



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**April 2020**

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

**12 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. - Exodus 12:12-13**

All this social distancing and quarantine makes us feel as if we are living in the ancient days during the plagues of the old testament when Moses was trying to convince Pharaoh to “let my people go.” Each of these plagues would have caused more anxiety and fear in God’s people. Though they may have been safe, seeing all this happen around them would have been intimidating, knowing you are in the presence of an all powerful God. After the second to last plague of total darkness for three days, Pharaoh was ready to release the Israelites, but they had to leave their livestock behind. This was not acceptable- who can negotiate with God? So God through Moses prepared for the last plague, the death of the first born.

Exodus 12:12-13 above reveals the instructions God gave to His people. They are told to sacrifice the purest lamb, and to paint both sides of the doorposts with the blood of the sacrifice. Then God said *“When I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you.”* How comforting would this promise be today? This set the example for the Passover Meal, which Jesus celebrated with the disciples in the upper room, though we know it as the last supper. This is important because it is the beginning of the end of the passion story of Jesus ministry here on earth.

How we wish we could set aside our anxiety with a sacrifice right now. All we see on TV is bad news about this epidemic. Where is God today to take away our fear?

Just as the Passover Meal leads to the events of Jesus crucified, it also leads to our everlasting grace and eternal life. There need not ever be another sacrifice because the sacrifice that fateful night on Calgary’s Hill was the one time perfect sacrifice for all time. When God’s Self offered up his Divine life for our broken ones. This blood is more than on the door post, it literally covers all of our iniquity so that we can stand boldly before God acceptable for eternity. There will be another side to this, and I pray we all come together in worship and thanksgiving after. But no matter what, our victory over death is secure as long as God is on the throne.

*PEACE*

**MUMC Single Board**

**March 17, 2020**

**6:00 p.m**

**Wesley Hall**

**Present:** Janine Stellick, Ruth Voshell, Bill Scanlan, Pastor Phil, Barry Eike, Bruce Nodurft, Mark Reth, Charlie Dighton, Pam Vap, Jean Gross.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Phil shared scripture from Psalm 46:

"God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give away and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ....Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

As a follow up from the Special Meeting Pastor Phil updated the board with the following information: Financial goals are put on hold for now until summer, i.e. Brick-by-Brick, House of David. With the lack of corporate worship the impact on the budget monies is unknown at this time. For our April board meeting all board members are being asked to e-mail to Kat the day before the meeting their items that may need attention to shorten our meeting time. There will be no corporate worship through April 5 (Palm Sunday) as of now. That could change. The Circuit pastors will rotate recording the sermons and they will be downloaded to our website and will be available by 7 a.m. on Sundays. It will also be available on Facebook.

**Finance:**

Bruce: The income year to date is \$38,232 and year to date actual expenses are \$33,326.

There is to be no unnecessary spending at this time. Bruce will include an article in the Chimes that will gently remind us that our monthly bills still need to be paid and our giving will still be necessary. There will be reminders on our Website also. The House of David project will have to be put off until August.

**Trustees:**

Charlie said that only necessary repairs will be made at this time. Our janitor is making a good effort to sanitize certain areas of our building that are still in use.

**Missions:**

Barry mentioned that Mission of the Month will be postponed until summer and any monies given towards missions will be stockpiled and used for future mission projects.

**Reaching and Receiving:**

Janine said no more mugs will be ordered for visitors but a small gift bag with information and other items will be given out instead.

**Congregational Care:**

Pam mentioned upcoming events scheduled depending on what is happening in our community include A May Day coffee. Those people wanting to be involved in visiting others should have some type of training according to Pastor Phil.

The Pictorial Directory dates have once again been postponed to a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross  
One Board Secretary.

**February Finance Report**

YTD Budget amount: \$41,704

YTD Contributions: \$38,232

YTD Expenses: \$36,179

## **COVID19 AND CHURCH FINANCES**

**If you are not aware, Single Board has canceled all worship services from now through Palm Sunday. A decision beyond that day will be made at a later date. Canceling worship services beyond Palm Sunday is very much a possibility. So at a minimum, there will not be services for at least the next three Sundays. No worship services equate to no offerings or incoming contributions. I wish the same could be said about expenses. However, we all know that will not be the case. Even though the consensus among the Single Board members is not to spend any money unless absolutely necessary, the church will still have routine weekly and monthly bills that will need to be paid. The church is very much like your household when it comes to expenses--the bills continue to come. The church does currently have a small reserve that it can fall back on for a short period of time, but it would be a significant help (and reduce the stress the finance chairman is feeling) if you could continue to maintain your current financial support of the church.**

**If you are out running an errand, would you consider stopping by the church and leaving your contribution at the office or putting it in the mailbox marked 'Finance'? Could you possibly mail your contribution to the church (413 East Butler Street)? Have you ever thought of setting up an automatic routine contribution to the church through your financial institution? In circumstances like we currently are experiencing, an automatic contribution would be a reliable contribution the church could count on.**

**We realize that it's possible that you may be feeling a strain on your finances because of a layoff, shortened work hours, the downturn in the stock market, the uncertainty of the future, etc., and are not able to continue your financial support at this time. We understand. However, if it is within your means to continue your weekly/monthly contributions, would you please consider doing so?**

**Sincerely,**

**Bruce Nodurft  
Finance chair**



*Second Helpings* is working curbside, the group served meals drive through style in the south alley entrance. The team wears gloves in order to keep germs at bay during COVID-19. *Second Helpings* still plans to serve the public this way Monday's from 4:00pm-5:30pm until further notice. If you would like to support this ministry monetary donations can be made to *Second Helpings* and mailed to 413 E Butler St.



## WORSHIP ONLINE

Each week worship will be recorded by our local pastors, Pastor Phil Rogers from MUMC, Pastor Mary Green from Strawberry Point UMC and Pastor Keith Pitts from Delhi UMC. Kat in the office will send a reminder email out on Saturday night to help remind people that Worship is still available. You can view it by either going to the church website or clicking on the link that Kat will send in the reminder email.



## What's going on with Forge

Youth group leader Zach Rogers will join the youth for worship, devotionals and conversations via Facebook Live on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Please visit the Facebook page *Forge:Delhi/Manchester UM Youth Group* for live feed and updates.



## Calling Lists

On Monday calling lists were sent out to volunteers in order to contact some church members in quarantine. Those on the lists are in three categories, most threatened age group, have existing injuries or illnesses, or have children at home. The goal is to make sure that no one is going hungry and gets the care they need at this time. If anyone feels they should be on the list, would like to volunteer to call others or has any other questions please contact Kat in the office.

563-927-4439 or [kat@umcmanchester.com](mailto:kat@umcmanchester.com)

## SCRIP

Even though we have no church services, scrip IS available and we would love to continue having customers!! Please call Kat at 927-4439 and tell her what you would like to buy. She will in turn call a scrip team member who will get in touch with you and make arrangements for getting the scrip to you. Remember, even though our restaurant etc. options have become very limited we still need groceries and other essentials, and we have gift cards for that!



## Doors locked during the week

**Until further notice the front door and east door to the church will be locked. This is to cut down on church traffic and to make sure that we can keep the building properly sanitized. If you need to come to the church please use the south entrance near the parking lot. Office hours will remain the same during the week. Monday & Wednesday 9:00am-5:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm.**



## Phil's Weekly Vlog

Every Wednesday at noon pastor Phil will go live on Facebook with a weekly vlog. Sharing his thought of the week, prayer and to help keep our church family

connected. It will be on the church Facebook page.

(Just search Manchester United Methodist Church)

Saturday, August 1st 2020

4:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Whitewater City Park Pavilion  
West Main Street in Downtown Man-  
chester

Menu: 1/2 a barbecued chicken  
(cooked before your eyes), fresh sweet  
corn on the cob rolled in butter (all you  
can eat), potato salad, baked beans,  
dinner roll, lemonade and or water.

More details to follow as time gets  
closer.



*“Do not be anxious about  
anything, but in every  
situation, by prayer and  
petition, with thanksgiving,  
present your requests to God.”*

*-Philippians 4:6*



**Prayer Concerns:**



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|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Norma Allen   | Mary Bissel            | Denise Deppe    |
| Terry Dolan   | Wilbur & Evelyn Evarts |                 |
| Zach Fisher   | April Golka            | Larry Goranson  |
| Shirley Haigh | Bob Helmrich           | Dan Kelly       |
| Clair Kruger  | Jeff Larsen            | Nate Learn      |
| Art Nefzger   | Tammy Pensel           | Al Remling      |
| Susan Rogers  | Bill Scanlan           | Donna Tenhoff   |
| Tim Tutton    | Troy Tutton            | Kelly Uhlenkamp |
| Bill Welcher  |                        |                 |

Everyone impacted by the Coronavirus and the  
flu.

*The Family of:  
Edith Raus*

Please pray for those in our prayer box. Thank you! God Bless.



**Directory Pictures Postponed**

Directory pictures that were supposed to be taken in May have been postponed until fall. We are working with Lifetouch to get a few date options to present to Single Board. More information to come.



Norma Vande Vegte.....	4/03
Betty Brauer.....	4/04
Cliff Cole.....	4/07
Barb Davis.....	4/08
Kaci Tutton.....	4/09
Carol Dighton .....	4/12
Carolyn Mellody .....	4/12
Gary Feldmann.....	4/18
Donna Hankins.....	4/20

Gary & Kathy Evarts .....	4/04
William & Donna Scanlan .....	4/05
Sam & Kristin Milroy.....	4/12
Lyle & Gayle Saunders.....	4/18
Jim & Julia Hopkins.....	4/24
Chris & Mary Jo Larsen .....	4/25

**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

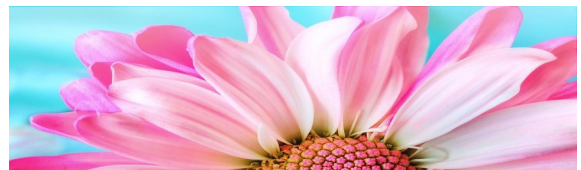
**The Meadows**  
**220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

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“Humble yourselves,  
 therefore, under God’s  
 mighty hand, that he  
 may lift you up in  
 due time.”  
 ~Peter 5:6

**FLOWER SIGN UP**

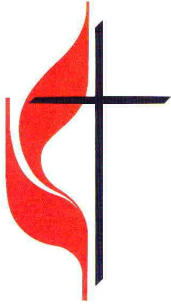
Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Kat in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 9:00AM Website	WIC 6th & 13th Second Helpings	Apr 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE	Worship on Wednesdays Facebook: Man- chester United Methodist Church	April Mission: Pray for One another		
	4:00-5:30 Drive Through		1 Phil's Facebook Vlog 12:00pm Forge Youth Group 6:00pm	2	3	4 8:00PM Community Meeting
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**Return Service Requested**

**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 on our website  
[www.umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com)**

*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

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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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