



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

May 2020

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**Coming Back to
Church**

Scrip

**Chicken & Corn
Feed!**

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*"For I know the plans I have for
you," declares the Lord, plans to
prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future."*

-Jeremiah 29:11



A note from Pastor Phil...

May 2020 Chimes

***Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
(Philippians 2:3-4)***

Hello fellow in home campers!

Now that Governor Reynolds appears to have listed restrictions on church worship services, that means we can get back to normal worship in the sanctuary together right? No, not just yet. Governor Reynolds has some constitutional challenges about how she may restrict worship, and it is up to church leaders to decide on best practices. Bishop Haller has made the suggestion that we not plan to do live worship until June 1st. The inter-religious council advised something like, not now- maybe later... Yesterday our Manchester UMC church leadership shared through email all our thoughts. Then at our DELCO Circuit meeting the pastors shared our ideas and those of our individual church leadership teams. And all seem to agree on one thing, none of us can say for certain what the future holds, and when is it best to resume live worship in the sanctuary. But one thing we do know for sure, we will never know if we were too cautious, but we will know with potentially tragic results if we were not cautious enough. This is a time when we look to scripture like the Philippians passage above. I want life to go back to normal, but further caution is warranted for the safety of all.

The staff here at MUMC has already begun to plan for our "Triumphant Re-entry" into live worship. I am tired of preaching to an empty room, and not seeing my church family. But when we do return, it will not be like before COVID, nor will it be a new normal, but entering into a new season. Please be patient as we work together to maximize our worship experience and our concern for safety for all.

As we make our plans we do know that when we return in this transitional season, all will need to wear masks... So if you are a mask maker, please get with Kat in the office as we will need to prepare some extras for those who don't have one or will forget. We will need extra door greeters to help with instructions... Please get with Kat if you feel called to help with this vital ministry in this season. We will need extra ushers as they will be needed at all four services, please get with kat if you feel you may assist in this area during this season. We will need a crew from each worship service to volunteer to wipe down pews and bathroom fixtures after each worship, Please let Kat know in the office if you can assist after your worship time.

We can see a ray of sunlight in the dark, we are approaching a new season, let us be encouraged! And let us prepare the way for all of those people who are seeking to find hope after this scary time... Peace

MUMC Single Board
April 21, 2020
5:45 p.m.
via Zoom

Participants: Paul Lyman, Pastor Phil, Ruth Voshel, Jean Gross, Mark Reth, Barry Eike, Kathy Dolan, Janine Stellick, Bruce Nodurft, Mike Wade.

Chair Mark Reth opened the meeting at 5:45 giving participants time to log in. He introduced Kathy Dolan as our new Vice-Chair. Welcome Kathy! It was noted that there has been positive feedback from viewers of the on-line services. It is obvious that much time and effort is put into each service, especially during Holy Week. Hopefully we can be back together in mid-May with smaller gatherings.

Prayers and praises were lifted up.

Finance: Bruce noted that the church finances were good through the first quarter; however since the quarantine there has been a decrease due to lack of corporate worship. Several have made an effort to mail or bring their gifts to the church office and for that we are grateful. The Brick by Brick campaign continues to grow. As of now there is \$88,000 in cash for the campaign from the pledged amounts. Apportionment giving is on hold for now.

Trustees: The ice machine is working again. Dennis is working hard to sanitize twice a day those areas of the church being used.

Worship: It was noted again the appreciation being put into worship services and all those involved, including music people and the tech team of Michael and Nicholas Stocks.

Education: Paul will be meeting with Zach when he is available to discuss future plans. The Sunday School teachers are discussing some possible fun things for the kids to do at home.

Missions: At this time there is nothing to report however when we are together again we will make a decision for May missions.

Mike Wade brought up the subject of the small business loan/grants being offered by the Federal Government. Bruce has a copy of the form from online. After input from all members participating it was decided to look into this possibility. Ruth can help with the information needed to complete the form. This money goes quickly so it was decided to be proactive and see what our options are. The money is paid as a grant if it is used for salaries and a one per cent loan if needed to pay ongoing expenses.

Pastor Phil told us that the Iowa Conference is recommending gatherings of no more than 50 when we are able to have corporate worship again. At this time he is recommending three services on Sunday and one on Wednesday. A letter is going out to the congregation this week with the times so they each can choose which service they would prefer to join and every effort will be made to accommodate those wishes keeping in mind the 50 person limit. He is hopeful this can begin some time in May. Pastor is also aware that some may not feel comfortable coming to corporate worship right away. Mark would like to have a clean up team after each service if possible.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 19 hopefully in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
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

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.



LIVE

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)

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!



The Forge and a Virus

Hello All,

The virus has put a huge damper on our “normal” ways of life. We cannot get together to worship our Creator and our Redeemer. Schools are now cancelled for the remainder of the year and summer events are being cancelled every single day. This has not stopped our mission at the Forge Youth Group. We are having Bible study every Wednesday on our Facebook page. In the past 5 weeks we have had a total of 53 individual phones signed in and potentially more eyes than that learning about our Lord and Savior. In this challenging time we are doing everything that we can to spread the word of God to our youth. If you are looking for a mid week study to follow along with friend me on Facebook and I can get you added to the group. We want to be able to provide any avenue we can for anyone to be able to come closer to God in this time. Our prayer during this time is to be able to center ourselves more on Jesus in a time when our busy schedules have come to a halt.

Grace and Peace,

Zach Rogers

“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will not be faint.”

-Isaiah 40:28-31

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

-Romans 15:13

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

-2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Sunday Worship

Each week worship will be recorded by our local pastors, Pastor Phil Rogers from MUMC, Pastor Mary Green from Strawberry Point UMC, Roger White from Colesburg 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.

Sunday School

Sunday School is alive and well! Lessons will occur on Facebook and bags with materials have been created for the kids in our church family. Thank you to all of our teachers! God Bless.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**
to you!

**Happy
Anniversary**

Elizabeth Becker.....5/01
Al Remling 5/01
Jenny Garvin5/02
Faith Litterer.....5/03
Heather Andregg5/04
Joanne Wade5/04
Doug Boone5/07
Mackenzie Kluesner5/07
Kielyn Tutton5/07
James DeKeyser5/12
Ronnebaum5/12
Jacob Blumer5/16
Caria Philgreen5/18
Ila Marquardt5/19
Cynthia Lyness5/21
Calee Philgreen5/21
Carrie Rausch5/21
Charles Dighton5/22
Diane Troutman5/23
Megan Downs5/27

Jeff & Dianne Larsen5/02
Jason & Sarah Kluesner.....5/09
Ken & Lisa Pasker.....5/09
Gary & Marilyn Feldmann5/15
William & Mary Nading.....5/15
Steven & Heather Huegel.....5/17
Mark & Terri Philgreen5/18
Bill & Amy Blumer.....5/22
Kat & Zach Rogers.....5/24
Duane & Michelle Philgreen.....5/25
Jerry & Barbara Ridenour.....5/25
Michael & Linda Ryan5/28

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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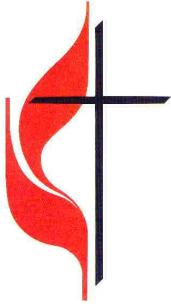
FLOWER SIGN UP

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.



MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 9:00AM Website	Second Helpings 4:00-5:30	May 20th CHIMES DEADLINE	Worship on Wednesdays Facebook: Man- chester United Methodist Church	MAY 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
www.umcmanchester.com**



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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: Barry Eike

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Thank you!