbara Davis09/28

Good Neighbor Home

105 McCarren Dr // 927.3907

NAME	ROOM #	PRINT SIZE
Mary Lou Beswick	GV36	REGULAR
Carol Brockmeyer	N144	LARGE
Catherine Manson	S24	LARGE
Huberta Olive	N137B	REGULAR
Lois Mott	GV41	LARGE
Delores Timmer	S25	LARGE
Faye Wright	N137A	LARGE

Marrietta's Place

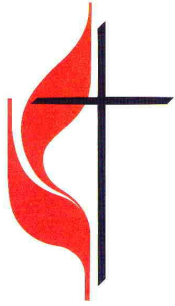
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Garneth Hook	S41	LARGE
Wilma Priest	216	LARGE

I am the *vine*, you are the branches; He who *abides* in Me, and I in him,

bears much *fruit*; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:5



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★★★ CHURCH AND OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ★★★

★★★ NO 2ND HELPINGS ★★★

Monday, September 4

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 Fellowship Hall

Worship at 6pm in the Sanctuary

6:45pm Small Group Discussion

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday
 8:00a-5:00p

Tuesday & Thursday
 8:00a-3:00p

Friday
 Church is Closed

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The Entire Congregation

Reverend Phil Rogers

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Church Custodian: Glenn Nystel/Dennis Porter

Christian Education Director:

Choir Director & Organist:

Bell Choir Director: Mark Philgreen

Mission Coordinator: Zach Rogers

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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!



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FAITHFUL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST
 committed to living the scriptures through
LOVING SERVICE & GIVING
 to our community and the world.