



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

November 2020

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YOUTH GROUP MEETING IN PERSON

A big thank you form Pastor Phil

Second Helpings Update

**Calling All OCC
Volunteers!**

Doors closed during the
week? Check Single Board
page for more info...

A note from Pastor Phil...

May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this. - 2 Samuel 2:6

We all know the story of King Saul and David. Saul was anointed king but did not do as the Lord required. So the youngest and smallest son of Jesse was chosen to be the new King. The problem was that Saul was not ready to give up the throne.

David always honored Saul because he was still God's anointed. David also became best friends with Saul's son Jonathan. So while David honored Saul, Saul burned with jealousy and several times tried to kill David. Then in a battle with the Philistines, Saul, His son Jonathan, and the Israelite army were defeated and killed. When David heard what had happened he rent his clothes and grieved deeply for the loss of Saul God's anointed, his friend Jonathan, and the loss of the men of Israel's army as well.

Sometime later King David found out that the men of Jabesh Gilead had risked their own lives to find and bury Saul and Jonathan upon the battlefield. David in his gratitude sent a note to them for their bravery and obedience. The sentiment David sent them is recorded in the scripture above in 2 Samuel 2:6.

David had no expectation that these men would do this, and wanted to be sure they knew how important it was to him, and that he was grateful.

I think I might feel a bit like David this month. Perhaps it was "Pastor Appreciation" month, or perhaps people saw that I was feeling a little downtrodden. They do not teach how to pastor through a pandemic in seminary, and this has been a very difficult time. Trying to maintain spiritual discipline, to reach out to the least, lost, and hopeless, in new ways that are beyond my comfort zone. To preach in worship on video to empty sanctuaries, and to return live but to have fewer than half our normal population spread across two services. Though your reason may inform you that you are doing all you can, your heart breaks because it always seems you're not doing enough.

And then I got a card and it was encouraging. Then another, and another, and 11 in one day! But yet the next day there was more, and then the day after that, and so on. Right now I have a desk drawer overloaded with wonderful cards of support and encouragement. I did not expect it, nor did I feel I earned it... But I cannot express how much I needed it and appreciate it!

Thank you to my most wonderful church family! You are loved and appreciated! And your timing was awesome! Thank you all for all you do! I am honored, blessed, and humbled to be your pastor.

Peace

MUMC Single Board

October 20, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Wesley Hall

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

Mark opened the meeting with a responsive reading from Psalm 29, A Song of Ascents. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce Nodurft presented the financial report through September. Actual Expenses were \$141,096 and Actual Income amounted to \$173,288 leaving a surplus of \$32,192 with unpaid apportionments of \$22,824 (Feb. through Sept.) and the unpaid PPP loan for COVID relief in the amount of \$6600. Leaving a surplus of \$2768 if those items are paid in full.

The recommendation from finance is to pay our apportionment allocation for Missions amounting to \$5056 and for the General Church in amount of \$8823 at this time and readdress this issue at the end of the year. Recommendation approved by Single Board. We are waiting to know the process involved in applying for forgiveness of part or all of the PPP loan.

Bruce shared the suggested 2021 budget with the board. After discussion Bruce moved we approve the 2021 budget as presented with the option to amend it in the future if needed by Single Board. Recommendation carried by the board. Budgeted amount for 2020 was \$250,224 and for 2021 is \$251,488.

Estimate of giving cards returned have so far amounted to \$134,000 and the Brick-By-Brick campaign has cash on hand of \$97,250.

Trustees: Charles Dighton let us know we are still waiting on a contractor for the work to be done in the kitchen to bring us up to code. Routine maintenance has been completed on the heating system with a valve needing replacement. He is looking for someone to do the monthly checks required on the defibrillator. Kathy Dolan said she would be glad to do that.

Staff Parish: Form I for charge conference needs to be completed and signed by the appropriate persons. We will do this after the meeting.

The board decided that due to some concerns about safety in the church all the doors will be locked more often. Those without church keys are asked to call the office if you want access and Kat is available. Someone will let you in.

Charge Conference will be November 1 at 2:00 with Pastor Roger White in charge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15. Next meeting will be November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

We closed in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

SEPTEMBER FINANCE REPORT:

Year-to-date income:	\$173,288
Year-to-date expenses:	\$170,520
Year-to-date budget :	\$187,668

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Liturgist for November

Sunday:

Hannah Clemen @ 8:30am

John Rasmussen @ 10:00am

Scripture Reader

Erin Mensen @ 8:30am

Dave Gaskill @10:00am

Children's Message:

Sunday:

Zach Rogers @ 8:30am Nov 1st, 22nd & 29th

Stephanie Stocks 8th & 15th

Ushers:

Lori Snyder, Tim Tacy, Roger Mueller & Randy Waterman

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





From the Scrip Team

The scrip team would like to thank everyone who has continued to support us during the past seven 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.

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 Clothing Closet

Open on Monday mornings from 8:00-12:00. Masks are required. The closet will accept only winter donations especially winter coats. Children are also asked not to attend at this time. Thank you.

Second Helpings

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month Second Helpings will have drive thru service at the church from 4:00-5:00pm. Frozen meals will be given to those in need. If you have any questions please contact the office. God Bless.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth has begun meeting in person. We meet on Wednesday nights in Wesley Hall from 6:30-7:30 grades 5th-Seniors. There will be no meal served at this time and masks are required. If you have any questions please contact the office. See you there!



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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



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

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

What can you do to help us reach our goal of 1,010 OCC shoeboxes from MUMC?

Pack a shoebox (or 2 or 10 J). Empty boxes are available at the Welcome Desk.

Build your box online from the comfort of your home. Visit: <https://sampur.se/378dTGM>

Donate \$\$ to cover shipping costs of our shoeboxes (\$9/box).

Volunteer at our Drop-Off Location (Nov. 16-23).

Pray for this ministry!

Current Packing Party needs:

WOW items: toys, stuffed animals, flashlights/batteries, soccer balls & pumps, tools, sewing kits, etc.

Reminders

If you choose to pack a shoebox, this issue of *The Chimes* includes a tip sheet with ideas of practical items to include in your box. Remember the truck leaves our Drop-Off Location at 10 a.m. on November 23rd so all shoe box gifts must be received before then to be included in this year's collection.

If you have any questions about this project or would like to volunteer to work in our Drop-Off Location in November, please contact the church office or Stephanie Stocks at 927-3351 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net.

For more information about Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Tips

Please use one of the red and green GO boxes or a regular size cardboard shoebox.

They are a standard size that packs easily into the shipping cartons at the relay center. While plastic boxes seem practical, many times they break and end up in the "shoebox hospital" at the processing center.

Boy or Girl

Determine the gender and age category: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years. Attach the appropriate label (from the OCC pamphlet) on the box lid. Once the box is full, put a rubber-band around the box.

Gifts

Please focus on the practical! This one box will be shared with all members of the child's home, neighbors, friends, etc. The one washcloth you include may be used by 10 people living with the child! The simple items you and I take for granted each day could make all the difference in this child's life! Below are some ideas to get you started.

Non-liquid Hygiene items (These items will be shared by everyone living with the child. That could be 10-20 people!)

- Toothbrush
- Mild bar soap (leave in packaging & put in a plastic baggie; Ivory is a great choice because it floats)
- Comb
- Washcloth
- Stick deodorant
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Adhesive bandages
- Nail clippers & file

School Supplies (The school supplies you send could mean the difference in whether or not the child gets to attend school.)

- Pens
- Pencils (sharpen beforehand if possible) & sharpener
- Crayons or markers
- Paper (Steno notebooks fit well in shoeboxes)
- Solar calculator
- Coloring or picture books
- Glue sticks

Clothing/Accessories

- Shirts (plain colors)
- Pants
- Shorts
- Shoes
- Socks
- Underwear
- Hats/mittens
- Hair bows

Drop Off Location

Bring your box(es) to:
Manchester United Methodist Church
413 E. Butler St.
Manchester, IA 52057

Monday, November 16: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 17: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18: 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 19: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 20: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 21: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 22: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Monday, November 23: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Other

- Flashlights & batteries (This could be lifesaving for children escaping war or domestic violence)
- Sunglasses
- Tools (no saws or pocketknives)
- Duct tape
- Sewing kit/fabric
- Cups, bowls, empty water bottle
- Fishing kit

Toys/WOW item (Focus on the practical but still include a few fun items)

- Balls (even a deflated soccer ball with a hand pump)
- Slinky
- Stuffed animal
- Small cars
- Yo-yos
- Jump ropes
- Harmonicas
- Puzzles
- Binoculars

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Used/damaged items
- War-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures, or any action figure holding a weapon)
- Candy, chocolate or any type of food (could melt or spoil)
- Toothpaste
- Liquids/lotions (containers can break ruining other items in the box)
- Medications/vitamins
- Breakable items (snow globes, glass containers, etc.)
- Aerosol cans

Include \$9 Donation

This covers the shipping cost to ensure your gift reaches the right child. You can give online (<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>) or use the donation envelope from the OCC pamphlet (please try not to use cash). Place your donation inside the box on top of the gifts.



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While 2020 has posed many challenges, I know God will not let those challenges stand in the way of getting Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children around the world who need to hear the message of hope through Jesus Christ. Did you know 1.9 billion children in the world are below the age of 15. This is 25% of the world's population...the exact population Operation Christmas Child ministers to through a shoebox gift!

What can you do to help us reach our goal of donating 1,010 shoeboxes from MUMC?

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Current Packing Party needs:

School supplies: 600 boxes
crayons/colored pencils,
pencil sharpeners, and
scissors

Hygiene items: 600 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.





*Happy
Birthday!*



Dylan Sellner11/01
 Ellen Nystel11/05
 Mike Reth11/05
 Lisa Hough.....11/07
 Carley Eike.....11/08
 Dwight Phillips.....11/08
 Erin Mensen.....11/11
 Rachael Edaburn.....11/14
 Wade Feldmann.....11/15
 Chloe Bahls.....11/17
 Michaela Chapman11/18
 Linda Curtis11/19
 Claire Rausch11/20
 Kristy Reth.....11/21
 Jason Kluesner.....11/22
 Bill Welcher.....11/22
 James Hough11/24
 Mary Nading.....11/24
 Deb Blong.....11/25
 Bradley Rausch11/25
 Kaitlyn Reth11/25
 Zevon Sage.....11/27

Dean & Sue Boone.....11/05
 Clifford & Helen Cole.....11/13
 Bradley & Carrie Rausch11/13
 Roy & Sandy Ferguson.....11/18
 Mike & Regina Reth.....11/28



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
Garneth Hook	MP-206	LG Print
Jim Dekeyser		
Jeane Taylor		

The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

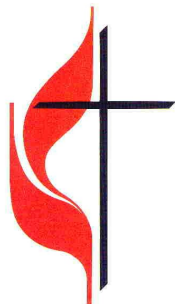
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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00- 5:00	November 25th CHIMES DEADLINE	Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall Grades 5-12	November Mission: Chainsaw Teams		
1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2 Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00- 5:00	3	4 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall	5	6	7 8:00PM Community Meeting
8 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	9	10	11 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall	12	13	14 8:00PM Community Meeting
15 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	16 Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00- 5:00	17 Single Board Meeting	18 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall	19	20	21 8:00PM Community Meeting
22 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	23	24	25 CHIMES DEADLINE	26 	27	28 8:00PM Community Meeting
29 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	30					



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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
Sunday Nights**



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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:
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Choir Director & Organist:
Bell Choir Director:
Mission Coordinator: Barry Eike

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