



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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A note from Pastor Phil...

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” - Acts 1:6

All praise to God for all of you known as the family of Christ named Manchester United Methodist Church! All I can think to say to y'all today is that I miss you! Remember the good ol' days when we would get together once or twice a week to share our faith and life journeys together? We would celebrate our joy together with an ice cream social or something? Now even when we are together, we still wear masks, and stand apart... Almost like we were all biblical lepers. I keep hearing people say, “this is the new normal.” I pray not... I'm afraid that the next time I see Wesley Kunde he will be taller than me. Or the next time I see Kaci Reth she will drive herself to church. Maybe Ivan LeClere will beat me at arm wrestling? I miss my family, I miss my friends, I miss my life!

I find myself in the same mindset of the Disciples in Acts above. Jesus had already laid down His life for the sake of grace and rose again to confirm our hope in eternity. Though His Kingdom work was already in place, the debt had been paid for all humanity for all time, the Disciples wanted something more... Lord God, is today the day you will restore our lives back to normal?

Today I spoke with Bill Scanlan who shared with me all the stuff happening in the lives of this church member or that. I am reminded of all the calls and cards that I have heard of, sent and received, to and from our church family filled with encouragement and care for one another. When I returned to my office from a meeting, I found an encouraging card and a cookie at my door. Then there was another call for the prayer chain to remind me we are all still connected in a holy covenant, a loving community together. Even now in the turmoil of pandemic, I see God's love shared from one to another in this church body. So I praise God for all of you... I do not accept this is our new normal, but I do understand that this is the season we are in. But my heart is full of the good news of the gospel that I see shared in different and new ways together as we continue to be the Body of Christ, even now.

All praise to God for all of you known as the family of Christ named Manchester United Methodist Church! Amen



MUMC Single Board

July 21, 2020

6:15 p.m.

via Zoom

Participants: Pastor Phil, Mark Reth, Jean Gross, Pam Vap, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Bill Scanlan, Mike Wade, Janine Stellick.

Chairman Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.. He opened with scripture from I John 4:18. "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love." Mark shared this scripture has to do what is going on in our world. God does not want us to live an unproductive life surrounded by fear.

Pastor Phil share a few words on the turmoil in our country and the frustration being shared by many. It is time to trust in God. Prayers and praises were lifted up for those in our midst needing God's special attention at this time.

Finance: Bruce shared that our YTD end of June income is \$119,852 and our YTD end of June expenses are \$96,166 without payment towards apportionments since January. We will still have a surplus if/when those apportionments are paid. The Iowa Conference has dropped the 20% surcharge on apportionments for next year so our apportionment share will be decreased for next year. SCRIP has presented a check for \$1500 to go towards our budget. The Brick by Brick campaign has a total of \$93,345 cash on hand.

Trustees: Mike Wade has been working on our ice machine which continues to not be working properly. It has been disconnected for now since it is not being used and he is checking into further maintenance that needs to be completed before we use it again. The sweet corn planted for our chicken and corn feed should be ready soon. People are interested in buying some and someone will check to see when that will be ready.

Congregational Care: A member of our faith community is having major health issues and needs some support during this difficult time. The board gave a unanimous vote of affirmation to proceed with fact-finding on behalf of this individual so that future decisions can be made as to how to proceed and be supportive.

Staff Parish: Mike shared Dennis will be on vacation from August 2-8 and some cleaning help will probably be needed especially if church services continue on August 2nd. There are funds available for \$10/hr. to be paid for this extra help.

Pastor Phil told the board that the Safety Team will meet soon to re-evaluate when in-house services can begin again. The target date is August 2nd but that is subject to change. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Pastor closed in prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

**June Finance report (as of June 30,
2020):**

Year-to-date budget:	\$125,112
Year-to-date income:	\$119,852
Year-to-date expenses:	\$110,431

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Liturgist for August

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:

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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August 16th Return to Church

After meeting with the safety team we feel that it is a good time to return to Live worship. We understand if you still feel it too soon to return. We will also continue to closely monitor any rise in COVID cases. If there is a rise in our area the safety team will make a quick decision as to whether or not we close again and everyone will be notified through Facebook, the church website and a letter as soon as possible.

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 <https://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 hannahclemen21@gmail.com.

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

Returning to Church on August 16th

A decision has been made by the safety team that we will close our doors for Live Worship until **August 16th**. Worship will continue to be recorded and can be seen on Facebook on Sunday, the church website umcmanchester.com and will broadcast over KMCH on Sunday nights at 6pm. We will return with the same restrictions as we had before we closed live service. Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:00 on Sundays. Masks are required and we ask that you not gather to talk in groups on campus.

If you have any questions, please contact the office: 563-927-4439.

God Bless
MUMC Staff



10th Anniversary OCC Drop-Off Location *Manchester United Methodist Church*

Have you heard? 2020 marks the 10th year Manchester United Methodist Church will serve as an Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Location. While Covid-19 has slowed down our efforts the past few months, we still have a God-sized goal to pack 1,010 shoebox gifts at our November packing party and collect a total of 2,020 boxes at this year's Drop-Off. Can you picture it? 2,020 children receiving a shoebox gift and hearing perhaps for the first time about a Savior who loves them beyond measure.

What can you do to help us reach this goal?

Volunteer to contact area churches or community groups as we recruit new donors.

Volunteer to help us fundraise for the \$9,090 needed to ship our shoeboxes. (We are still in need of \$7,705 to reach our goal.)

Volunteer to coordinate bulk purchasing of the hygiene items, school supplies, etc. needed for the packing party.

Volunteer to help count and organize packing party donations.

Start packing shoeboxes NOW rather than waiting until November.

Pray for these local efforts to pack shoeboxes as well as for the children who will receive these gifts.

Current Packing Party needs:

School supplies: pens, crayons, pencil sharpeners, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, and pencil pouch or slider case; (We have enough pencils.)

Hygiene items: bar soap, washcloths, soap containers, toothbrush containers, combs/brushes, and stick deodorant; (Remember no toothpaste is allowed.)

Clothing: underwear, shoes, and socks for boys and girls (all sizes)

Packing party donations may be dropped off in the church office during regular office hours.

Please contact Stephanie Stocks at 563-920-1570 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

From the Scrip Team



The scrip team would like to thank everyone who has continued to support us during the past four months! We know it's not nearly as easy to make those purchases as it is when we can sell gift cards before and after church services. Please know that we do appreciate your calling the church office and placing orders for us to fill! We will probably have to continue this method for a while, so don't hesitate to call Kat and tell her what you need. We will fill the order and you can come to the church office to pay and pick up your cards. You can also contact scrip team members directly to place orders if you prefer.

Typically at a July service we would present our semi-annual check to the church reflecting our profits of the previous six months. We were planning on doing that on July 19 but Covid kept us from church again starting July 12. Please know that we have given a check for \$1500 to the church but there won't be a presentation this time. This amount is less than we typically give, but that too reflects the situation we are all currently in. It is thanks to our faithful customers that we are able to continue contributing to the church's funds!

Your MUMC scrip team,

Kathy Evarts, Vicki Spellerberg, Chris Mundy, Alice Kluesner, Carol Dighton, Linda Gearhart, Terry Larson, and Erin Learn

“Mission Garden of Hope News”

Our church mission garden, which we have named *The Garden of Hope*, is up and growing by leaps and bounds! It was planned to grow the most produce in the least amount of space. The soil mixture along with the raised square beds give the plants needed nutrients, adequate moisture, and our chosen location in the corner of the parking lot has full sun all day. These components make for a bountiful produce garden.

Several things have changed with our lives and the life of our church with the onset of COVID-19. One change is that the *Second Helpings* meal has been postponed for the time being. Our garden supplied the meal (served around 100 people per week) with fresh produce.

Therefore, all of our congregation is welcome to carefully harvest fresh produce to bring home for yourself and your family. No chemicals are used on our garden...the only thing on *The Garden of Hope* is rain and prayer. Please pray when you pick!!!

-The Gardeners



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

Chicken & Corn Feed Update

Postponed for this summer

By now I'm sure that you have all heard that the Chicken and Corn Feed has been postponed to next year due to our uncertain times. However, we have lots of wonderful sweet corn for sale beginning on or near August 1st in the church parking lot. The cost will be \$5 per dozen or \$12 for three dozen. All proceeds will be designated to upgrading the kitchen at the church.

Clarence Slife & Charlie Dighton



MUMC Confirmation 2020 Class

We would like to present our four confirmation students who have participated in confirmation classes for the last two years. They have been faithful in attendance, active in class, and have been just plain fun to be around. We want to congratulate them and wish them well as they continue on their faith journey.

Nicholas John Mensen, son of Travis and Meghan Mensen, was born March 28, 2006 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His family includes Matthew, Erin, and Janelle. Grandparents who attend this church are Thomas and Paula Connors. Nicholas will attend West Delaware High School next year where he plans to continue participating in cross country, track, band, and Jazz band. He enjoys being outdoors and is an avid Boy Scout participant.

Church activities he has participated in include OCC fund raisers, packing party and the OCC trip to Chicago, which is one of the great memories he has associated with MUMC. He has participated in worship services as an acolyte, scripture reader, tech helper, and communion server. He has been faithful in attendance for Sunday school, Bible school, and Youth group. What he likes about MUMC are the people. He says they are nice and you can always have a good conversation with them. His favorite hymn is "Days of Elijah" and when asked what Bible verse he likes is Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." An important lesson he has learned comes from Pastor Phil: "Sins are like armpits. We all have them and they all stink."

It has been great working with Nicholas. He has a ready smile and is a great participant in our class discussions. Plus he is a pretty good ping pong player.

Madelynn Sue Zehr is the daughter of Chris and Angie Zehr. Her family also includes her brothers Jeremy, Alex and Caleb. Her grandmother, Norma VanDeVegte also attends MUMC. Madelynn was born on Sept. 30, 2005, and was baptized as a baby at MUMC. At West Delaware she has been involved in cheer, soccer, and cross country. Outside school activities include swim team snowboarding, dance with the Rec Center Dancers, and Girl Scouts. Her favorite class is art.

Church activities that she has participated in include Bible school, Sunday school, Second Helpings, OCC, and serving communion. A memory she has from church is dancing with Caleb and Alyssa at VBS and seeing all the smiles of the kids having so much fun. The things that she likes about MUMC is everyone is so nice, and it is fun to hear older members tell stories about their lives. When asked about a Bible verse she likes she said John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Her advice to others is "Be yourself, don't let others shape the way you are."

When you get to know Madelynn, you will find a helpful, kind girl who is lots of fun to be around. We enjoyed getting to have her in our confirmation class and wish her all the best as she continues on her faith journey.

Maya Catherine Huegel is the daughter of Steve and Heather Huegel. Her grandparents, Tom and Connie Allyn also attend MUMC. Many will remember the prayers sent up on Maya's behalf when she was born several weeks early on February 10, 2006 and spent time in the NICU. After an early start, great NICU care, and many answered prayers, she got to come home and was Maya was baptized as an infant here at MUMC. Maya attends East Buchanan and will be a freshman in the fall. Her school activities include volleyball, choir, and track. Her favorite subject is English and she is an avid reader.

Maya's church activities include attending and then helping with VBS, ushering for Lenten services, and just joining into help when help is called for. When asked what she likes about MUMC, she says she gets an opportunity to hang out with friends and be around the members. She appreciates that we are very open to others' beliefs, and that we serve the community well.

A verse from the Bible that Maya likes is Proverbs 16:24 "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body." A song she likes is "Days of Elijah"

Maya states that an important lesson about life that she has learned is to believe in yourself and trust your beliefs. They will help you grow. Advice that she would give to others is "Be yourself and surround yourself with people who will help you grow in faith."

If you spend time with Maya, you find her a deep thinker with mature values. She always give you something to think about when she is involved in a discussion.

Jayden Nicholas Gaul is the son of Lori and Leslie Zellner and Brian Gaul. Jayden was born on July 14, 2005 at Finley Hospital in Dubuque. He was baptized in Dyersville in September of 2005. You may know his grandparents who attend this church, Mike and Lorene Zellner. He has two sisters: Yvonne Reed and Naomi Zellner.

This fall, Jayden will be a freshman at West Delaware High School. His interests are magic and The Gathering Club. Church activities he has participated in are OCC and Trunk or Treating. One fun memory he has is trying to trick Pastor Phil with salted lemonade which the confirmation class had been using in a lesson about sin. What Jayden likes about MUMC that everyone is welcome. A Bible verse that has meaning for him comes from 1John: "God is Love" His advice to others is, "Always tell the truth, even if it is bad."

We have enjoyed having Jayden in confirmation. He is always ready to look up information on his phone and always has something to add to our discussions. When you get to know him, you will find out that he is "A gamer" Ask him about it when you see him.

We hope this helps you to get to know our newest church members and that you will take the opportunity to get to know them. They already feel welcome at MUMC and would enjoy getting to know more of our members.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sam Lyness 08/01
 Ron Stellick 08/02
 Debbie Rogers..... 08/05
 Adam Reth..... 08/06
 Audrey Belden..... 08/07
 Tom Fetter 08/09
 Sydney Puffet..... 08/09
 Holly Evarts 08/10
 Virginia White..... 08/10
 Lisa Edaburn..... 08/13
 Dennis Porter..... 08/14
 Jeremy Zehr 08/14
 Daniel Clouse 08/15
 Sandra Kent 08/15
 Jeff Larsen 08/15
 Donna Scanlan 08/16
 Verle Hankins 08/19
 Pearl Seibert..... 08/20
 Mary Jo Larsen 08/22
 Kale Rempe 08/26
 Ken Edaburn..... 08/28
 Jill Roberg..... 08/28
 Tom Allyn 08/29
 Eric Anderson..... 08/30
 Darla Gaskill 08/31



Bruce & Marianne Nodurft 08/01
 Mark & Lori Clemen 08/03
 Nathan & Erin Learn..... 08/04
 Doug & Jan Boone 08/05
 David & Darla Gaskill 08/06
 Dean & Jackie Sherman..... 08/06
 Ronnie & Nancy Bachman..... 08/08
 Harold & Karon Rosauer..... 08/14
 Larry & Sherry Goranson..... 08/18
 Roger & Connie Erickson..... 08/25
 David & Patrice Sage 08/29

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

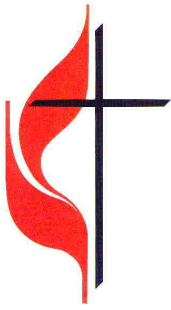
Please sign up in the hallway to donate flowers for the altar. Please let Kat in the office know if there is a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.



AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am Website	Second Helpings Temporarily Closed	August 19th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW Facebook: Manchester United Methodist Church	August Mission: Pray for One another		
						1 8:00PM Community Meeting
2 Online and Radio Only	3 Second Helpings Temporarily Closed	4	5 Phil's Facebook Vlog 12:00pm FBYouth 6:00pm	6	7	8 8:00PM Community Meeting
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Return Service Requested



TO _____

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00am-5:00pm

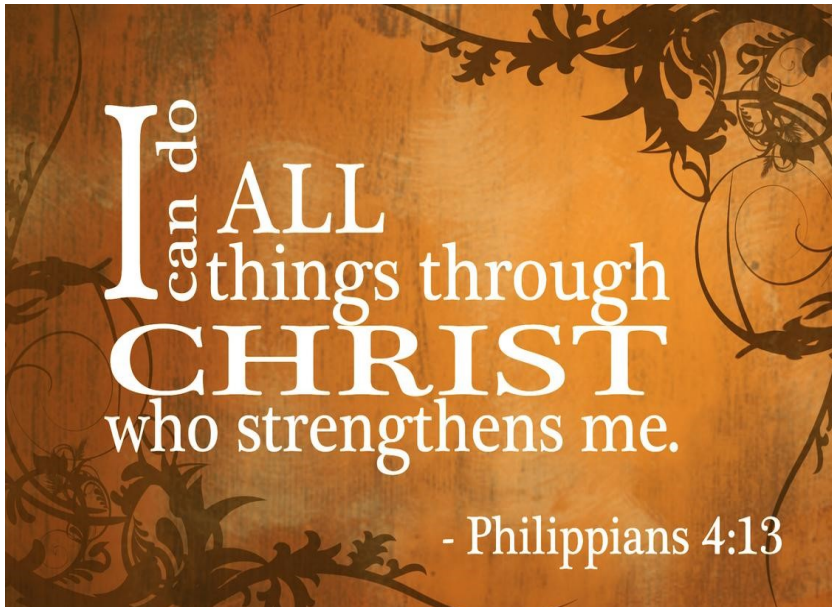
Tuesday & Thursday

9:00am-3:00pm

Friday

Church is Closed

**We invite you to join us for
worship on Sunday mornings at 8:30am &
10:00am or visit our website
www.umcmanchester.com
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on**



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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:
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Dennis Porter
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Bell Choir Director:
Mission Coordinator: Barry Eike

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