



MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

December 2017

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December 17th

“CEREMONY OF CANDLES”

*A CANTATA PERFORMANCE BY THE CHOIR FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT DINNER IN WESLEY HALL
4:00PM*



December 24th

Christmas Eve Services

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.” ~ Isaiah 7:14

November Mission *Angel Tree*

The “Wishes” are in!!

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

December 15th.



Scrip is available ~

Sundays, before & after church

Wednesdays: 5:00 – 6:00pm, before WOW



The January Chimes deadline is

December 13th

A note from Reverend Phil...

Isaiah 40:3-5

3 A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

This Advent season we are looking towards the birth of our Savior through the lens of how God was deliberate in preparing the way for us to be redeemed, not by our worth but because of God's love for humanity. We are focused on how the voice of the ancient Prophets were made real by the obedience of those whom God called for the glory of the kingdom and the redemption of humankind. How would the story be different if not for John, Mary, or Joseph? How would the story be different if not for the census, the stable, or the animals? Each piece had to fulfill their part in the redemption story for God's full glory to be made known, from then to now and beyond. We pray this will be a time of preparation for us as well, as individuals and as a church. How is God calling you to prepare the way for another to come and see the Savior of all? How is God calling you to prepare the way to help others find their rest in God's grace? How is God calling you to prepare the way to go and tell someone there is hope beyond hopelessness and joy beyond despair? How is God calling us as a church to fulfill God's own Kingdom vision to proclaim His glory in the specific time and place?

Let this be a time of preparation for you and your family, but also for all whom we may know that are seeking to find a place of invitation, rest, and glory. This is a wonderful time to invite family and friends who do not have a church home to come and be a part of this church family called Manchester United Methodist Church.

Peace and Blessings, **Pastor Phil**





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Randy Waterman // SPPRC Chairman | mumc@umcmanchester.com

November 20, 2017

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 Sunday, December 10th so they may be presented at the 9:00am service on **Sunday, December 17th**.

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

Sincerely,

Randy Waterman
Randy Waterman
SP/PRC Chair

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Manchester United Methodist Church
Charge Conference Minutes
November 19, 2017
4:15 p.m.

The Regional Charge Conference was called to order by District Superintendent Jackie Bradford at 4:15 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, IA.

First order of business was to elect a secretary to take our minutes. Jean Gross was so acknowledged as our secretary.

All Pastoral Support forms were approved unanimously as presented.

Next order of business for our church was to elect the delegate and alternate delegate to Annual Conference in June. Al Remling was nominated as Delegate and Bill Scanlan as Alternate Delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business for our church we were adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross
Charge Conference Secretary

OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT

YTD budget income: \$221,800.00

YTD actual income: \$223,409.42



***Christmas is coming!!
Time to work on that shopping list!***

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. Members are Carol Dighton, Kathy Evarts, Linda Gearhart, Alice Kluesner, Terry Larson, Erin Learn, Roger Mueller, Chris Mundy, and Vicki Spellerberg.

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. Orders need to be placed no later than December 10.

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. Examples are amazon.com, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Bruegger's Bagels, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Hardee's, iTunes, Olive Garden / Red Lobster, Panera Bread, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Subway, and Target.. These will need to be ordered in advance in most cases!

As you make your Christmas preparation easier by buying gift cards, you also help MUMC!!

SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 3

Communion servers: Phil & Debbie Rogers, Dave & Darla Gaskill
Acolytes: Youth
Advent Candle: The Mensen Family
Liturgist: Jean Gross
Scripture Reader: Al Remling
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill
Door Greeters: Mike & Joan Wade
Nursery: Julia Hopkins

December 10

Acolytes: Youth
Advent Candle: The Hough Family
Liturgist: Lisa Hough
Scripture Reader: Julie Porter
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Door Greeters: Mike & Joan Wade
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

December 17

Acolytes: Youth
Advent Candle: The Scovel Family
Liturgist: Rita Woods
Scripture Reader: Roger Mueller
Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan
Door Greeters: Mike & Joan Wade
Nursery: Connie Allyn

December 24 ~ 9:00AM
Positions of service to be determined

December 24 ~ 5:30PM

Communion Servers: Tom & Connie Allyn
Acolytes: Youth
Advent Candle: The Gaskill Family
Liturgist:
Scripture Reader:
Door Greeters:
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

December 24 ~ 11:00PM

Acolytes: Youth
Advent Candle: Zach & Kat Rogers
Liturgist: Michelle Philgreen
Scripture Reader: Meghan Mensen
Door Greeters:
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

December 31

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jack Young
Scripture Reader: Chris Mundy
Children's Sermon: Kathy Rempe
Door Greeters: Mike & Joan Wade
Nursery: Mary Jane Fetter

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,
Scripture Reader, Children's Sermon:**

Jeff Larsen @ 927-5089 or
call the office @ 927-4439

Door Greeter:

Janine Stellick @ 927-3485
e-mail: jstellick@iowatelecom.net

Tech Team:

Ruth Voshell @ (870) 926-4638 or
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Jim Kerton @ 927-5953

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





Operation Christmas Child

The amazing journey of a
simple
shoebox gift begins with
YOU!

During Pastor Tom's message a couple of weeks ago, he challenged us to let our faith overcome our fear bringing enthusiasm to our church as we tell our personal stories proclaiming Jesus. But how do we do that? He encouraged us to ask ourselves three questions.

What can we do to help people love God more?

What can we do to love each other more?

How can we offer loving service to the world?

Since that sermon, I have seen firsthand how members of our congregation and community have rallied around the ministry of Operation Christmas Child bringing energy and encouragement not only to that ministry but also to the people involved.

A Girl Scout craft project became a donation of jump ropes for our packing party.

New volunteers were trained and worked at our drop-off location.

Several people filled in when one of our drop-off location volunteers was unable to work.

An individual came to church for the first time so he could be there to help load the shipping cartons.

All of these examples are in addition to the numerous ways this ministry is energized each year:

Donations of items for our packing party increase each year.

Countless volunteers who set up and work at the packing party...and we manage to increase the number of boxes we pack each year while doing it in the same amount of time!

Drop-off location volunteers who spend hours packing shoeboxes in shipping cartons.

Volunteers who load and transport those shipping cartons to the Central Drop Off Location in Waterloo.

I personally haven't been very energized for OCC this year. I have not been on top of the organizing and planning like year's past. My enthusiasm has been lacking, however, that is already changing for next year as I have heard several people talking about changes we can make to improve our packing party and the drop-off location. Your love of God and desire to share his love with children around the world is reenergizing me, and I thank you for that!

This year we set a record at our packing party as we filled 688 shoeboxes! The drop-off location processed 1437 shoeboxes. This number is down a bit from previous years; however, with renewed enthusiasm from each of us, I know God will use us in mighty ways next year to impact more children through this ministry.

Thank you for taking this journey with me,

Stephanie Stocks

Operation Christmas Child Photo Highlights





Are you aware of the various ministry teams in our church and of their function? **Ministry Minute** has been introduced to the congregation to keep you informed of what each ministry team is doing beginning with Reaching & Receiving.

Reaching & Receiving is working at something we call **Extreme Hospitality** and to be successful we need the help of the whole congregation. That means you! Extreme hospitality is going overboard, going the second mile in welcoming our visitors as you would welcome a guest into your own home. We ask you to join us in being aware of visitors in our church and going out of your way to make them feel loved and welcome. In the future we will talk more about this "**mentality of hospitality!**" We cannot do this without you!

God Bless ~ From the Reaching & Receiving Team!

Mark Your Calendars

The MUMC Chancel Choir, will present "Ceremony of Candles - A Cantata for Advent & Christmas". The performance will be on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 P.M. in the MUMC sanctuary, followed by a light supper in the Fellowship Hall. Save the date and plan to join us that afternoon!

Angel Tree!

Our November Angel Tree mission has received information from families we will be helping with some Christmas shopping this year. The tree with available names is in the Narthex. If you are able to help with this mission, take an angel with the child's information and purchase the item requested. Please return the wrapped gift to the church as soon as possible and no later than the December 14th. The gifts will be given to the families on Dec. 15th. Your help with the Angel Tree mission is very much appreciated. If you have any questions, call Alice at 563-920-2190.





What do the ornaments on our tree in the Sanctuary symbolize?



The Cross-Symbolizes that Christians believe Jesus Christ died for everyone on a cross.



The Triumphant Cross-Represents the earth with the cross on top. It symbolizes Jesus is triumphant over anything we can face in the world.



The Jerusalem Cross-Was worn by the crusaders going to Jerusalem in the middle ages. It can symbolize the Four Gospels in the Bible, the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth or the five wounds of Jesus when he died on the cross.



The Anchor Cross- Reminds Christians that Jesus is the anchor of their faith.



The Fish- Is one of the oldest Christian symbols.

The letters from the Greek word for fish (ichthus), stand for Jesus (I), Christ (X), God (Q), Son (Y), Savior (S). Some of Jesus' Disciples were fishermen.



The Chi-Rho- Looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.



The Star of David-Sometimes called the Star of Creation, is a symbol that Jesus was a Jew and a descendant of King David.



A Five Pointed Star- Represents the five Wounds of Jesus on the cross.



The Nativity Star-Is the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem or Epiphany, when the wisemen visited Jesus.



The Crown-Is the symbol that Jesus is king. It shows that Christians believe Jesus is ruler over heaven and the earth.



The Scroll-Represents the Bible.



The Shepherd's Crook or Staff- Remembers that Jesus sometimes called himself a shepherd. It can also represent the shepherds who were the first people told about the birth of Jesus.



The Triquetra and The Trefoil- Both of these symbols represent the Christian 'Trinity' of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. *The Triquetra* is made of three loops making a triangle representing the three parts of the trinity. *The Trefoil (bottom)* is Three equal circles intertwined to form a whole.



Hands in Prayer-Help Christians remember that they should pray to God.



The Dove-Is the symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit. It is shown pointing down to represent the Holy Spirit that appeared as a Dove when Jesus was baptized.



The Lamp & The Candle-Both represents that Christians believe Jesus is the Light of the World.



The Shell-Is a symbol for baptism. It reminds Christians of the water that they are baptized in. It is also a sign of Pilgrimage, as Pilgrims to the Holy Land (Israel) would use a shell as a drinking vessel.



The Keys-Are a symbol for the Church in all the world. Jesus told his friend Peter that "I will give you keys to heaven", so this means that Christians have to tell other people about Jesus.



The Ship-Is also a symbol of the Church, sailing towards heaven.



The Cup or Chalice-Is a symbol of the Mass, Eucharist or Communion. It also represents God's forgiveness.



The Angel-Reminds Christians of the angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. It can also represent the second coming of Jesus, which the Bible says will start with an Angel blowing a trumpet.



Babe/Manger-Represents Jesus as a baby at Christmas.



The Butterfly-Is a symbol for Transformation and the immortal soul.



The Heart-Is a symbol of love and reminds Christians that God is love.



The Lion-Is a symbol for Jesus who is sometimes called 'The Lion of Judah.' Jesus is also represented as Aslan the Lion in the Chronicles of Narnia books by C.S. Lewis.



The White Rose-Is a symbol for purity and can represent Jesus' mother Mary.

Behold, the lamb of god,
who takes away
The sin of the world! -John
1:29

Happy Birthday

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
Jennifer Sellner	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
Terri Mueller.....	12/31
Kat Rogers.....	12/31
Kathy Waterman.....	12/31
Pastor Phil	12/31



Happy Anniversary

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



Inclement weather policy

We will again be following the West Delaware school delay & closing policy when it comes to our winter weather.

Please listen to KMCH for more information on the church opening status for those bad weather days.



DECEMBER

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

Mon
WIC
Dec. 4 & 11

2nd Helpings

Tue
CHIMES DEADLINE
December 13

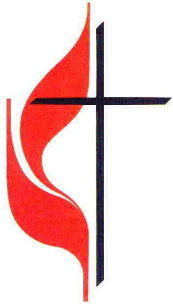
Wed
Worship on Wednesdays
Dinner @ 5:15pm
Wesley Hall
Worship @ 6:00pm—Sanctuary
Small Group

Thu

Fri
December Mission:
Pastors Good Samaritan Fund

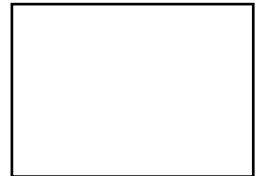
Sat
Year long Mission:
Heifer International

					1 9:30 am Sippers @ Aunt Emmy's	2 8:00pm Community Meeting
3 9:00am Worship w/ communion 10:00am Fellowship 11:30am	4 10:30am Study Group 5:30pm Worship Design 6pm Reaching	5 9:00am Calico Cut Ups	6 9:00—11:00am Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15pm WOW w/ Communion	7 1:00pm Knitters Trustee Mtg	8 9:30 am Sippers @ Aunt Emmy's	9 8:00pm Community Meeting
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17 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday	18 10:30am Study Group 5:30pm Worship Design	19 9:00am Calico Cut Ups Single Board Mtg 6:00pm	20 9:00—11:00am Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15pm WOW	21 1:00pm Knitters	22 9:30 am Sippers @ Aunt Emmy's	23 8:00pm Community Meeting
24 9:00am Worship 5:30pm & 11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight	25 Church/Office CLOSED <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26 9:00am Calico Cut Ups	27 9:00—11:00am Prayer ~ Sanctuary 5:15pm WOW	28 1:00pm Knitters	29 9:30 am Sippers @ Aunt Emmy's	30 8:00pm Community Meeting
31 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Sunday <i>And A Happy New Year!</i>						



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Return Service Requested



Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday
8:00a-5:00p
Tuesday & Thursday
8:00a-3:00p
Friday
Church is Closed

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



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Office will be closed

Christmas-December 26th

New Years-January 2nd

The church will remain closed
Fridays as usual. To assist you with
your needs, the
office will be open regular business
hours on

December 27th

2018 beginning January 3rd

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

CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR
THE
SEASON

The MUMC Chimes
Official Newsletter of the
Manchester United Methodist Church
413 E. Butler Street (563) 927-4439 (fax-3790)
The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:
The Entire Congregation
Reverend Phil Rogers
Secretary: Kat Rogers
Church Custodian: Glenn Nystel/Dennis Porter
Christian Education Director: Position Open
Choir Director & Organist: Lynne Rasmussen/Beth
Mueller
Bell Choir Director: Mark Philgreen
Mission Coordinator: Zach Rogers

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Prepared, printed and prepped-to-mail
at MUMC, by numerous volunteers.

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

