



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

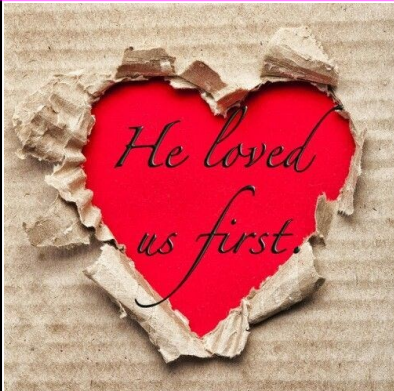
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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness—Galatians 5:22



The Heart-land Valentines Dinner February 12th

***Charge Conference
Building Project Voter Results***



Flower Chart 2019 Sign Up Sheet

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



A note from Reverend Phil...

We have much happening in February this year. We are just starting our Nehemiah series which will teach and encourage us as God's children in prayer, patience, obedience, and leadership. This is one of my favorite books in the bible. In addition, Worship planning team is getting ready for Lent which starts the first Wednesday of March! Hard to believe it is almost upon us.

The most important thing happening in the United Methodist Church is the special called conference happening February 23-26 to discuss the future of the denomination over "sexuality." I would like to be very clear, it has much less to do with sexuality than it does biblical authority. As a UMC clergy, I have been anxiously awaiting this conference to set aside this noise so that as a church we can return to the call of building disciples for Jesus Christ. But what could this mean for us as a local church? For the most part I would say it would mean nothing to us as a church family. Why do I say this?

First- As a local church family we have already well established who we are, and how we live into our faith journey together. There is nothing happening that at this point that would force us to change that. We already are a loving and accepting people who understand that all are sinful and everyone needs a Savior. The sanctuary is where we come to work it out with God together in a community dedicated to Word and Spirit.

Second- The Word of God is unchanging, no matter what is decided. God's nature and character are timeless, what is true shall always remain true no matter the changing worldly culture.

Third- Because of our polity, anything that is done can be undone with the next convening General Conference, which is scheduled in 2020. (usually only held every four years, the one in 2019 is a special called General Conference to discuss only sexuality.)

Because this sexuality debate is so polarized and contentious there is a real possibility that our future together as a denomination may be in jeopardy. But as far as we as a church family, we can choose not to enter the fray, just be who we are, and move forward preaching Jesus Christ and our hope assured in resurrection. If a plan is chosen which would jeopardize this reality, then we can discuss our options.

Included at the bottom of this article is a website you can visit that will explain in brief the three most popular options that are being considered. This document is not fairly balanced as it leans to affirm the bishop's "One Church Plan" model... But they wrote it so it is not surprising. It does do a decent job of explaining the three plans in a shorter version. I will make myself available for questions if you have any, just call the church or stop in my office. The thing to remember is that in whatever forms these plans are presented, by the time amendments are made and language is changed, the final approved plan will probably be something different than anything proposed.

<https://www.iaumc.org/commissiononawayforwardthreeplans>

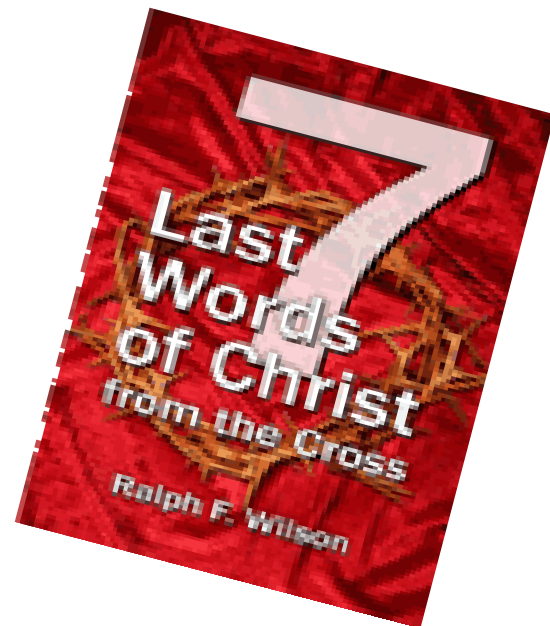
Peace

Pastor Phil

Last year we started a new tradition at MUMC of a church wide bible study for lent as we journeyed together through “He Chose The Nails” by Max Lucado. Then in Advent we did the follow up study “Because of Bethlehem.” These studies were well received and it is a wonderful thing to have so much of our church family together studying God’s Word. This year we are going to do a church wide study for Lent called “Last Words of Christ” by Ralph Wilson. This study explores the words and significance of Jesus final words as he languished on the cross. It should prove to be a powerful and enlightening study and I pray all get involved in a small group. This study does not have any video’s but does have some thought provoking questions and offers the opportunity to study in depth the related scriptures. We will begin small group sign up on Sunday February 10th, and the study will launch supported by our Lenten preaching series March 10th. The worship planning team has prepared a wonderful way to share and live into the powerful story of sacrifice and redemption in Jesus Christ. If you would like to be a small group leader please call the office so Kat can get you on a clipboard with time and location of study. If you have a group that has and would like to continue to meet together, please also call the office so Kat can have the names and location for this group. Our hope is to have many groups with many different day’s, time’s, and locations so that all can be involved.

Peace

Pastor Phil



*Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic,
love one another, be compassionate and humble. ~1 Peter 3:8*

Single Board Tried to Meet Three Times in January and Each time had to be rescheduled due to weather. The board was unable to meet during the Month of January but is scheduled to meet again at the same time and place on Tuesday February 19th.

December Finance Report

Y-T-D budget income: \$273,046

Y-T-D actual income: \$252,512

Y-T-D actual expenses: \$237,194

“GREETINGS FROM M.U.M.C KITCHEN”

Thank you to all who help keep our much used kitchen neat & clean.

Just a reminder, there are items that “DO NOT” leave the kitchen/Dining Area:

- (1) 100 Cups Coffee Pot
- (2) Lifetime Tables/Chairs
- (3) Serving Carts
- (4) Large Mixer on counter

There are items that can be used by signing for them-sheet posted in kitchen-we’ll need the date the item was checked out/in and from whom.

We are looking for Pastor’s camouflage table cloth and Carol Paulman’s personalized cake pan w/lid.

Cake pans, serving bowls, containers for items furnished for funerals may now be picked up on the counter in the Conference Room. Please check to see if you have any items to take home.

Thank you,
Kathy Waterman
MUMC Kitchen Chair



**Manchester United Methodist Church
Charge Conference
December 13, 2019**

Northeast Iowa District Superintendent Paul Wilcox called the Manchester United Methodist Church Charge Conference to order on December 13, 2019 at 10:15 in the church sanctuary. He led us in a prayer for guidance of the charge conference.

A motion was made by Charlie Dighton, seconded by Pastor Phil to nominate Jean Gross as the charge conference secretary. There being no other nominations, Jean was voted unanimously as secretary.

Our District Superintendent reminded those present that only members of our church are eligible to vote at a charge conference. Charlie Dighton brought forth the recommendation from Trustees that this charge conference vote is on proceeding further with the building Option #2 approved by the building committee and the church board. This being a recommendation from committee, no second was necessary before a charge conference vote. If this body votes to proceed it will also have to be approved by the District Building Committee, probably within a month.

Charlie emphasized the process undertaken up to this point involving the formation of a building renovations committee made up of Trustees and others of all ages. Josh Demmer a local architect was approved by the church board to come up with various plans to accomplish what was needed. The renovations team then chose one plan they felt was the best overall and presented it to the church board who in turn voted to share with the church family and then proceed to a church charge conference for a vote. A 70% threshold was voted on by one board for passage by charge conference.

Pastor Phil read a letter from Mark Reth our One Board Chair who was unable to be with us explaining his views and the process that has brought us together for this all-important vote. We need to keep in mind that we are renovating for the future of our church building and for those who do and will worship here. The past year was spent in studying and planning and was not entered into lightly by all involved.

The floor was opened for discussion:

Tom Fetter questioned whether possible decisions being made soon by the General Conference regarding the way forward for the Methodist Church is something to be concerned about. Pastor assured him our church will continue forward as we have been regardless of that outcome.

There was a question as to how such a project would be funded and Bruce Nodurft our Finance Chair spoke on behalf of the financial health of our church.

-- The past two years we have under spent our budget by \$32,000 and \$15,000 respectively.

-- Conference expectations for any building project are as follows:

- 1) One third of the expected costs need to be fund raised first.
- 2) One third of the expected costs need to be pledged, payable within three to five years once the project starts.
- 3) One third of the expected costs will be a 15-year loan possibly from the Iowa Methodist Foundation at the going interest rate at the time of the loan (currently 6.5% but fluctuates monthly).

A question arose as to what will happen if the building renovations vote fails. We were assured many of our building issues will not go away and the problems with asbestos, plumbing, and handicap accessibility among others will still be with us.

A question was raised as to what type of giving unit expectations will there be to help finance this proposal. No one has actually looked at that figure but it is hoped that those who already support our church as they are able will continue to do so in this endeavor as well.

Ballots were given to everyone eligible and we voted.

Pastor Phil moved to adjourn the charge conference at 11:00 a.m. seconded by Mike Zellner. Those who wanted to wait for the outcome were invited upstairs to fellowship time while the DS and others counted the votes.

Outcome of the voting as reported: Out of a total of 99 votes, 83 voted for and 16 voted against giving an 83.8% majority for those in favor. The recommendation from the renovations committee is passed by the charge conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross
Charge Conference Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

February 3

Acolytes: Youth
Serving Communion: Rev Phil, Dave Gaskill, Julie Porter & Randy Waterman
Liturgist: Julie Porter
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Stocks
Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

February 10

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jill Kunde
Scripture Reader: Nick Mensen
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Nursery: Susan Hermann

February 17

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Rita Woods
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Bill Scanlan
Nursery: Becca Hermann

February 24

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Pam Vap
Scripture Reader: Marianne Nordurft
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere
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

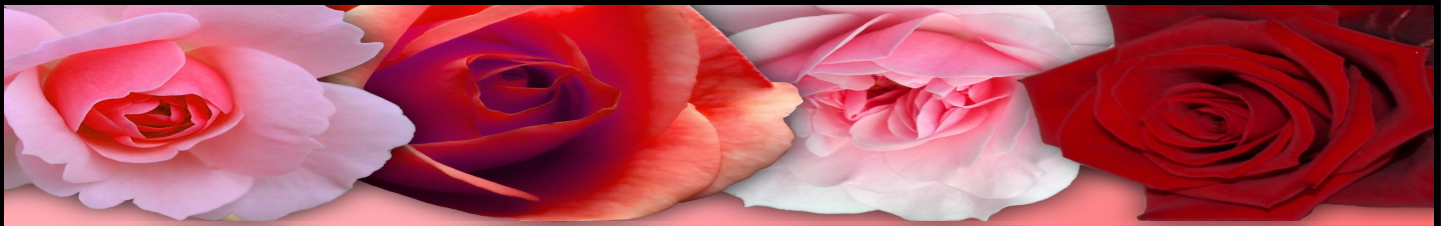
Acolyte and Usher:

Jim Kerton @ 927-5953

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





Heart-land Dinner

Tuesday February 12th, in Wesley Hall the Third Annual Valentines Dinner for those who have lost a loved one.

Serving...

Hors d'oeuvres from 5:15PM

Main Course from 6:00PM

Desert with Phil from 6:45PM

The evening is sponsored by Congregational Care. There is no cost to participants. Please join us in celebrating our loved ones with a wonderful meal and our speaker this year is Pastor Phil Rogers.

We ask that if you plan to attend please contact Kat in the office no later than 3:00PM on Tuesday February 5th, to reserve your spot.

Office 563-927-4439 or kat@umcmanchester.com

If anyone is interested in helping decorate, serve or clean up, please contact the office.

Church Fun Day at the REC CENTER

Mark your calendar for our annual Church Fun Day at the Rec Center **Sunday February 10, 2019 from 3-6:00 p.m.** Maid rites, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring snacks, cookies, etc. We have rented half of the gym and the community room. This is an event for all ages –for the very young and the "young at heart!" Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship with your church family!!



Join Choir!



New Members always welcome!

Rehearsals are Wednesdays after WOW at 7:15 P.M. in the sanctuary. If you are high school age or older and would like to join us, new members (or previous members who have been thinking about coming back) are welcome anytime!

We typically take the last Sunday of the month off, and we start our summer break before Memorial Day. You are not obligated to be at every rehearsal or sing every Sunday – we'd be glad to have you join us as often as you are able!

Co-directors,
Lynne Rasmussen & Beth Mueller

Hello everyone!

We hope and pray that your 2019 is off to a great start. As you know, we have had a friendly, for a good cause, competition among area churches to raise money and awareness for/about Youth for Christ. We call it PENNY WARS... Our rules are simple... All churches that participate will have a chance to receive a \$250 VISA gift card along with choosing their own or another Pastor to get a pie in the face. Secondly, the church that collects the least amount will also get a pie in the face (it's all in good fun). We tally the collection by calculating the amount given along with the weekly attendance of Feb 3, 10, 17 and 24th per capita. Again, it is all for a good cause where half of the funds raised will go to sending youth to camp.

We are hoping you'd be interested in participating this year. Thanks in advance and God bless!

Mike Cantonwine
Executive Director
Backbone YFC





- Dianne Larsen 2/01
- Robbie Sedain2/03
- Connie Erickson2/04
- Shirley Haigh.....2/05
- Jackie Sherman.....2/06
- Linda Toms.....2/08
- Alex Zehr2/08
- Terry Larson.....2/09
- Maya Huegel2/10
- Linda Gearhart2/11
- William O'Connell.....2/12
- Tyler Smith2/12
- Jody Puffet2/13
- Lynne Rasmussen2/15
- Hannah Philgreen.....2/17
- Elwyn Curtis.....2/18
- Wilma Hatch.....2/18
- Isabella Richmond2/19
- Amy Blumer2/19
- Richard Fox.....2/20
- Don Mellody.....2/20
- Lucinda Stoll2/22
- Arlan Henderson.....2/23
- Marcheta Lux.....2/25
- Stephanie Stocks.....2/26
- Sydney Litterer.....2/27
- Joan Jones2/27
- Jordan Schultz..... 2/27
- Ben Litterer.....2/28
- Caryssa Philgreen.....2/28
- Amira Thurn2/28

- Sean & Nancy Edaburn2/14
- Brad & Shirley Davis2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart.....2/19

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
Garneth Hook	MP-206	LG Print

**The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

John Tyrrell	35B	LG Print
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February



Sun

8:40AM
Serving Our Church

Mon

WIC
Feb 7th & 14th

Tue

**February 20
CHIMES
DEADLINE**

Wed

**Worship on
Wednesdays**

Thu

**February
Mission:**

Fri

Sat

1

9:30AM
**Sippers@
Aunt Emmy's**

2

8:00PM
**Community
Meeting**

**11:30am
Chuong
Garden**



3

9:00AM
**Worship w/
communion**
10:00AM
Fellowship

4

10:30AM
Study Group
5:30PM
Worship Design

5

9:00AM
**Methodist
Sewing Group**
5:30PM
Bible Study

6

9:00—11:00AM
Prayer ~ Sanctuary

7

8

9:30AM
**Sippers@
Aunt Emmy's**

9

8:00PM
**Community
Meeting**

10

Health Clinic
2nd & 3rd
Sunday of the
month
located in the
nursery

11

10:30AM
Study Group
5:30PM
Worship Design

12

9:00AM
**Methodist
Sewing Group**
5:30PM
Bible Study
Library

13

9:00—11:00AM
Prayer ~ Sanctuary

14



15

9:30AM
**Sippers@
Aunt Emmy's**

16

8:00PM
**Community
Meeting**

17

9:00AM
Worship
10:00AM
Fellowship
10:30AM

18

10:30AM
Study Group
5:30PM
Worship Design

19

**6:00PM
Single
Board**

20

**CHIMES
DEADLINE**

21

22

9:30AM
**Sippers@
Aunt Emmy's**

23

8:00PM
**Community
Meeting**

24

9:00AM
Worship
10:00AM
Fellowship

25

10:30AM
Study Group
5:30PM
Worship Design

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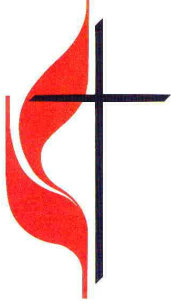
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5:30PM
Bible Study

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9:00—11:00AM
Prayer ~ Sanctuary

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♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥



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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



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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:

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Please forward any new addresses to
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Thank you!