



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

December 2018

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Christmas Eve Services *5:30PM & 11:00PM*

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord.
—Luke 2.11

**NO Second Helpings
on Monday
December 24th or 31st**

*Help Us Decorate
Our Sanctuary by purchasing
a poinsettia*

Order Forms are located in the church Lobby

Please Join the Choir!
New Singers are always welcome!

Reminder no Choir Practice Dec 19th,
26th or Jan 2nd.

Choir will resume on January 9th 2019.

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
2019 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

A note from Reverend Phil...

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:11-12)

Hard to believe but once again Christmas draws near. Why does it seem when I was a child Christmas always seemed so slow in coming, and now it seems to come overwhelmingly fast? I do not understand why I am so surprised, there have been Christmas shopping ads on the TV since Halloween! We all know the drill... it's not about the presents but the presence, yet we still go through our maddening Christmas holiday routine. Make list's, but presents, check of names, decorate inside and out, bake cookies and pie's to give to pastor, (an attempt at subliminal mind control) wrap boxes, organize family gatherings, prepare meals for said gatherings... We may know what Christmas is about... But do we act like we know what Christmas is about? As we read the scripture from Luke 2:11-12 we affirm what we know... Christmas is about a child, in a manger... He shall be called Emmanuel- "God is with us." Not with us in spirit but actually with us, in the flesh! And His name is Jesus which means "God saves us." As the angel promised He is the Messiah, our Redeemer, our Savior, The perfect Lamb of sacrifice. My house is probably much like yours, full of activity preparing for the Christmas Holiday... But in this midst let us not forget to slow down for just a moment, to share with our children, neighbors, and friends why this holiday is so special beyond family and fruit-cake. This holiday is the beginning of the story of a life that will end tragically on Easter for our eternal grace.

This is the time of the birth of the Christ Child, We now see in the flesh the face of God, in a manger... This is what is important, and this is why we worship. Amen



MUMC Single Board
November 20, 2018
6:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Present: Janine Stellick, Mike Wade, Bill Scanlan, Charlie Dighton, Marge Wolter, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Al Remling, Zach Rogers, Pastor Phil, Mark Reth, Jean Gross.

Single Board was called to order by chairperson Mark Reth at 6:00 p.m. Mark shared with us a responsive reading from 2 Peter 1:1-2 and Romans 1:17. He reminded us that the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel. "The righteous will live by faith." Living by faith can be synonymous with trust, confidence, conviction, hope and expectation among others. The life and example Jesus showed us inspires us as followers of him to live by faith.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a word of prayer from Mark.

Team Reports

Finance: Bruce gave us the October Finance Report which shows that Y-T-D expenses with apportionments were \$190,250 and Y-T-D actual income was \$205,092.

Trustees: Charlie said that a date and time needs to be set with our District Superintendent to have a Church Conference and vote on the proposed remodel/updates to our building. He has had positive feedback on this proposal. Church approval will be only the first step in the process.

Christian Ed: Marge reported that the elementary Sunday School teachers would like some new curtains for the art room as well as some winterizing of the windows in that room. The flooring is in need of replacement also. There was discussion of better ways to utilize the area where the theater room presently is located. Ideas were discussed with no decisions being made.

Missions: Zach mentioned that the Eike's are in charge of the Angel Tree project this year. Operation Christmas Child just finished their collections and set a record for the number of shoeboxes sent from our church and the area.

Reaching and Receiving: Janine will be looking at a date for a family fun night at the Rec. Center in January or February. She reminded us of the new shirts with the church logo are available for order online or through the office. Samples are available.

Staff Parish: Mike said that the evaluations of Kat and Dennis will be done in the near future. Trustees will be included in Dennis' evaluation.

Youth Ministry: Zach reported that about 10 youth are coming on Wednesday nights with about three students on Sundays. Becca Hermann is helping when she can on Sundays.

Action Item:

Bruce brought forward the 2019 budget and explained the budgeting process in detail for next year. Pledges came in at an amount almost equal to the proposed budget.

Charlie Dighton motioned that the 2019 budget be accepted as presented by Finance. Motion unanimously approved as presented.

Single Board will meet on December 18, 2018 in Wesley Hall at 6:04 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Single Board Secretary

OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT:

Year-to-date budget income: \$227,538

Year-to date actual income: \$205,092

SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 2

Acolytes: Youth
Serving Communion: Rev Phil, Dave Gaskill, Madeline Zehr & Maya Huegel
Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Scripture Reader: Carol Dighton
Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks
Nursery: Mary Jane Fetter
Lighting Advent Candle: Connie & Tom Allyn

December 9

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Scripture Reader: Tom Fetter
Children's Sermon: Les Carlson
Nursery: Connie Allyn
Lighting Advent Candle: Marianne & Bruce Nodurft

December 16

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Scripture Reader: Nick Mensen
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Nursery: Susan Hermann
Lighting Advent Candle: The Mensen Family

December 23

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jill Kunde
Scripture Reader: Pam Vap
Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan
Nursery: Debbie Rogers
Lighting Advent Candle: The Kunde Family

December 24 Christmas Eve Services
5:30PM

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Rita Woods
Scripture Reader: Pam Vap
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

11:00PM

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jill Kunde
Scripture Reader: Jean Gross
Lighting Advent Candle: Kat & Zach Rogers

December 30

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Kat Rogers
Scripture Reader: Jean Gross
Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan
Nursery: Mary Jane Fetter

Pianists & Music Coordinators:

Beth Mueller and Lynne Rasmussen
Piano/Organ Substitute: Duane Philgreen,
Mark Philgreen, Marianne Sandberg

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: rjstellick@yahoo.com

Tech Team:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
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 Celebrating 25 years of spreading *Good News & Great Joy!*

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.” ~1 Corinthians 12:12

After working at our Operation Christmas Child Drop Off Location this year, I was struck how this ministry is a perfect example of what Pastor Phil has been sharing with us from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. We are each made to share our unique talents as we work together as the body of Christ to share His love with the least, the lost, and the hopeless. How is this evident through Operation Christmas Child? Here are just a few examples.

Those with the gift of baking provided food for our bake sales and the brunch.

Those with the gift of organization ran a successful garage sale and fundraiser at Pin Oak.

Those God has blessed financially donated items for our packing party.

Those God has blessed with time, spent countless hours sorting, organizing, and setting up for our packing party.

Those with able bodies moved and loaded heavy shipping cartons.

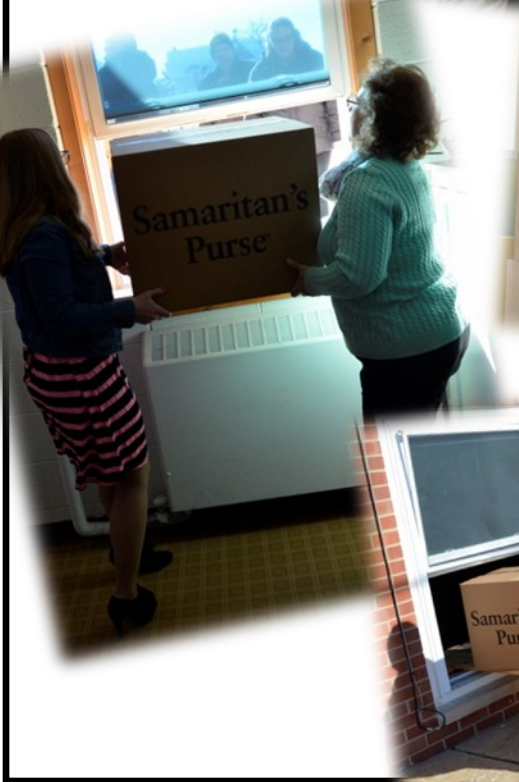
And our prayer warriors continue to surround this ministry with prayer.

No one person could do it all. Each person is needed to make this ministry work, and at each step along the way, the story of Jesus is told as we see His presence in the faces of those who so joyfully give of their time and talents as they volunteer.

THANK YOU for supporting this ministry in whatever way God has called you. Because of you, we packed a record number of shoeboxes at our packing party...856! This year our Drop Off Location also collected a record number of shoeboxes. Because of so many individuals and churches working together as the body of Christ, 1,613 children will hear the Good News of Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Continue dreaming God-sized dreams as we begin planning for next year’s collection season!

It is a pleasure serving with each of you!

Stephanie Stocks





November 15, 2018

Dear Church Family,

The Christmas season is once again upon us! In the tradition of this church family, we hope to present a gift to the pastor and staff members at one of the Christmas Sunday services. If you are interested in taking part in this project, please leave your contribution in the Sunday collection plate or mail it to the main church office. Please make checks payable to: MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPPRC and note gifts in the memo.

Manchester United Methodist Church
ATTN: SPPRC
413 East Butler Street
Manchester, IA 52057

Please be sure all gifts are in by Sunday, December 9th so they may be presented at the 9:00am service on **Sunday, December 16th**.

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

Sincerely,

Mike Wade



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 12th. The gifts will be given to the families on Dec. 13th. Your help with the Angel Tree mission is very much appreciated. If you have any questions, call Alice at 563-920-2190.



Our Community Garden

Zach Rogers had a mission idea of giving away produce from a vegetable garden. The "seed" was planted at last year's Charge Conference. The Conference decided to award a grant to our church for materials, soil, compost, seed and plants to begin our garden. We used a different method of gardening called "Square Foot" gardening which allows us to grow more produce in less space. The lumber was purchased, boxes were built on pallets (so we could move our garden) and a nutrient-rich mix of soil was created to support growth of more food in a smaller space. The special mix was designed also for easy weeding.

Our Mission Garden has two objectives:

1. To provide fresh veggies and flavorful herbs for our Second Helpings Ministry on Monday evenings at the church.

This intense gardening effort, plus the prayer that Phil blessed our garden with, helped feed the hungry, at Second Helpings, with a bountiful harvest, and wonderful new friendships. Also, while we tended the garden, many a friendly conversation happened over the beets, green beans, tomatoes, peppers and onions! A garden is a good place to interact with folks passing by....to speak about the Lord's love for all and His generous abundance to us. Many prayers were requested by our new friends, and all left the garden with fresh flavorful produce for their family.

2. The second objective of our garden was to provide our congregation and the community with fresh veggies and herbs for healthy cooking.

So many enjoyed helping out in different ways to make our garden a success....and we were so glad to see several people walk through the garden for pleasure and for some fresh veg on Sundays after church service. That's what our church family is for....supporting each other!

Our beautiful garden grew day and night and so did relationships of the families and folks that stopped by. We also had community members donate their extra produce and placed it on our Garden table to share with others. Most of the food that we put on the Garden Giveaway Table was gone when we returned....very little went to waste.

There were many fruits from God's Garden reaped...especially feeding the hungry....and feeding the souls of our "old friends and our new friends!" A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED TO MAKE OUR GARDEN A SUCCESS!!!!

Thanks from the Garden Team:

Mike and Joanne Wade
Bill and Donna Scanlan
Bruce Nodruft

Betty Brauer
Diane Grey
Al Saunders

Rick Goedken
Megan Gearhart
Kathy Waterman

Ron and Linda Gearhart
Brock and Susan Hermann

Merle and Mary Mangold



Greetings from the United Methodist Sewing Group!

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have remembered us with material, quilt tops, blocks to use for quilts, yarn and so on...

All that you have shared with us has helped us prepare items that we give to those who need them most. This year Elder Care at the hospital has received four quilts and five lap robes. Also, items that were made have been donated to Cedar Rapids Abuse Center for their store, where they can sell them and use the proceeds for the shelter. Quilts and baby blankets go directly to the use of those who are the recipients of our creations. We have a supply of quilts and lap robes for disaster relief in our country. The success of our Ice Cream Social in August made it possible for us to donate \$500 for flood relief.

We enjoy making baby quilts with a cross in the center. Our latest project is an Iowa Hawkeye youth quilt.

Our activities have changed with the times, as everything else has. We are no longer sewing school bags for ingathering because of changes in the program however, we keep busy, and welcome new members. We get together every Tuesday at 9:00AM at church. Come and join us!



Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



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
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

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.

Good Neighbor Home
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>	
Carol Brockmeyer	N-144	LG Print
Catherine Manson	S-24	LG Print
Evelyn Dunn		LG Print
Delores Timmer	S-25	LG Print
Faye Wright	N-13A	LG Print

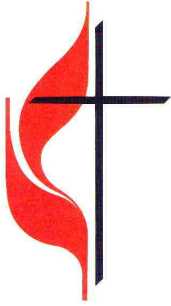
The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	35B	LG Print
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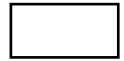
DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:40AM <i>Serving Our Church Leaders</i>	WIC Dec 3rd & 10th	CHIMES DEADLINE	Worship on Wednesdays 5:45 Dinner	December Mission: Heifer International		
11:30am Chuong Garden				1	2	1 8:00PM Community Meeting
2 9:00AM Worship w/ communion 10:00AM	3 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	4 9:00AM Methodist Sewing Group	5 9:00—11:00AM Prayer ~ Sanctuary	6	7 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	8 8:00PM Community Meeting
9 Health Clinic 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month located in the nursery	10 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	11 9:00AM Methodist Sewing Group 5:30PM	12 9:00—11:00AM Prayer ~ Sanctuary	13	14 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	15 8:00PM Community Meeting
16 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship	17 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	18 6:00PM Single Board	19 CHIMES DEADLINE	20	21 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	22 8:00PM Community Meeting
23 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship	24	25 Church/Office Closed	26 Church/Office Closed	27	28 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	29 8:00PM Community Meeting
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Return Service Requested

TO _____

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00am-5:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am-3:00pm

Friday

Church is Closed

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at
9:00am

Sunday School classes @ 10:30am

Wow—Worship on Wednesdays

Dinner at 5:45pm in Wesley Hall

Worship at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

7:15pm Small Group Discussion



The MUMC Chimes
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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:

The Entire Congregation

Reverend Phil Rogers

Secretary: Kat Rogers

Church Custodian:

Dennis Porter

Christian Education Director:

Choir Director & Organist:

Bell Choir Director:

Mission Coordinator: