



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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May 2021

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**Mark Your Calendars
First Family Fun Day
June 6th...**

From The Upper Room Team

Greeters Needed

Sewing Group Meets Again!

Clothing Closet closed on May 17th



A note from Pastor Phil...

It has been 14 months since our reality changed with the beginning of the pandemic. Then there was civil unrest. Then an election that was particularly acerbic. Then vaccinations that seemed for some to be rushed caused some to fear. Then a presidential inauguration that seemed to add to our national anxiety. These are only some of our dis-ease. Closer to home we have our own problems as well.

This week has been difficult. On Monday I sent our office manager Kat home at noon because she was not feeling well. I also noticed that my twelve-year-old Labrador, Elijah, was not acting like himself and might not be feeling well. I have to get everything wrapped up this week because I am going to be out for a while for foot surgery on Friday.

Kat calls Monday night, she and my son Zach both tested positive for COVID...

Elijah has to be rushed to the vet on Tuesday, Dr. Miller promises to do all he can, but my old hunting partner is in serious distress.

And it dawns on me that with Kat and I both out, there will not be anyone in the office next week!

Did I mention that I was somewhat apprehensive about this surgery?

And my kids?

And my dog?

And the church?

And what seems to be a caustic environment in our culture?

I pray to the Lord, "Loving God, may your breath of peace blow through my life, and through it all may I remember that Our Savior remains on the throne!"

Then I find I am led to this scripture;

*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?*

Psalms 56:3-4

By my count the bible talks about "fear" over 500 times. And we are specifically instructed to "fear not" 103 times. That seems like a lot. Surely it would seem like enough, yet still here I am anxious, nervous, fearful. Lord, am I less than you call me to be? If my faith was stronger, would I achieve fearless?

I do not believe so, for did not even Jesus pray for this cup to pass from him?

Perhaps rather than a God's command to fear not! We should look at it as God's spoken Word, through the power of the Spirit, to be words of comfort.

I think all of us know times of anxiety and fear. We are not alone; it is part of the human condition. But let us put our fear in context, whatever of this world it is, it is not eternal. However powerful, it shall not affect our salvation. So now let us rest in God's promise.

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

-Isaiah 41:10

MUMC Single Board

April 20, 2021

6:30p.m.

Via Zoom

Present: Mark Reth, Kathy Dolan, Jean Gross, Pastor Phil, Janine Stellick, Bruce Nodurft, Ruth Voshell, Wayne Birkenholz, Bill Scanlan, Mike Wade.

Vice Chair Kathy Dolan opened the meeting with scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:12. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts from one body, so it is with Christ." We need to recognize our need for God and for each other. The Holy Spirit empowers the community of believers with the spiritual gifts and abilities necessary to do the work of growing his kingdom. Individual believers cannot do this by themselves. By living and working in unity we can recognize and support the gifts and talents of all others in the community of Christ. WE all have our place and God values each one of us as his children.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Lay Ministry: Bill mentioned there would be a garden meeting on Saturday at 10:00 for those interested in helping with that outreach this year.

Reaching and Receiving: Janine is encouraging volunteers to sign up to be greeters especially as the weather warms and greeting can be done outside.

Missions: Wayne said the Mission team had just met and has 7 or 8 people interested in helping with the mission projects this year. They are looking at prioritizing mission opportunities.

Worship: Ruth informed us that the first service is now being broadcast live on YouTube. The new soundboard has been ordered and Beth Mueller and Mike Stocks will be setting that up when it comes.

Finance: Bruce reported that the income for March amounted to \$21,930 with \$15,528 expenses w/o apportionments leaving us a surplus for the month even if we were to pay our monthly apportionment amount. The Brick by Brick campaign gained \$2425 in March making our bank balance for the campaign at \$109,630. Finance now has three CDs at the bank totaling \$50,000. These funds are from accounts that have been idle for a period of time. Finance recommended that some of the excess funds in our checking account be invested in the endowment fund for a couple of years. Recommendation carried.

Action Items: Mark motioned, seconded by Kathy to authorize Trustees to replace the upper level Wesley Hall area flooring with a budget of \$35,000. After discussion the motion carried unanimously. The condition of the flooring has deteriorated greatly the past few years and is not very welcoming to visitors. The budget for this will include removal of the asbestos tiles and new tile flooring. Some funds are available for this project and an appeal will be made to the congregation by board members to help further fund this project on a matching basis.

Finance: Recommended to take some of the interest from the endowment earnings to help pay for part of this project. Recommendation approved unanimously.

Kathy reported that the External Defibrillator will be getting a new battery and pads which are coming from the company. She will change them out when they arrive.

Pastor Phil: Will be having his toe surgery on Friday and he will be off his feet for eight days. He will not be available to preach the next two Sundays. Kat and Zach have been diagnosed with COVID and so the church will be closed next week as everyone recuperates. Keys will be made available for anyone who needs to get in the building. Kat will be working from home and the Chimes will go out as usual.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 2021 at 6:00p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m. followed by a closing prayer from Pastor Phil. Bill Scanlan then led us in prayer for healing for Pastor Phil and peace of mind for the coming days.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gross
Secretary

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT:

March contributions:	\$21,930
March expenses:	\$18,008
Year-to-date contributions:	\$50,180
Year-to-date expenses:	\$53,205

SERVING OUR CHURCH

May 2nd

8:30

Liturgist: Leslie Zellner
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:00

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Julie Porter

May 9th

8:30

Liturgist: Caleb Stocks
Scripture Reader: Erin Mensen
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:00

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Tom Fetter

May 16

8:30

Liturgist: Leslie Zellner
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:00

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Jackie Sherman

May 23

8:30

Liturgist: Nicholas Stocks
Scripture Reader: Matthew Mensen
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:00

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Bill Scanlan

May 30

8:30

Liturgist: Kat Rogers
Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

10:00

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Bill Scanlan

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

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Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
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Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





Mark Your Calendars!

Our first of two Family Fun picnics for summer 2021 will be held **Sunday, June 6 at 11:00 am in Central Park.**

We are planning to grill Pastor Phil's famous delicious hamburgers and hotdogs. We will also have pre-packaged chips and a dessert for a COVID safe lunch! Be sure and call Kat in the office, 563-927-4439, to let us know if you will be attending so we'll know how much food to bring. No worries, if you decide at the last minute, we will have plenty of extra food!

Invite your friends, relatives and neighbors. Bring your lawn chairs for a yummy lunch, much needed fellowship and a super fun time for the young at heart with carnival games and bouncy houses!!

Monetary donations are appreciated to help defray expenses and may be left in the office with Kat.

Congratulations Seniors!
Class of 2021
You Did It!

Congratulations to both Matthew Mensen and Nicholas Stocks, both graduating from West Delaware.

West Delaware Graduation ceremony livestreamed
Saturday, May 29th @ 10:00a.m.



2021

GRAD

NICHOLAS STOCKS

West Delaware graduation ceremony
livestreamed Saturday, May 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

Come celebrate with Nicholas!
Sunday, May 30th 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Seibert Hall 508 Quaker Mill Dr., Manchester



Upper Room...

There is a time and season for every activity under heaven, with that being said we will no longer serve as a committee, but please, as you go out to the GNH and The Meadows remember our residents and take the Upper Room with you.

To the faithful who delivered the Upper Room to The Good Neighbor Home and The Meadows for so many years. Thank you for hearing the call and answering.

God Bless,
Kathy Waterman.

GREETERS

Remember how it felt to come into the church on Sunday morning and be greeted with a smile and a huge "welcome?" We are ready to have our greeters back. Thank you for being so faithful in the past and now we look forward to your smiling face once again. You are so important especially when a guest comes to our church for the first time and feels welcomed and at home with us. Please take a minute to check out the sign up sheets on the Welcome Desk. If you cannot greet for a whole month, just write in the Sundays that work for you. Thank you so much!!

Clothing Closet

Clothing Closet will be closed on May 17th. It will open again on May 24th. Thank you!

SEWING GROUP MEETING AGAIN...

The sewing group will be starting up again in May. We will meet every Tuesday at 9:30.



Happy Birthday



Elizabeth Becker.....	5/01
Al Remling	5/01
Jenny Garvin	5/02
Faith Litterer.....	5/03
Heather Andregg	5/04
Joanne Wade	5/04
Doug Boone	5/07
Mackenzie Kluesner	5/07
Kielyn Tutton	5/07
James DeKeyser	5/12
Ronnebaum	5/12
Jacob Blumer	5/16
Caria Philgreen	5/18
Ila Marquardt	5/19
Cynthia Lyness	5/21
Calee Philgreen	5/21
Carrie Rausch	5/21
Charlie Dighton	5/22
Diane Troutman	5/23
Megan Downs	5/27
Nicholas Stocks	5/27
Jean Puffett	5/28

Happy Anniversary

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

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.



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
Jim Dekeyser		
Jeane Taylor		

The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrell	109	LG Print
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00- 5:00	May 19th CHIMES DEADLINE	Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall	May Mission:		
						1 8:00PM Community Meeting
2 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	3	4	5 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Community Rm	6	7 8:00PM Community Meeting	8 8:00PM Community Meeting
9 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	10 Second Helpings Drive Thru Only 4:00- 5:00	11 Single Board Meeting	12 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Community Rm	13	14 8:00PM Community Meeting	15 8:00PM Community Meeting
16 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	17	18	19 Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Community Rm	20	21 8:00PM Community Meeting	22 Congregational Care Conference Wesley Hall
23 Worship @ 8:30am & 10:00am	24 Second Helpings	25	26 CHIMES DEADLINE	27	28 8:00PM Community Meeting	29 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

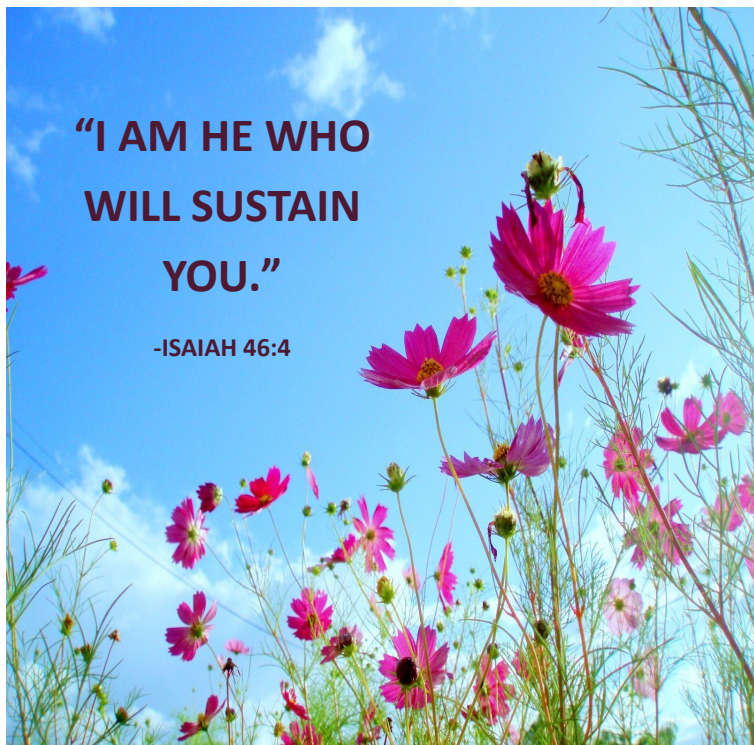
Friday

Church is Closed

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

**“I AM HE WHO
WILL SUSTAIN
YOU.”**

-ISAIAH 46:4



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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:

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