



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

September 2020

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A word from OCC

SHERMAN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Congratulations Confirmands

Live Worship Rules

OUR VBS KIDS

The Clothing Closet

Scrip

A note from Pastor Phil...

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)

This is what the church is supposed to look like. This is who we are! Or at least this is who we used to be. I think this is who we want to be... Last Sunday in our third week after returning to live worship we had a total of 70-ish worshippers. Our lowest number since our return. By no means is this a judgment, just an observation. Our lowest number coincides with an increase in our community of positive COVID tests. We also have many who are just done with this pandemic and want to come back to normal with normal music and an absence of a mask ... To return to being the church described in Acts 2. But our Safety Team is not ready for that just yet. So here we are, how do we continue to be devoted to biblical teaching and maturity? We have worship on line and now available live... But it is not the same with social distancing and masks. We have fellowship by phone, but this does not seem enough.

I would like to invite the church to write and come in and film short devotionals, how are you experiencing God's presence in these unique times? Then call Kat in the office and we will arrange to film these and put them on our Facebook page.

I would like to invite the church to continue with bible study in small groups. We are able to meet in person at church in Wesley Hall, perhaps we can arrange to meet together in small groups to focus on fellowship and faith maturity.

There is no doubt that we will need to be more dedicated and deliberate than ever to continue to be the church in these difficult times. But as I have said before, this is just a season of our lives, we will get through it. I just think we need to be deliberate about getting through it together. The world is watching and counting on us to glorify the Kingdom, even in these unsettled times.



MUMC Single Board
August 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Wesley Hall

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

Chairman Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Social distancing and masks were observed. He opened the meeting with a response reading from Psalm 119: 105-112. This scripture is a reminder to us that God's word is there to guide and direct our way and to shed light on our path. Our hearts need to be set on keeping God's decrees. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and prayer for guidance.

Finance: Bruce reported that we have a balance in our budget of \$4677.00 after seven months of contributions and all bills paid, including apportionments in escrow and the PPP loan which has not yet been forgiven. The application for the PPP loan forgiveness has not yet been applied for. The Brick by Brick campaign increased by \$2300 in July bringing a cash in hand total of \$96,645.

Trustees: A voucher for the input costs of the sweet corn will be sent to Travis Hough. Hopefully we will be able to have the Chicken and Corn Feed next year. The kitchen still needs to be brought up to code for insurance purposes. The exhaust system needs to be upgraded.

Worship: The board gave affirmation for a gratuity to be given to Michael and Nicholas Stocks for all of their extra help with technology for the past several months. They will be given a gift card to Chuong Garden.

Missions: Our chain saw team has been helping in the Cedar Rapids area with clean up after the devastating storm last week.

Reaching & Receiving: Janine said it has been hard to find greeters for both services due to several not attending at this time. A sign will be placed outside the back door reminding people to use only the front door for entry.

Congregational Care: Phone calls are continuing and it is good to be able to keep in touch with those we haven't been able to see. Many people appreciate a call.

Staff Parish: We will be needing to look for people to man the office when Kat is on maternity leave. She will work from home as much as possible.

Action Item: Motion by Charlie Dighton, seconded by Ruth Voshell for up to \$500 from mission be spent on safety items and small equipment for the chainsaw trailer. Delhi church has worked to make storage areas in the trailer. Motion carried.

Pastor Phil gave a shout out to the chancel ladies who have been working very hard to enhance our chancel area to make it attractive and meaning ful for our taped and live services. Much time and effort is put forth each week to prepare for worship. Pastor also mention that 2021 apportionments will be substantially less than this year due to drastic budget cuts at the conference level. We need to be thinking about budget needs for 2021 soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.
Our Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020 in Wesley Hall at 6:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report ending July 31, 2020:

YTD budget amount:	\$145,964
YTD income:	\$140,618
YTD expenses:	\$135,941

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Liturgist for September

Sunday:

Stephanie Stocks @ 8:30am

Dave Gaskill @ 10:00am

Scripture Reader

Carol Dighton @ 8:30am

Dave Gaskill @10:00am

Children's Message:

Sunday:

Zach Rogers @ 8:30am

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





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

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." ~ Ephesians 3:20-21

2020 marks the 10th year Manchester United Methodist Church will serve as an Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Location and back in January, we set God-sized goals to pack 1,010 shoeboxes at our packing party and collect another 1,010 shoeboxes at our Drop-Off Location for a total of 2,020 boxes collected in 2020. Since January, Covid-19 has changed our world, and I started to doubt we could reach these goals. However, Ephesians 3:20-21 reminds me that while our world has changed, God has not. God still has the power to use each of us to do immeasurably more than we could even ask or imagine. My question to each of you is, how is God calling YOU to support Operation Christmas Child in 2020?

What can you do to help us reach this goal?

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

Donate or volunteer to help us fundraise for the \$9,090 needed to ship our shoeboxes. (We are still in need of \$7,205 to reach our goal.)

Volunteer to help count and organize packing party donations.

Start packing your 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.

We will not have a one-day packing party this year. Instead we will pack boxes as donations come in. Packing party donations may be dropped off in the church office during regular office hours.

Current Packing Party needs:

School supplies: 730 boxes crayons/colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, and scissors

Hygiene items: 760 bars soap & washcloths; combs/brushes

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

WOW items: toys, stuffed animals, soccer balls & pumps, tools, etc.

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

Sherman's Pumpkin Farm

Due to the unpredictable season of COVID-19 that we are in we will not be having a family fun day at Sherman's Pumpkin Farm this year. However we still encourage everyone to visit the farm and support those who belong to our church family. More details available on the next page.



2020 Sherman's Pumpkin Farm and Corn Maze

Dean and Jackie Sherman
413 S. Wayne Street, Manchester, IA 52057
563-920-2732 or 563-920-2742



Pumpkin Farm

- Opening : August 29th thru October 31st
- Hours: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Free Admission to the Pumpkin Farm

- Pumpkins
- Squash
- Gourds
- Indian Corn
- Mini Pumpkins
- Painted Pumpkins
- Ornamental Pumpkins
- Corn Stalks



Corn Maze Theme: Pinocchio

Open: Weekends or by appointment.
August 29th thru October 31st
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per person

- Please have one member of your group check in at the check-in counter
- (12 yrs or younger must be accompanied by an adult.)
- 4 yrs. & younger free
- Appropriate footwear is recommended.
- **No Smoking.**

Please check our Facebook page for notification if Corn Maze is not available due to weather conditions.

Due to COVID 19—there will be the following changes:

- Iowa's COVID 19 Guidelines will be followed: Masks are optional, please be courteous and maintain proper social distancing.
- Customers will receive an Information Card upon arriving:
 - + Please fill out your card after making selections
 - + Please have 1 family member come to check out counter with your card
 - + Payment may be made by Credit Card, Check or Cash
 - + Your pumpkin selections may be taken automatically to your car.
- Hayrides will not be given.
- The Pumpkin Farm meeting room will not be available for special events.
- Large group tours will not be given this year.
- Additional Hand-washing Stations and Sanitizer will be available.
- No pets allowed due to environmental and safety concerns.

Trunk Trick or Treat Event in October has been Cancelled.



@ShermansPumpkinFarm

We are excited to have KMCH Mix 94.7 as a sponsor.

GPS drawing and layout provided by
Burrington Group.



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Live Worship Service

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

Congratulations to Our Confirmation class!

Jayden Nicholas Gaul , Maya Catherine Huegel, Nicholas John Mensen and Madelynn Sue Zehr.



Attention Volunteers...

Chainsaw teams are still needed in Cedar Rapids and surrounding counties. If you are interested in volunteering to chainsaw or move brush to keep those chainsawing safe please contact the church at 563-927-4439 or kat@umcmanchester.com Conference chainsaw training will be done on site. Please reach out if you can help. Our neighbors in surrounding counties are in great need of your help and support. God Bless.

The Clothing Closet

Will now be open on Monday mornings from 8:00-12:00. Masks are required. Please do not bring children or donations at this time. Thank you!

From the Scrip Team



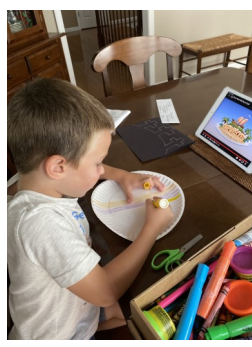
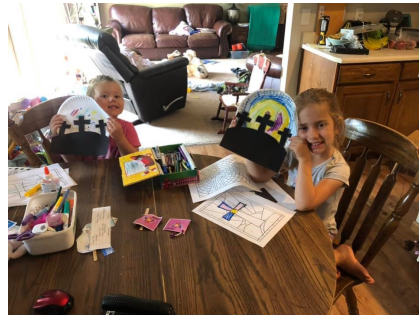
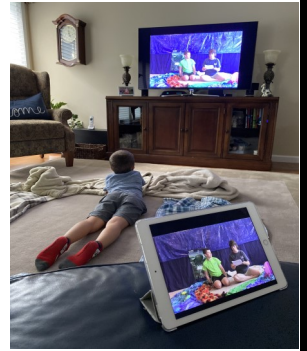
The scrip team would like to thank everyone who has continued to support us during the past four months! We know it's not nearly as easy to make those purchases as it is when we can sell gift cards before and after church services. Please know that we do appreciate your calling the church office and 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

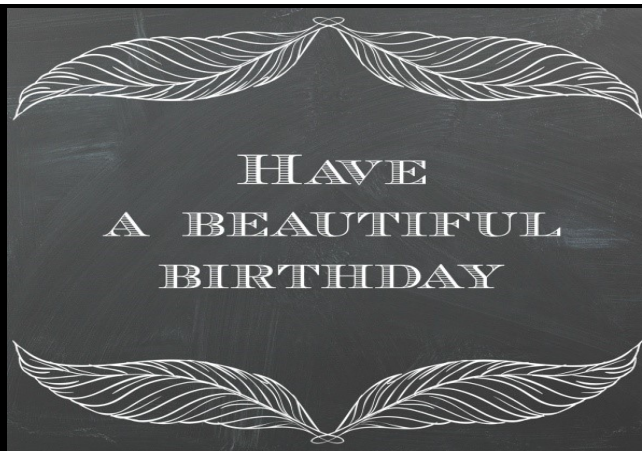
THE WEEK OF VBS

We had an amazing experience at our Blast from the Past VBS. 24 kids from all over the Midwest (yes, the Midwest!) Throughout the six days of VBS we traveled back to some of our favorite VBS themes from the past including Pandamania, Kingdom Rock, Sky and many more. Each day the kids got a deeper look into the Bible at each of our totally true Bible stories. A huge thank you to everyone who helped put this together and to the parents who signed up their children and took pictures of them throughout the lessons!



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00-5:30	September 23rd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW Facebook: Manchester United Methodist Church	September Mission: Chainsaw Teams		
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Robert Becker.....09/03
 Blake Thurn.....09/03
 Greg Heims.....09/04
 Brandon Larsen.....09/04
 Kaylee Edaburn.....09/05
 Garneth Hook.....09/05
 Karla Stephen.....09/05
 Conner Andregg.....09/06
 William Nading.....09/08
 Janis Schultz.....09/13
 Spencer Kluesner.....09/15
 Bobbie Chester.....09/17
 Karon Rosauer.....09/18
 Roger Erickson.....09/19
 Lyle Saunders.....09/21
 Sam Milroy.....09/23
 Nolan Lyness.....09/24
 Ron Vogt.....09/25
 Angela Zehr.....09/25
 Glenda Betels.....09/26
 Mark Clemen.....09/30
 Tim Tutton.....09/30
 Madelynn Zehr.....09/30

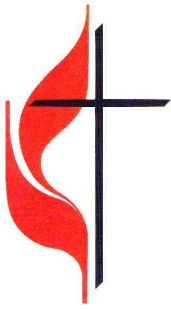
Travis & Lisa Hough.....09/01
 Marvin & Sandra Rossow.....09/01
 James & Nancy Hough.....09/02
 Don & Deb Blong.....09/04
 Randy & Kathy Waterman.....09/05
 Jeff & Cindy Lyness.....09/06
 Robert & Luanne Becker.....09/08
 Dennis & Patty Erickson.....09/08
 Paul & Jill Roberg.....09/10
 Elwyn & Linda Curtis.....09/11
 Randy & Nicole Brown.....09/14
 Jerry & Heather Andregg.....09/20
 Walter & Barbara Davis.....09/28

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
Jim Dekeyser		
Tim Tutton		
Jeane Taylor		

The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109	LG Print
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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**



Let the morning bring me
word of your unfailing
love, for I have put my
trust in you. Show me the
way I should go, for to you
I lift up my soul.
- Psalm 143:8 NIV

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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!