



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

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# March 2020

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### Lenten Schedule

March 1: Bible Study Begins

March 14: Men's Lenten  
Breakfast

(If you'd like to Volunteer to help  
please contact the office.)

April 5: Palm Sunday

April 9:  
Maundy Thursday

April 10: Good Friday

April 12: Easter  
& End of Bible Study

MARCH 25th Blood Drive at the  
Fairgrounds

MARCH 9th CARD CLASS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for  
Church Directory Pictures

RTA Van Transportation

Mission of the Month...

## *A note from Pastor Phil...*

*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15)*

Is it just me or does it seem that Easter is coming early this year? It seems we just celebrated the joy of the birth of Christ, and now in the season of Lent we are called to remember the cost of grace and the consequences of our sin.

We all have a picture fixed in our mind of that scene at the foot of the cross on Mt. Golgotha... This is a hero's moment when Jesus trades our stained righteousness to offer us the purity of his very own righteousness... At this moment we are made clean, redeemed before the Throne of God!

But is this the only superhero moment? What about the feeding of 5000? What about the healing of the leper? What about walking on water? These would also qualify as a superhero moment as well. But what about restoring hope in the woman at the well? What about the redeeming of Peter, what of the teaching of repentance and grace?

As I view the scripture above from the Gospel of John, I see Jesus teaching us that we are not only able but called to follow Jesus' example as a hero to one another. Not that I will walk on water, I won't even ice fish... Not sure that's a fat man sport... But I can speak hope into hopelessness as Jesus exemplified for me... I can speak of God's redeeming grace for those who feel without value... I can reveal grace through the acceptance of all of God's creation... Jesus has taught us that there is enough good, enough love, and enough faith in us that we can live into His example, to become an image of the Redeemer of humanity. For lent this year we are studying "What Makes A Hero" by Matt Rawle for our Lenten study and sermon series. I invite all to look into joining one of the many small groups... Let us prepare our hearts and minds to live into the example of Jesus Christ.

Amen

## *House of David*

This summer we will once again reach out into our community to reveal God's love and hope in a House of David work project. Our love and service will surround Katie Mitchell this year. Katie is a member of MUMC and is known in the community. She purchased a home next door to her mother Robin Stone several years ago. Mom and daughter had plans to slowly work on the house together as a project. Last fall Robin was diagnosed with a very rare and inoperable cancer that aggressively took Robin from us too soon. Katie's Father had passed away two years before. Now Katie is a young woman who has lost both parents, and lives on disability. Many projects were started but not completed, others should have been done that are yet to be started. House of David is a unique community ministry where we rise up in the name of our Savior and love and care for our own. Katie now lives with limited fixed income and is alone... She now only has her faith, her church, and her community to count on going forward. This is what the House of David is all about. Al Saunders will once again serve as our building contractor.

We need to surround Katie in prayer for working to overcome within her "new normal" in the absence of her mom.

We have set a budget of \$10,000.00 to purchase the materials necessary to complete our target projects to make her home safer and more livable.

We need volunteers to work the sight offering God their hands in service.

We need volunteers willing to support the work team by providing lunch each workday.

We need to communicate this into our community so that Katie will feel accepted and supported by all in her hometown.

House of David will take place from June 8th through the 13th.

Please pray on how you can support this vital ministry of our community and church.

Financial gifts can be made to Manchester United Methodist Church with a memo for "House of David."

Please call Pastor Phil with any questions.

MUMC Single Board  
February 18, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
Wesley Hall

**Present:** Pam Vap, Charlie Dighton, Mike Wade, Rev. Phil Rogers, Dave Gaskill, Barry Eike, Ruth Voshell, Janine Stellick, Jean Gross, Mark Reth, Susan Hermann.

Mark Reth called the meeting order at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. He opened the meeting with scripture from Isaiah 55:10, 11. God's word is like the snow and rain that replenish the earth and it will not return empty but will accomplish the purpose for which it was intended. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance from Mark.

Dave Gaskill gave a brief presentation on W+2 and how spiritual growth is part of the formula for church growth. As new people come, feel welcomed and at home, it is hoped that they will want to grow spiritually and become involved in the life of the church. Many opportunities abound for everyone. W+2 equates to someone who worships with us and is also involved in two other areas of church life such as Bible study and Missions. Some in our midst may be a W+6, meaning they are very involved in several areas. Maybe it is time to let some of those people step back a bit and give others an opportunity to step up a bit.

**Action item:**

Motion by Barry Eike seconded by Charlie Dighton to empower a W+2 Team to move forward with the spiritual growth formula as presented. Motion carried.

**Finance:** Actual expenses for January were \$18,034 and actual income was \$23,624 leaving a surplus for the month. A team is being formed to help with the Brick-by-Brick campaign with the task of growing this fund.

**Trustees:** Charlie Dighton reported on several projects completed now or in the near future. The north entrance to the church has been repaired. An additional heat source may have to be added to the area. The new organ contract has been signed in the amount of \$900 for the year. The remaining replacement windows in the parsonage will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The kitchen will have a sprinkler system added as well as new vent filters per our insurance carrier suggestions. Charlie is looking for someone with grant writing experience to help with possible funding of certain projects in our building.

**Action Item:**

Motion by Ruth Voshell, seconded by Janine Stellick to have a Chicken and Corn Feed in the City Park during the Motocross races on August 1st to benefit Trustee projects. Motion approved. Clarence Slife will be in charge of planning.

**Worship:**

Ruth mentioned that the Decorating Team will be helping with Worship Design and attending the meetings. April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week, the group **Jews for Jesus** will give a presentation in our sanctuary at 7 p.m. The community is invited to attend this also.

**Christian Ed:**

The Lenten study entitled *What Makes a Hero* will begin soon. The cost of the books is \$4.00. See Kat in the office or Al to get a copy. Sign up in the narthex for a group that works for you.

**Missions:**

Barry mentioned again about the bowling party to be held in March to benefit our March Mission which is the Eastern Iowa Mentoring Program. He is trying to get a team from our church to participate or to sponsor a person for the \$50 fee. August 12 is the date set for our ice cream social.

**Reaching and Receiving:**

Janine reminded us of the church Fun Day at the Rec Center coming up this weekend, March 23 from 3-6 p.m. There are greeter sign-up sheets at the welcome desk. She would like to know of people willing to give rides to appointments.

**Congregational Care:**

Pam Vap reported on the outcome of the committee meeting from February 17. Eleven people have indicated an interest in helping with their mission which is to expand connectivity with the congregation to meet needs that may be overlooked or potential for enhancement. They have identified three areas of possibilities: 1) Special Occasion Meals/Healthy Cooking; 2) Congregation Visits; 3) Miscellaneous needs as they arise. Susan Hermann reminded us of the Blood Drive scheduled for March 26.

**Action Item:**

Motion by Barry Eike, seconded by Susan Hermann, to set the dates of June 9-13 for a House of David project pending funding. Motion carried with one abstention.

Pictures for a new Church Directory are scheduled for May 20-23 with LifeTouch.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 in Wesley Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Gross  
Secretary

**JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

YTD BUDGET AMOUNT: \$20,852

YTD ACTUAL INCOME: \$23,624

YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES: \$18,034

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

## March 1

**Acolytes:** Youth  
**Serving Communion:** Dave Gaskill, Lori Zellner & Kat Rogers  
**Liturgist:** Dave Gaskill  
**Scripture Reader:** Leslie Zellner  
**Children's Sermon:** Darla Gaskill  
**Nursery:** Debbie Rogers

## March 8

**Acolytes:** Youth  
**Liturgist:** Stephanie Stocks  
**Scripture Reader:** Caleb Stocks  
**Children's Sermon:** Susan Hermann  
**Nursery:** Susan Hermann

## March 15

**Acolytes:** Youth  
**Liturgist:** Sam Milroy  
**Scripture Reader:** Jean Gross  
**Children's Sermon:** Kristin Milroy  
**Nursery:** Becca Hermann

## March 22

**Acolytes:** Youth  
**Liturgist:** Rita Woods  
**Scripture Reader:** Maya Huegel  
**Children's Sermon:** Jordan LeClere  
**Nursery:** Debbie Rogers

## March 29

**Acolytes:** Youth  
**Liturgist:** Jean Gross  
**Scripture Reader:** John Rasmussen  
**Children's Sermon:** Zach Rogers  
**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



## **MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CLOSURE POLICY**

Effective October 1, 2019

### **School Day Closure Policy (Monday – Thursday)**

All non-church member activities are to be cancelled when an inclement weather-related school closure is enacted.

All scheduled church member activities are cancelled unless the church leader for the activity deems it safe and contacts attendees that the activity will be held.

Church staff may perform duties on site if they determine that the site is safe to enter. The office will remain officially closed for visitor purposes.

If church staff cannot enter or leave the building safely, they can work from home or another site approved by senior pastor.

If an off-site location is used to perform work duties, the church phone messaging system must be accessible, and messages left must be addressed every hour. In addition, access to the church email system must be accessible at the site chosen to perform work duties and email messages must be checked hourly.

Hourly staff also have the option to claim a vacation day for church closure days.

### **Friday Saturday/Nights/Evenings/After School Hour Policy**

Church Board Meetings are to be cancelled if deemed necessary by assigned Chairperson, if access to the building is a concern. Chairperson can contact by email and/or phone.

Other events, both church member and nonmembers holding meetings/events are to be advised as to whether to hold event by the assigned responsible party for the event. Be it advised that there are no sidewalk or entrance maintenance activities conducted after office hours Monday – Thursday or on Fridays and Saturdays.

Method of notification of closure is the responsibility of the responsible party for the event.

## **SUNDAY SERVICE CANCEL POLICY**

Church service to be cancelled when deemed not to be safe to travel and/or church property cannot be made safe for egress. The decision to cancel service should be made by Senior Pastor and/or Trustee Members.

Decision to cancel service is to be made by 7:30 AM.

Methods to notify members:

Facebook - To be posted by AA or member of Tech Committee.

Phone message system to be updated with notice of closure by AA, Senior Pastor or another designee.

Text messages to board members.

Contact other members that have access to Facebook and texts.

KMCH Radio to be notified by Senior Pastor or person identified by Senior Pastor.

If travel and egress on church property is in question for an individual, it is recommended not travel to church, even if service is held.

It is recommended that if inclement weather is a concern, to use one of the methods above to determine if church will be closed for Sunday Service.

## **OFFICE CLOSURE POLICY**

The office shall be closed for visitors at times when the church has been closed for weather or staffing reasons.

If all office staff are absent during a normal working day the office is considered closed.

A sign should be made visible at the north and south doors to inform visitors that the office is closed and list methods to contact office staff, such as email and phone numbers in case of emergencies.

## **GREETER SIGN-UP**

Thank you so much to those who have already signed up on the new "greeter sign-up" sheets. This is just a reminder that I will no longer be calling for greeters - it is up to you to sign up for the month of your choice. Please notice that there is an additional sign-up sheet for **outside greeters beginning in April**, weather permitting. It is so welcoming to drive by our church Sunday morning and see greeters **outside**. What a great sign of hospitality!! Sign up sheets are located at the welcome desk in the church Narthex. Thank you!!



### **DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO AN APPOINTMENT OR TO RUN ERRANDS?**

Applications for this free program are located on the welcome desk in the church narthex. They are for those who are in need of assistance getting to appointments or running errands. RTA vans can go anywhere in Delaware County. Please fill out a form and take it to the chamber office for assistance. (If you have difficulty getting your form to the chamber please let the office know and we will mail it for you.) Vans are available Monday-Friday from 7AM-7PM. No Requirements.

Delaware County Connections are also in need of volunteer drivers! If interested please contact 1-800-839-5005

## **Card Class!**

Congregational Care committee is holding a card making get together. It will be held in the Confirmation Room on Thursday, March 9th from 9:30 to 11:00 am. We will be making Easter, Thinking of You, and other miscellaneous types. Materials will be supplied and examples of cards to make will be on hand. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Rempe. Hope to see you there.



**“Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.”**

**- Deuteronomy 32:2**



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for March is *Helping Services for Youth and Family*. Helping Services helps your family, friends, and neighbors create safe places to raise families and build community networks that care. They have a youth mentoring program. Locally they have 38 students in this program who are paired with someone in the community to spend time with them each week and mentor them. They currently have 5 students waiting to get matched up with someone. Mentors can choose school based or community based options to meet their mentor. They also provide help and resources for substance and drug prevention and domestic abuse.

### *MARCH 25th BLOOD DRIVE*

*At the Fairgrounds from 11:00-5:30PM*

*If you would like to make bars or cookies for the patients please drop them off at Pam Vap's home, 213 Iowa St. Manchester, on March 24th. If you would like your treats picked up or have questions please contact Pam at 563-927-4001.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Church Directory Pictures May 20, 21, 22 & 23!**

MUMC has scheduled church pictures with Lifetouch. During this month Jackie Sherman and Kat Rogers will be meeting with the representatives from life touch to work out the details and sign up procedure. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Thank you!



# *FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE REC CENTER*



*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! -Psalm 133:1*

*HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY*



*Happy Anniversary*

- Walter Davis ..... 3/02
- Karen Petlon..... 3/04
- Mary Mangold..... 3/05
- Ronnie Bachman..... 3/07
- Jeff Larson..... 3/07
- Philip Mueller ..... 3/07
- Whitney Erickson..... 3/09
- Michael Stocks..... 3/10
- Lila Joslyn ..... 3/12
- Katie Ryan ..... 3/12
- Jake Rogers.....3/13
- Scott Gaskill ..... 3/13
- Rex Van Dyke..... 3/13
- Kathy Remppe ..... 3/14
- Alexis Eike..... 3/15
- John Piegors..... 3/18
- Nancy Bachman..... 3/19
- Julie Hooker..... 3/19
- Marc Hermann..... 3/20
- Roger Mueller..... 3/20
- Jeff Puffet..... 3/20
- Nicholas Andregg ..... 3/21
- Jena Downs.....3/22
- Kyle Downs ..... 3/24
- Nicholas Mensen..... .3/28
- Rex Rogers.....3/28
- Meghan Mensen..... 3/29
- William Ward ..... 3/29
- Mary Bagby.....3/30
- Sandra Ferguson..... 3/30
- Ramon Wycoff..... 3/31

- Kelly & Janel Smith .....3/02
- William & Marjorie Wolter..... 3/08
- Bob & Glenda Betels ..... 3/12
- Jane Hartnett & Don Piegors..... 3/16
- Jeff & Jody Puffet..... 3/19

**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
Karl Whitaker	S-35	LG Print

**The Meadows  
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

John Tyrrell	109	LG Print
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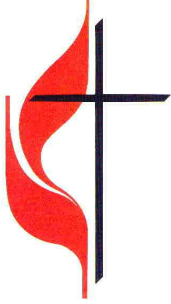
**FLOWER SIGN UP**

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.



# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:40AM <i>Serving Our Church Leaders</i> meet Sunday	<b>WIC</b> 3rd & 10th Second <b>Helpings</b>	<b>Mar 25th</b> <b>CHIMES</b> <b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>Worship on Wednesdays</b> <i>WOW</i> Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	<b>MARCH Mission:</b> Helping Services Mentoring Program		
<b>1</b> Choung Garden 11:30AM	<b>2</b> 10:30AM <b>Study Group</b> 5:30PM Second Helpings	<b>3</b> 9:00AM <b>Methodist Sewing Group</b>	<b>4</b> <i>WOW</i> Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30AM <b>Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Worship @ 9:00AM</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Card Class 9:30</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00AM <b>Methodist Sewing Group</b>	<b>11</b> <i>WOW</i> Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30AM <b>Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</b>	<b>14</b> Men's Lenten Breakfast
<b>15</b> <b>Health Clinic</b> 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month	<b>16</b> 10:30AM <b>Study Group</b> 5:30PM Second Helpings	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> <i>WOW</i> Dinner 5:45 Worship 6:30 Small Groups 7:15	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30AM <b>Sippers@ Aunt Emmy's</b>	<b>21</b> 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
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**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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**



**"Who Needs Luck?  
I Am Blessed  
-Psalm 32:1**

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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:  
The Entire Congregation  
Reverend Phil Rogers  
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Church Custodian:  
Dennis Porter  
Christian Education Director:  
Choir Director & Organist:  
Bell Choir Director:  
Mission Coordinator: Barry Eike

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