



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

June 2020

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Finally Coming Back!

Volunteers Needed

Worship on KMCH
on Sunday Nights

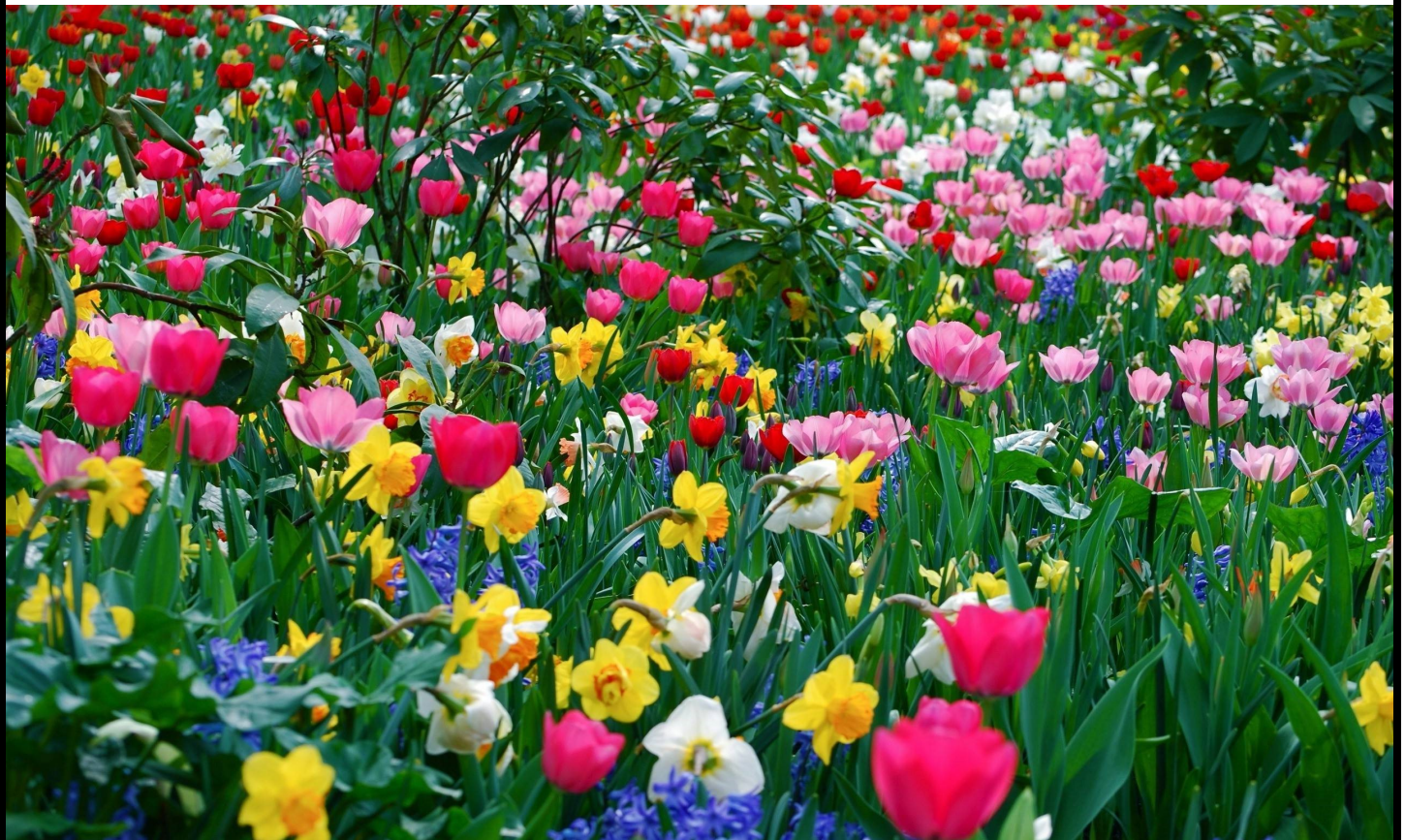
Chicken & Corn Feed

Scrip News

Worship online

Donald Harold Reth
Endowment

**Attention High
School Seniors**



A note from Pastor Phil...

Greetings to all!

By the time you are reading this, we will have already returned to live worship with four services, though this is not a new normal, it is a new season as we return to normal. These last eight weeks have been non-stop action, learning new skills, making plans, changing plans, making new plans, rinse and repeat... It has been confusing, frustrating, lonely, and stressful. But it has not all been bad...

In Genesis 28 we find Jacob, son of Isaac, is running away from his brother Esau. Jacob had stolen his father's blessing deceitfully and Esau had promised to kill him. So Isaac and his wife Rebecca told him to go to Harran and marry one of Rebecca's brother's daughters. There he would stay until Esau calmed his rage. On the way, Jacob stopped for the night at a certain place to sleep next to the campfire in the open country. That night he had a dream of a ladder that reached up to heaven and that the Lord stood near the top while angels went up and down the ladder. And the Lord spoke to Jacob that he would be greatly blessed and would be the father of many generations, so many it would be more than the grains of the dirt upon which he lied. And that the world would be blessed because of him. When Jacob awoke he declared that this was truly a Holy place where God dwelled. He built a tower of stones to mark the place as a holy place where he had a profound God sighting. The pillar of stones is called an "Ebenezer." This teaches us two things, first that God calls imperfect people to bless and minister for God's glory. Second that we need more aware of God sightings, and they deserve our thanksgiving and praise, and that we should build Ebenezer's to declare these places of God sightings holy.

In the midst of this pandemic, through the trials and frustrations, I have seen God move and bless us time and again. Second Helpings is still feeding the hungry of our community, I would build an Ebenezer there. We were still able to worship through media technology because we already had the necessary technology available. There should be an Ebenezer in the tech booth. We were able to bring together our circuit pastors to work together every week for worship. Manchester UMC provided the way for six other churches to worship online. There should be an Ebenezer in the sanctuary. Kat worked hard to maximize our communication with newsletters, mid week blasts, multiple letters and Facebook posts... There should be an Ebenezer in her office as well. Dennis has labored hard to wipe down the church for everyone's safety, there should be an Ebenezer there as well. The Chancel decorating team did not miss a beat as they prepared for the worship services, there should be an Ebenezer for them as well. And the garden is planted, there should be an Ebenezer there as well. And Zac Rogers took time away from work every week to be sure we included a children's message in our worship... that should deserve a pile of stones as well. The financial counters kept counting, our finance chair kept chairing, and the church has remained in the black throughout this pandemic. This deserves an Ebenezer as well.

Though this has been an uncharted difficult time, I have seen God move. And through it all was revealed a sense of hope and joy knowing we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Some of you might find this surprising but they do not have a course on pastoring through a pandemic in seminary. Thank you all for your good will, prayers, and patience. I think that might deserve an Ebenezer as well.

Peace

MUMC Single Board

May 19, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Participants: Mark Reth, Charlie Dighton, Paul Lyman, Pam Vap, Pastor Phil, Kathy Dolan, Ruth Voshell, Mike Wade, Janine Stellick, Bruce Nodurft, Jean Gross.

Chairman, Mark Reth called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Phil led the board in prayer followed by asking the members to share about how they are being fed spiritually during this time of quarantine. Everyone is able to watch the services on the computer at this time. Pastor added that those who do not have access to that can hear the services starting this week on KMCH at 6:00p.m. on Sunday nights.

Finance: Bruce reported that April giving was \$2500 less than usual however due to the church being not in use the expenses are less also and we completed the month with a slight excess. He complimented the congregation for their continuation of church support. Apportionments are on hold for now. The SBA loan/grant submitted last month was approved but at a lesser amount as pastor's salary could not be included in the asking according to the Community Savings Bank who is our lender. A check in the amount of \$6600 was received and will be placed in a separate account for now. Once we show that our support staff has been paid for a period of time at their regular salary we will receive forgiveness of that loan by the SBA.

Trustees: Service One came recently and replaced a bad bearing. The icemaker is acting up still and a decision will be made at next month's meeting whether to fix it or replace. It is 13 years old. Mike Wade and Dennis will see if they can figure out what is wrong. The August corn feed is an unknown at this time but a decision will need to be made shortly because of the chicken that will need to be ordered from Fareway. We are not sure how the meat supply will continue to be affected plus whether the event will go on as planned.

Education: Paul has been able to get back from the Ukraine and will meet with Zach to go over ministry opportunities for education. VBS is on a wait and see. The Bible School materials are nearly paid for so they will either be used this year or next. There are virtual Bible School materials available online if necessary. Some of our Sunday School teachers have put together packets of materials for the kids and delivered those to them. There are also some Facebook lessons available.

Congregational Care: Pam reported this team is not meeting at present but the phone calls will continue for now. Many members of our church family have appreciated the calls.

Lay Ministry: Bill Scanlan is in the hospital with complications from his infected toe which may have to be removed. We need to keep him in our prayers.

Pastor Phil: Pastor will be so happy to be back preaching to people again but he realizes that some will not be comfortable congregating at this time. For those people the nine thirty service will be recorded and available on FB Sunday afternoons by three and the audio will be available on KMCH Sunday night's at six. The staff has been working hard to make sure everyone has a worship experience of some type. For those attending worship there will be a request for cleaning help after each service with wipes available. This Sunday will end the Circuit recordings as everyone will be able to go back to their respective churches on May 31.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 6:00p.m. Pastor closed us with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Single Board Secretary

Year-to-date budget income:	\$83,408
Actual year-to-date income:	\$77,254
Actual year-to-date expenses:	\$72,752

*****ENDOWMENT UPDATES*****

In 2001 the Manchester United Methodist Church lost a longtime faithful servant when Don Reth passed away. In 2003, to honor her brother, Bertha Tribuno established the **Donald Harold Reth Endowment** as a tribute to his life and to keep his memory alive in a special way. The sole purpose of the Reth Endowment fund is to generate income for our Christian Education program. Christian Education is the focus because Don's wife Marlene and his daughter Tammy had served as Sunday school teachers and as Sunday school superintendents.

The Reth Endowment is established through the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. On an annual basis, the Foundation informs MUMC of the income available for distribution. The maximum amount made available is 5% of the current fund balance. This year the amount was \$284.00.

When the Reth Endowment was established, Manchester United Methodist Church was asked to annually recognize the establishment and existence of the endowment by placing a letter in the May edition of the Chimes. Don's birthday was May 7th. The publication of this letter fulfills our commitment to do so.

The Donald Harold Reth Endowment is an individually owned fund meaning that it is not owned by MUMC and that the church cannot alter the terms of the agreement between the Foundation and Ms. Tribuno. However, anyone who would like to contribute to the Reth Endowment may do so.

MUMC has also established its own endowment fund. The **Manchester United Methodist Endowment** has been in existence since 2005. This is a church owned fund and we direct the use of the earnings. Since it currently is a rather small fund, it is thought of as "seed money" and all of the income earned thus far has been reinvested in the endowment. The hope is that at some time in the future this fund will grow to a point where the income earned can be withdrawn and used to meet the needs of MUMC.

As with the Reth Endowment, anyone who desires may make a contribution to the MUMC Endowment. If you would like to make a contribution to an existing endowment, would like to establish your own endowed fund, or have questions regarding endowments, feel free to contact any of the individuals named below.

Bruce Nodurft
Chair finance/
endowment committee

Al Remling
MUMC treasurer

Rev. Phil Rogers
MUMC pastor

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Liturgist for June

Sunday:

Leslie Zellner @ 8:00am

Dave Gaskill @ 9:30am

Kat Rogers @ 11:00am

Wednesday:

Roger White @ 6:30pm

Children's Message:

Sunday:

Zach Rogers @ 11:00am

Greeters:

Jim & Judy Hopkins @ 8:00am

Janine Stellick @ 9:30am

Dennis & Julie Porter @ 11:00am

Ushers:

Lori Snyder, Tim Tacy & Roger Mueller

If you are willing to help with any of these roles volunteers are still needed. Please contact Kat in the office. 563-927-4439.

Thank you.

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:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





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Finally Our Triumphant Return to Church

Dear church family, by now you have received two letters, prior to this one, explaining our plan and process for returning to church as well as which service you have been invited to. This letter is to remind everyone of some rules that must be followed in order for us to worship together in church. We will begin worshipping again together on **Sunday May 31st and Wednesday June 3rd.**

The Following rules must be followed in order for us to return:

- Please only come to the service you were invited to.
 - No one can arrive more than fifteen minutes early for their service.
 - Everyone must enter through the front doors (North entrance), regardless of where you park.
 - Everyone must be wearing a mask before you can enter the building. (With the exception of babies or toddlers) If you need a mask there will be some near the entrance. Please grab the first one on the end don't dig to find a different one because yours has flowers on it. A free will offering box will be available if you'd like to donate for your mask. (We do have some smaller masks for toddlers and little kids if parents would like one.) If you refuse to wear a mask you will not be allowed in the building.
 - Everyone must sit where the ushers seat you. It is not likely that you will sit where you always sit. You will be seated in the order you arrive. (Please be patient, this is temporary.) Please sit and wait for service, don't wander around church. We are still asked to practice social distancing. You may use the restroom if necessary. The yellow restrooms, located on the same level as the library and the restroom in Wesley Hall will be open for use.
 - All Bibles, Hymnals, Visitor cards, pens and offering envelopes have been removed from the pews in order to make sanitation between services easier. If you need envelopes for offering please get some in the office some time during the week or use your own and have them ready before service. Offering boxes will be available as you exit worship.
 - When worship has finished everyone will be excused in the same way in which we do communion. The ushers will dismiss by row. When dismissed please leave immediately. Don't stop to talk with anyone. If you need to talk please call the person or perhaps meet in the park across the street from the church. We need everyone off church grounds as soon as we possibly can in order to prepare for the next service.
- Everyone must exit through the south doors near the parking lot. (Again regardless of where you parked.)
- Last but not least, please do not stop to talk to pastor. He would love to talk to everyone but he has to continue to social distance as well. He will be in his office and he'll wave as you exit church but his office will be locked. If you need to speak with him please call or email. pastorphil@umcmanchester.com or 563-927-4439.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

-God Bless
MUMC Staff

Dear Church Family,

I just want to say how appreciative I am for all the volunteers that have helped our staff during COVID-19. Anyone who has helped make masks, contributed to sanitation standards, recorded worship services, offered their time, called people every week, picked up groceries or offered a helping hand. We could not have done this without you and are very grateful.

God Bless

Kat Rogers
MUMC Office Manager

Volunteers Needed!

In the second letter that went out we asked for volunteers to help wipe things down after the service they attend. We are in need of people to wipe down the pews, door knobs and at least one man & one woman to wipe down the seats, knobs and sinks in the bathrooms on the library level as well as one person to wipe down the bathroom in Wesley Hall. We need a group for each service. (Four groups total.) If you are able or interested in helping wipe down the church after the service you attend we could really use your help. Please contact Kat in the office immediately. 563-927-4439.

Attention High School Seniors 2020

We know that your Senior Year of High School has been abruptly changed because of recent events. We want to you know that we have not forgotten you and soon we will have a celebration with you with our church family. Parents be on the look out from an email from our Youth Leader Zach Rogers about this. Thank you and God Bless.

"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.

Chicken and Corn Feed

Saturday, August 1st 2020

4:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Whitewater City Park Pavilion West Main Street in Downtown Manchester

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.



- Mike Roete6/03
- Lance Feldmann6/04
- Deb Gibbs6/04
- Mark Reth.....6/06
- Janel Smith6/07
- Gwyneth Hough6/08
- George White Jr.6/09
- Kino DeKeyser6/10
- Brittany Reth.....6/10
- Mitch Curtis.....6/11
- Pauline Philgreen6/11
- Matthew Mensen.....6/12
- Jessica Nystel.....6/12
- Kathy Evarts.....6/14
- Caleb Stocks.....6/15
- Bruce Nodurft.....6/16
- Marianne Nodurft6/16
- Judy Fox6/19
- Hannah Clemen.....6/21
- Glenn Nystel6/23
- Zach Rogers.....6/23
- Jean Gross.....6/24
- Bill Scanlan.....6/24
- Kayla Bagby.....6/25
- Sarah Edaburn.....6/29
- Jeremy Feldmann.....6/30
- Chris Larsen6/30



- Don & Carolyn Mellody 6/01
- Rex & Leann Van Dyke..... 6/07
- John & Lynne Rasmussen..... 6/08
- George & Virginia White, Jr..... 6/09
- Fred & Nancy Miller..... 6/11
- Gary & Deb Gibbs 6/12
- Michael & Stephanie Stocks..... 6/12
- Kevin & Mary Bagby..... 6/15
- Duane & Karlyn Heims..... 6/16
- Mark & Brittany Reth..... 6/17
- Gary & Vicki Spellerberg..... 6/20
- Charles & Carol Dighton 6/22
- James & Kino DeKeyser 6/25
- Roger & Beth Mueller..... 6/30

Good Neighbor Home

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>	
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Delores Timmer	S-25	LG Print
Faye Wright	N-137A	LG Print
Garneth Hook	MP-206	LG Print
Karl Whitaker	S-35	LG Print

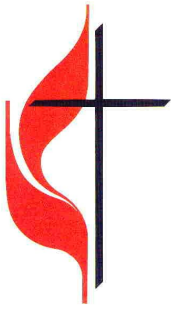
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220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 9:00AM Website	Second Helpings 4:00-5:30 Drive Thru	June 24th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW Facebook: Manchester United Methodist Church	June Mission: Pray for One another		
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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 on our website
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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:
The Entire Congregation
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Secretary: Kat Rogers
Church Custodian:
Dennis Porter
Christian Education Director:
Choir Director & Organist:
Bell Choir Director:
Mission Coordinator: Barry Eike

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