



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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December 2019

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*“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!”*

-John 1:29

Total Count for OCC...

Moving the offices...

A Word from the community Garden Crew...

Glove Box...

Awaiting the Already Bible Study...

Clothing Closet in Need...

Off year Christmas party...

Poinsettia Order Forms Due Wednesday Dec 4th

A note from Pastor Phil...

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.- Titus 2:11-14

The Titus scripture chapter 2:11-14 is our scripture reading for Christmas Eve this year. It might seem strange, where are the angels? Where are the shepherds? What about a picturesque manger scene? Though none of these elements appear in this reading, Titus is still has a wonderful testimony for the Advent season. But before we look deeper into this, let's learn a little something of the author.

Titus was an early church leader, a trusted companion of the Apostle Paul, and a faithful servant of the Lord. Titus was a gentile who was converted to a follower of the way by Paul, and had such a spiritual presence that Paul took Titus back to Jerusalem after the first missionary journey as an example of God's acceptance of gentiles without prior conversion to Judaism. Paul appointed him to lead works in Corinth, Crete, and Dalmatia. Paul even calls him “my partner and fellow worker” in 2 Corinthians 8:23.

When we look at verses 11-12 we see the promise of salvation available to all people. This is the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ our Savior. Jesus teaches us through word and deed how to live joyous lives that glorify Him. The long anticipated Messiah for the Jewish people has arrived. Then in verse 13 we find ourselves once again patient waiting. We wait for Jesus second appearance, when we will see our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the fullness of His glory. This is where we will then be a people of Our Lord- seeking all that is good, right, and pure.

This is the Advent message we need to hear. We know Jesus was born into this world as God's incarnation. We know He lived and taught for our benefit, and that he died to pay the price for our salvation. But yet in resurrection not only are we assured the hope of eternal life, but also that we worship a living Savior. That which He has done, He continues to do...loving, teaching, and saving us. And yet we still find ourselves waiting, for when Jesus shall come into His full glory, and we shall live together in peace, in His very presence. And for all of this to come to pass, God has prepared the way, by calling us into the work of preparation. And then we humbly wait patiently.



MUMC Single Board
November 12, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

Present: Janine Stellick, Mike Wade, Bill Scanlan, Barry Eike, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Charlie Dighton, Rev. Phil Rogers, Mark Reth, Jean Gross.

Chair Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. He led the board with a devotion from 1 Peter 1:4, 8-9. These verses remind us that we have an inheritance kept in heaven for us that can never perish, spoil or fade. Though we have not seen the face of God we still believe in Him and that fills us with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance by Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce gave us an updated report on the church budget and the brick-by-brick campaign. Actual expenses January through October were \$196,460 and actual income for that same time period was \$196,499. Our income so far this year is \$8593 less than the same time last year. Our estimate of generosity cards had 70 cards returned for a total of \$191,298 for next year. This is down from \$217,276 for this year.

Trustees: Charlie reported that Cole Beckman will be doing our sidewalks this winter as reported last month. He said we need to have a security plan for our church. Many churches are implementing some type of plan. The ceiling in the front entrance will be repaired soon as well as the light at the back door. The board looked closely at the bids for realignment of staff offices and gave a vote of confidence from Single Board to keep the conversation going once the congregation is informed of the plan and the use of some of the brick-by-brick monies for this transition. A final decision will be made at the December board meeting. The board gave the Trustees the go ahead to replace the flooring in Wesley Hall. Flooring will be chosen this week and ordered as soon as possible. We would like this paid before the end of the year.

Missions: Barry Eike said we have 5 or 6 families to serve for project Angel Tree this year. The Angel Gift tree will be going up soon. The mitten/hat box has had many donations that are going to the elementary school. The mission money for December is for the Benevolence Fund and Second Helpings.

Staff Parish: Mike said that our Lance, our IT person, needs an updated job description and contract for next year.

Action Item: The board voted unanimously to approve the budget recommendation from the Finance Committee totaling \$245,674 for the 2020 budget year.

The Church Closing policy is completed and will be uploaded to the web site with hard copies available at the church.

The Single Board commended all the time and effort our Finance Chairman put into preparing next year's budget. This is a very time consuming project and needs to be done in a responsible way. Necessary adjustments needed to be made so that the church's anticipated income adequately covers our budgeted items for next year. Thank you again to our Finance Chair.

Pastor noted he will be doing some excerpts from another book this year as time allows at our meetings and he read a short passage from the book. Board members can purchase a book if they want.

Our next meeting will be on December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Single Board Secretary

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT:

YTD BUDGET AMOUNT: \$213,720

YTD ACTUAL INCOME: \$196,499

YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES: \$196,460

Relocating the church offices

Single Board has a proposal that they would like to have our church family consider. In our Brick by Brick building program, one of the first things that would need to happen is to move the church offices downstairs to make room for new bathrooms, to make room for a new elevator, to make room for a new gathering place, to make room for the new handicap accessible entry to the parking lot. All this will cost the better part of \$600,000.00. As of now the "Brick by Brick" campaign has on hand just about \$54,000.00.

But the reason we wanted to move the offices is not just because of space, in fact it was what was considered first due to other reasons. First there are safety concerns; All three of our office staff have rooms that are very separated from one another. If someone had a problem in one office due to health or physical threat, they would be on their own. It does makes it hard to work as a cohesive team with everyone so far apart. Also, it would give our church administrator a better opportunity to help the flow of traffic into pastors office which makes it hard to get all his work completed during office hours.

The proposal would be to move the office administrator into the old youth office (Now YFC), Pastor into the current Finance office, and the finance office into what will become the new conference room when project completed. (The old school classroom)... We would also move the work room with copier into the administrator's office (Kat's new office) and the current work room would be turned over to OCC. YFC would move temporarily to either Pastors current office space, or perhaps another room if available.

The cost of this move would be \$9000.00 to cover flooring, paint, and a new A/C unit in the new finance office. We can use \$7300.00 currently in the Brick by Brick fund to update all but Pastors new office, which would need to be funded elsewhere due to this is the one room that was not involved in the original "Brick by Brick" plan.

Single Board leaders ask that we give this consideration and then provide feedback to one of the Single Board chairs.



MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

α Mike Wade//SPPRC Chairperson / mumc@umcmanchester.com

November 15, 2019

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 7th so they may be presented at the 9:00am service on **Sunday, December 14th**.

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
SPPRC Chairperson

SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 1

Acolytes: Youth
Serving Communion: Dave Gaskill, Barry & Carley Eike and Madeleine Zehr
Liturgist: Jill Kunde
Scripture Reader: Kat Rogers
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers
Nursery: Debbie Rogers
Lighting The Advent Candle:
The Kunde Family

December 8

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Pam Vap
Scripture Reader: Jackie Sherman
Children's Sermon: Susan Hermann
Nursery: Susan Hermann
Lighting The Advent Candle:
The Sherman Family

December 15

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Marianne Nodurft
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere
Nursery: Becca Hermann
Lighting The Advent Candle:
The LeClere Family

December 22

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Maya Huegel
Scripture Reader: Caleb Stocks
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill & Confirmands
Nursery: Debbie Rogers

December 24 Christmas Eve Services 5:30PM

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Kat Rogers
Scripture Reader: Darla Gaskill
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy *Only at 5:30PM*
Lighting The Advent Candle:
The Milroy Family

11:00PM

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Jean Gross
Scripture Reader: Kathy Rempe
Lighting The Advent Candle:
The Scanlan Family

December 29

Acolytes: Youth
Liturgist: Mark Reth
Scripture Reader: Jill Kunde
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter
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: 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



Awaiting THE Already

An Advent Journey through the Gospels

Please Join Us for the Season of Advent

Awaiting the Already

A Bible Study by Magrey R. deVega

Sunday Advent Worship Services

Rev. Phil Rogers

November 24th –Slow Down Pay Attention 9:00AM

December 1st-The World As It Is 9:00AM

December 8th– Ultimate Advent Playlist 9:00AM

December 15th-The Light in the Darkness 9:00AM

December 22nd -Lessons and Carols 9:00AM

December 24th Christmas Eve Services-Paul's Christmas Letter

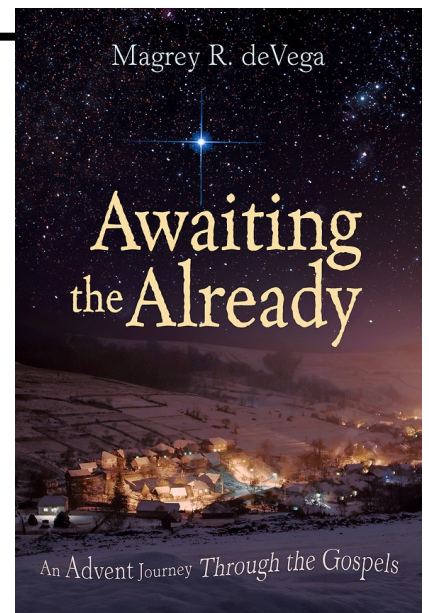
5:30PM & 11:00PM

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Awaiting

The Already *a Bible Study by Magrey R. deVega*

November 24th through December 22nd



A Bible Study by Magrey R. deVega

Join a Bible Study group today!

During the season of Advent we will be following *Awaiting the Already*

Everyone is welcome.

Sign up sheets are located in the main entrance of the church. If you have any questions please contact our church office administrator,

Kat, 563-927-4439 or kat@umcmanchester.com

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men. ~Luke 2:14**

Awaiting the Already

LOOK FOR HIM AT BETHLEHEM

MATTHEW 2:1-8A

Why do we spend four weeks of Advent pretending that Jesus has not been born when we know full well that he has? *Awaiting the Already* is a 5-session study that addresses that question. During this study, you'll discover what parts of the Christmas story come from which Gospel and uncover the tension between the past and the future in your own life.

Suitable for either individual or group use, the five sessions include four sessions for each week of Advent and one for Christmas. Each chapter provides questions for reflection or discussion, a brief prayer, and a focus for the upcoming week.

Angel Tree

This year for the angel tree mission we helped 8 families with a total of 23 children! Thank you to everyone for your generosity with this mission!

~God Bless



The Glove Box

Many Children go all winter without gloves and hats to keep warm. Please donate to The Glove Box which is located by the Main office. If you have any questions please see Leslie Zellner or Barry Eike.

(Gloves, hats, scarves, etc. are accepted)



Quilts up for Auction

Uni and Iowa State quilts that are in Wesley Hall are now up for Auction. If you're interested sign up. The closing date for this auction will be December 3rd at 9:00AM.

Family Christmas Tree

Look for more information about our church family Christmas Tree in the next few bulletins...



We would like to start a new tradition in our church. There are so many groups and wonderful people in this place it'd be nice to share a tree like family. We'd like families and church groups (Methodist sewers, Card Club, Sippers, OCC, Youth Group, Sunday School, etc. All groups) to bring an ornaments that represents them to place on our family Christmas Tree which is located in the Narthex.

If you have questions please contact Donna Scanlan @ 563-927-6080 or the Main Office 563-927-4439

Join us for **Christmas dinner at the church** – everyone is welcome!

Date: **December 25th**

Time: **12:30pm (plan on eating between 12:30-1:00pm – appetizers prior to dinner so come a little early)**

Location: **Methodist Church**

Kids going to in-laws for Christmas dinner this year? No need to set at home by yourself. Come and enjoy fellowship and a

delicious turkey and ham dinner with your church family!

The dinner is free.

Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. **Since we have such awesome cooks in the church, please bring a dish to share (although you don't have to) such as an appetizer, vegetable dish, salad or dessert.**

A White Elephant Gift Exchange will follow. Please grab an invitation from the Welcome Desk for details.

Please call Kat at the church for reservations 927-4439 or email at kat@umcmanchester.com. **Also, if you would be willing to donate a turkey or ham, please contact Kat via phone or email.**

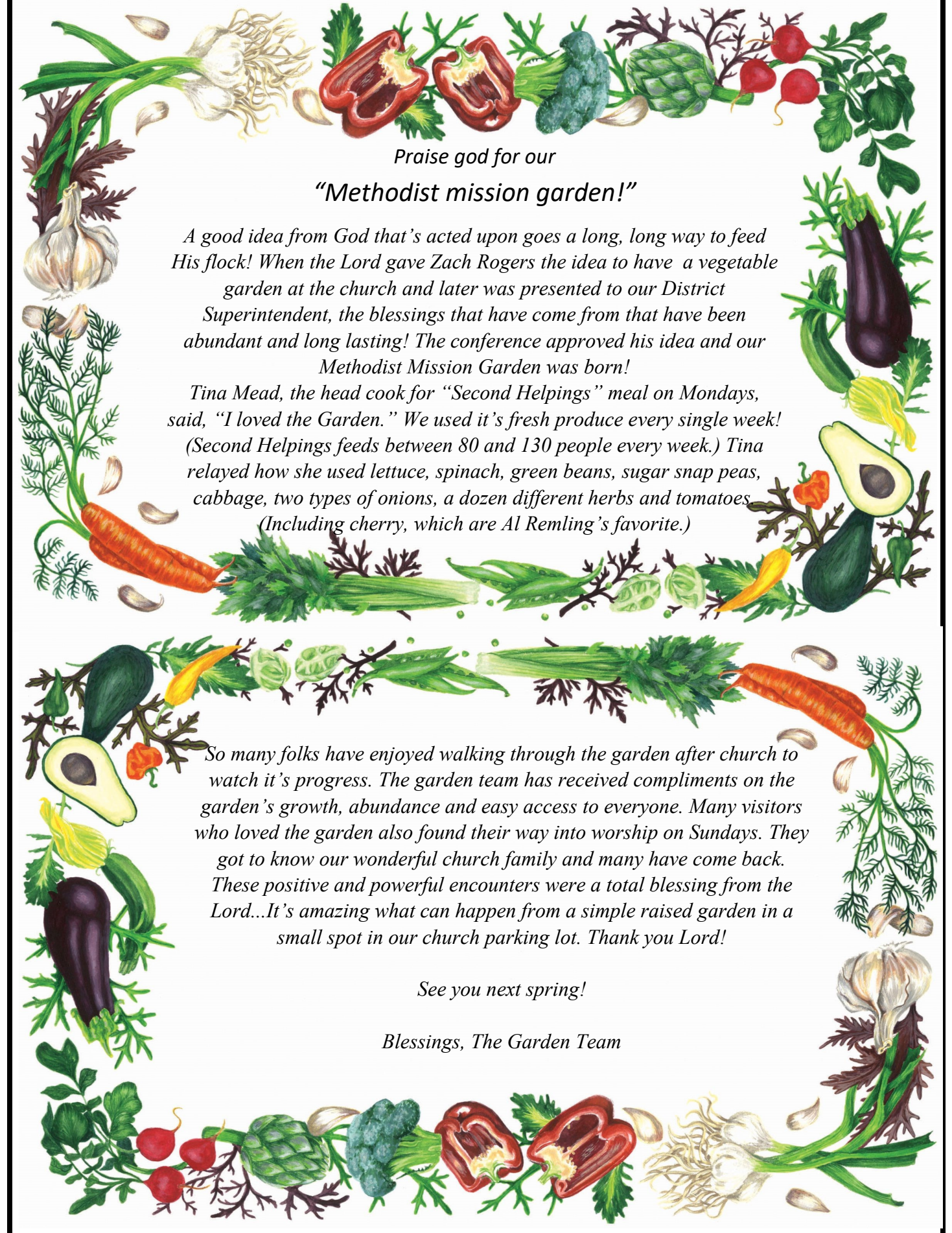
Hosts for the Christmas dinner are Susan, Brock, and Becca Hermann. **I'm sure they would appreciate any help setting up, serving the meal, and cleaning up!**

Blessings to all – hope to see you Christmas Day – bring your appetite!

Clothing Closet is currently in need of ...

- Boots (All ages)
- Kids winter coats
- Infant boys clothing
- Infant/Children's Socks





Praise god for our
"Methodist mission garden!"

A good idea from God that's acted upon goes a long, long way to feed His flock! When the Lord gave Zach Rogers the idea to have a vegetable garden at the church and later was presented to our District Superintendent, the blessings that have come from that have been abundant and long lasting! The conference approved his idea and our Methodist Mission Garden was born!

Tina Mead, the head cook for "Second Helpings" meal on Mondays, said, "I loved the Garden." We used it's fresh produce every single week! (Second Helpings feeds between 80 and 130 people every week.) Tina relayed how she used lettuce, spinach, green beans, sugar snap peas, cabbage, two types of onions, a dozen different herbs and tomatoes. (Including cherry, which are Al Remling's favorite.)

So many folks have enjoyed walking through the garden after church to watch it's progress. The garden team has received compliments on the garden's growth, abundance and easy access to everyone. Many visitors who loved the garden also found their way into worship on Sundays. They got to know our wonderful church family and many have come back. These positive and powerful encounters were a total blessing from the Lord...It's amazing what can happen from a simple raised garden in a small spot in our church parking lot. Thank you Lord!

See you next spring!

Blessings, The Garden Team

Occ packing party!



856 Boxes
Packed in 2018...

987 Boxes Packed This Year!



Operation Christmas Child Good News & Great Joy!

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." -Matthew 28:19

Go, tell, and make disciples. How do *you* go and tell others about your relationship with Christ? Sometimes this is easy to do while other times it may be difficult, but we need to be watching for those opportunities that God provides for us to go and tell whether through words or actions.

Each year Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity for us to go and tell children around the world about Jesus in an effort to make new disciples. We may not talk to these children directly, but we are the first step in the process of providing a gift that opens the door to let locally trained ministers and teachers preach the good news of salvation through a simple gift. Our involvement in Operation Christmas Child also provides an opportunity for us to share our faith with those around us as we explain why we choose to pack shoeboxes. Whether it is friends at school wondering why we went to a "packing party" over the weekend, or the cashier at Menards who wants to know why we're buying 100 pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, and scissors, God is opening doors for us to go and tell others about our relationship with him.

Thank you to EVERYONE who supported OCC this year in whatever way God called you to help us go and make disciples! After a year of planning and preparation and through generous donations, we were able to pack a record number of 987 shoeboxes at our packing party in November. 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, 1717 children will hear the Good News of Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

We serve a very personal God, and I challenge each of us to continue finding ways to share our personal relationship with him with others so we can fulfill Jesus' command to go and make disciples.



Happy

Happy Anniversary

Jerry Ridenour.....12/03
 Vicki Spellerberg12/03
 Clifford Swanson12/03
 Les Carlson.....12/05
 Tiffany Feldmann12/05
 Julia Hopkins.....12/06
 Michael Wade12/06
 Michael Ryan12/07
 Lori Clemen.....12/08
 Mark Philgreen12/08
 William Wolter.....12/11
 Christian Zehr.....12/11
 Kenze Tutton12/12
 Jeffrey Nystel12/14
 Luanne Becker12/15
 Jennifer Sellner12/15
 Gary Gibbs.....12/18
 Donna Reeder.....12/19
 Jeanne Taylor.....12/21
 David Gaskill.....12/24
 Pat Swanson12/26
 Marilyn Hamman12/28
 Linda Kerton12/28
 Janie Vogt12/28
 Travis Mensen12/29
 Blair Heims.....12/30
 Terri Mueller.....12/31
 Kat Rogers.....12/31
 Phil 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

Good Neighbor Home
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>	
Catherine Manson	S-24	LG Print
Delores Timmer	S-25	LG Print
Faye Wright	N-137A	LG Print
Garneth Hook	MP-206	LG Print

The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109	LG Print
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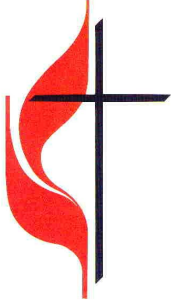
FLOWER SIGN UP

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.



Hello, December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:40AM <i>Serving Our Church Leaders</i> meet Sunday	WIC 2nd & 9th Second Helpings	Dec 18 CHIMES DEADLINE	Worship on Wednesdays WOW Dinner 5:45	Dec Mission: Benevolence Fund		
1	2	3	4 WOW Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	5	6 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	7 8:00PM Community Meeting
8	9 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	10 9:00AM Methodist Sewing Group	11 WOW Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	12	13 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	14 8:00PM Community Meeting
15 Health Clinic 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month	16 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Second Helpings	17 Single Board Meeting	18 CHIMES DEADLINE	19	20 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	21 8:00PM Community Meeting
22 Health Clinic 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month	23 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	24 Christmas Eve Services 5:30 & 11:00	25 NO WOW 	26	27 9:30AM Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's	28 8:00PM Community Meeting
29	30 10:30AM Study Group 5:30PM Worship Design	31 				



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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**

Pictures Used

Hello December Wallpaper: <https://www.pixelstalk.net/uploads/uploads/images/December-wallpaper.jpg>

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Vegetable Border: Katharina Nyilas– The AOI: <https://theaoi.com>



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Choir Director & Organist:
Bell Choir Director:
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