

## Manchester United Methodist Church The Chimes

# **July 2020**

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E-mail: mumc@umcmanchester.com

Worship Sundays @ 8:30am or 10:00am

413 East Butler St.

Listen to service on KMCH Sunday Night at 6pm

Visit www.umcmanchester.com to watch service online

No Second Helpings For Now

VBS is Virtual

### A note from Pastor Phil...

## "When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them." -Proverbs 16:7

We have been dealing with a pandemic since March, the racial unrest, protests, riots, and violence since the end of May, and it is now July and it seems as if we have not moved beyond the initial human response and still live in anger, fear and trembling.

We hear passionate voices about it being "their" fault or perhaps "others", each voice passionately blaming others while they seek to be identified as the greater victim. How has all this resulted in any gain for any voice?

We all witnessed the death of George Floyd, and all that I know responded with disgust and outrage. We pray for Mr. Floyd, his family, and that there will be justice for this tragedy. Do I feel more so because of a march, not personally, though I support those who feel the need to live out their outrage in this fashion. But when it comes to property destruction, or violence, or a call for violence against our police? No you have left me behind in your out of control rage.

But pastor, didn't Jesus have a violent response in the temple with the money changers? Yes, but it is not the same... Jesus asserted His Authority in the temple, He was not seeking to usurp another. And no buildings or people were injured in the making of this scripture...But pastor what about the Boston Tea party? Again, not the same. All the tea was thrown into the harbor, I am pretty sure nobody took a grocery cart full of big screen TV's home.

Over and over I hear voices trying to justify behavior that just does not glorify God. These behaviors just seem to create a larger divide in our relationships... What if we choose a different way? What if we tried the simple solution from Proverbs 16:7? What if we lived into the image of Jesus, and trusted the power of the Holy Spirit to lead us into a relationship that edifies our Triune God?

Galatians 5:22-23 teaches us what that would look like.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. <u>Against such things there is no law.</u>

Pay close attention to verse 23b which is underlined. Against such things there is no law... This is the way to peace.

Starting this Sunday July 5th, 2020, we will begin a short three part series on some of the scriptural examples of God's acceptance of people whom the people of the day would reject. There are many to choose from, we just wanted to focus on a few.

I invite you to come to service, or to watch the video, or listen to the radio to share in this important message so relevant for today. Let us rest together to hear God's Word, so that we can go forth to share this truth with a nation and a world that desperately needs to hear it.

#### MUMC Single Board June 16, 2020 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Participants: Pastor Phil, Kathy Dolan, Mark Reth, Bill Scanlan, Mike Wade, Jean Gross, Bruce Nodurft.

Chairman Mark Reth called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. He opened with a scripture reading from Rev. 1:7, "Look he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So it shall be! Amen." Prayers were lifted up for those especially in need at this time by Pastor Phil.

**Finance:** Bruce reported that as of the first five months of this year our income has exceeded budgeted expenses by over \$8500. We have been blessed by the tithes and offerings coming in during this difficult period. Brick-by-brick campaign has continued to grow with cash on hand over \$91,000. The PPP loan/grant we received recently has revised their rules for that money and has lengthened the amount of time to disperse it and lowered the criteria to 60% going toward wages from 75%.

**Trustees:** A recommendation from Trustees that the chicken and corn feed scheduled for this summer be postponed until next summer. Recommendation approved unanimously. The sweet corn that was planted will be sold and some donated with proceeds going towards the expense of planting. Mike Wade and Dennis have repaired the ice maker.

**Christian Ed:** Vacation Bible School will be virtual this year. Hannah Clemen is preparing materials for families to use with their children at home. Confirmation has finished and they will be confirmed on August 16. We will be celebrating our seniors June 21.

**Staff Parish:** Mike plans to have a zoom meeting for SPPRC to finalized input for the *Another Set of Eyes* report that is due this summer. This is the last year that this evaluation document will be used.

Pastor Phil reported that there have been about 100 people attending services. He is making changes to worship as follows: The Wednesday night service will be discontinued for the summer. Sunday will have two services starting with the last Sunday in June. The service times will be 8:30 and 10:00. Masks will still be required but that is subject to change. The 8:30 service will be recorded and will have the children's message. There will be no in house church meetings until masks are no longer required.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. Next regular meeting will be July 21 at 6:00 p.m. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross

Single Board Secretary

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

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

Liturgist for July Sunday: Meghan & Nick Mensen@ 8:30am John Rasmussen @ 10:00am

> Children's Message: Sunday: Zach Rogers @ 8:30am

Greeters: Jim & Judy Hopkins @ 8:30am Janine Stellick @ 10:00am Dennis & Julie Porter @ 10:00am

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: <u>Jeff Larsen @</u> 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 worshiping 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.

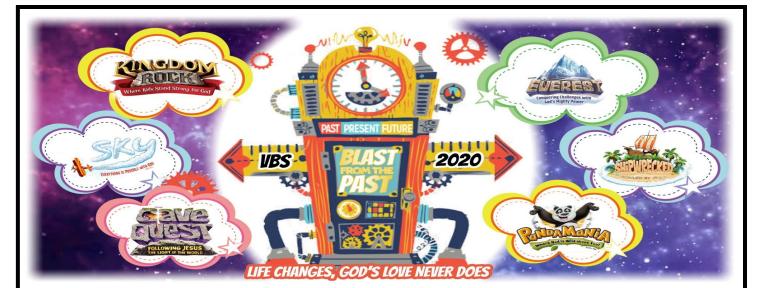
-All Bibles, Hymnals, Visitor cards, pens and offering envelopes have been removed from the pews in order to make sanitation between services easier. If you need envelopes for offering please get some in the office some time during the week or use your own and have them ready before service. Offering 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



#### This Summer's VBS

After a lot of thought over the past month or so, I have made the decision to cancel Rocky Railway VBS at MUMC this summer. Due to the short amount of time between restrictions changing and our scheduled date for VBS, I don't believe that it would be possible to hold Rocky Railway in the way it was intended. That being said, we will continue planning Rocky Railway and it will be postponed to Summer 2021. This was a difficult decision to make but God has bigger plans for us this summer.

I'm excited to announce that we will be having an online VBS this year! Blast from the Past is a VBS compiled of some of our volunteer's favorite past themes. As we continue to plan, we remember...Life changes; God's love never does.

Each day between August 2nd and 7th, parents will receive a link to the daily video prepared by our amazing volunteers. Parents can register their child at <u>https://</u>

forms.gle/868zg48hvvPCDVZU8 Registrations are due by July 24th and are limited to the first 50 kids.

Many volunteers are still needed to make this VBS run as smoothly as possible. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Hannah at 563-929-1395 or at <u>hannahclemen21@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you all for your continued support of Vacation Bible School throughout these uncertain times. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we cope with changes in the world around us to continue to teach the word of God.

Hannah Clemen

### Second Helpings Cancelled For the Time Being

#### **Dear Second Helpings Patrons:**

Due to the spike in COVID-19 in Delaware County our Second Helpings Mission will temporarily be closed down. This will help keep our volunteers and patrons safe during this time.

If anyone is in need of help they may contact Pay it Forward pantry for help.

PLEASE LISTEN TO KMCH FOR UPDATES AND OPENING TIMES.

God Bless and Stay Safe *Second Helpings Staff* 

### The Clothing Closet is Still Closed Until Further Notice

#### Chicken & Corn Feed

Cancelled for this summer

The chicken and corn feed scheduled for this summer be postponed until next summer. The sweet corn that was planted will be sold and some donated with proceeds going towards the expense of planting.

-Single Board



DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU. -LUKE 6:31



IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US? -ROMANS 8:31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 9:00AM Website	Second Helpings Temporarily Closed	July 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW Facebook: Manchester United Methodist Church	<b>July</b> <b>Mission:</b> Pray for One another		
			<b>1</b> Phil's Facebook Vlog 12:00pm FBYouth 6:00pm	2	3	4 8:00PM Community Meeting
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship @ 8:30 & 10:00	Second Helpings Temporarily Closed	Single Board Meeting	CHIMES DEADLINE			8:00PM Community Meeting
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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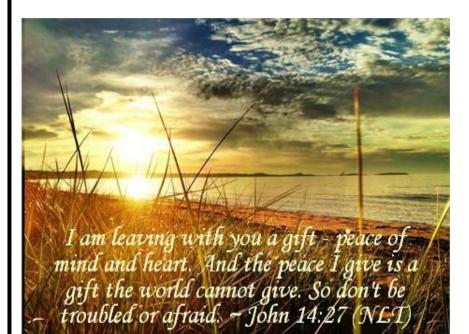
Return Service Requested

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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 8:30am & 10:00am or visit our website www.umcmanchester.com Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday Nights



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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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Prepared, printed and prepped-to-mail at MUMC. Please forward any new addresses to the church at 413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439 Thank you!