



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**July 2021**

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LUNCH AT CHOUNG  
GARDEN

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

VBS



OCC BAKESALE'S ARE BACK

**Mark your calendars!**  
**Second Family Fun Day Aug 22nd.**

**Church Office is closed on July 5th**

Chimes Deadline July 21st



## *A note from Pastor Phil...*

***20 David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.***

- 1 Chronicles 28:20

Summer has officially arrived! The weather is warmer, the kids have so many activities, and it seems as if our lives are busier than ever! We welcome our "return to normal" after last summer and all the pandemic restrictions.

I do have a thought though... Do we really want to return to just like it was before COVID? Did the pandemic teach us anything that could be edifying? Can we plan too much? Can we be too busy? How much did we miss time with family and friends, time with our church family, time where we could not just go-go-go... How much more now do we appreciate the relationships in our lives?

I thought of this scripture this morning... Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged. This unique pandemic experience has taught me several things. One- I miss seeing and sharing directly with people. The phone is nice and Zoom is cool, but I want to sit and talk to people! The second is that not being able to share with others had some very negative effects on people. People needed encouragement, people needed good news, people were afraid.

As we are working our way out of the pandemic, we should be ever more continuous in the need of the Good News of the Gospel in our world. People need hope, and are more aware of it than they have been in a very long time... It is up to us to share our love story with Jesus boldly. We have nothing to fear and shall not be discouraged... God is counting on us to see it through until the job is finished. Amen

**MUMC Single Board**  
**June 22, 2021**  
**6:10PM**  
**Wesley Hall**

**Present:** Janine Stellick, Ruth Voshell, Charlie Dighton, Bruce Nodurft, Mike Wade, Bill Scanlan, Pam Vap, Wayne Birkenholz, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil

Mark Reth called the meeting to order.

**Finance:** Bruce updated the balances for the Remodel and the Wesley Hall floor. Actual expenses Y-T-D with apportionments are \$90,754 and actual income Y-T-D is \$89,349 leaving a deficit of \$1,405. No apportionments have been paid so far for the year. The Brick-by-Brick campaign so far has \$112,945 in the account.

**Trustees:** A new ice machine has been ordered and will be installed after the floor has been completed. Second Helpings will be sharing in the cost of the ice machine. The survey for the fencing project has been started, but the construction is on hold until lumber prices drop. Charlie also requested names for Trustee membership as there have been several resignations.

**Worship:** The sound board is being delayed because of a shortage of computer chips.

**Christian Ed:** West Delaware Community School is requesting help with the Backpack program this year. This will be presented to congregation and then there will be 2 special giving Sundays.

**Missions:** The Backpack program will be part of the Youth Mission. UMCOR is requesting help with the Chain Saw & Rebuild Team. Chain saw certification will be at ST. Paul's in Cedar Rapids. The tool trailer will be here on Sunday for everyone to check out the contents. Planning a chili cook-off fund raiser on November 13 in Wesley Hall.

**Reaching & Receiving:** The visitor bags will be ready for services on July 4.

**Congregational Care:** The possibility of setting up a Little Food Pantry was presented. This would be by the garden.

**Staff Parish:** There has been a request by members to get the nursery opened for services. In order to staff the nursery, there will be the need for 2 helpers for each service. Request has been made for the possibility paid positions on a contract basis. This will be investigated further.

Pastor Phil closed by reading Psalm 62 and asking each member present to voice their opinion on the reading.

Next Single Board will be Tuesday, June 13, 2021 in Wesley Hall.

We closed at 8:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and singing the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted  
Ruth Voshell, Acting Secretary

**May Finance Report (General Budget)**

May contributions: \$24,155  
May expenses: \$18,957

Year-to-date contributions (2021): \$89,349  
Year-to-date expenses (2021): **\$90,754**

**Wesley Hall Floor**

Contributions to date (05-31-2021): \$10,960

**Brick-by-Brick**

Contributions to date 05-31-2021): \$112,945

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

## July 4th

**8:15**

**Liturgist:** Leslie Zellner

**Scripture Reader:** Jeff Larsen

**Children's Sermon:** Kathy Rempe

**10:15**

**Liturgist:** Dave Gaskill

**Scripture Reader:** Julie Porter

## July 11th

**8:15**

**Liturgist:** Nicholas Mensen

**Scripture Reader:** Meghan Mensen

**Children's Sermon:** Stephanie Stocks

**Communion:** Leslie & Lori Zellner

**10:15**

**Liturgist:** Dave Gaskill

**Scripture Reader:** Connie Allyn

**Children's Sermon:** Zach Rogers

**Communion:** Dave Gaskill & Bill Donna Scanlan

## July 18th

**8:15**

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Feldmann

**Scripture Reader:** Marianne Sandberg

**Children's Sermon:** Tom Fetter

**10:15**

**Liturgist:** Dave Gaskill

**Scripture Reader:** Bill Scanlan

**Children's Sermon:** Jackie Sherman

## July 25th

**8:15**

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Feldmann

**Scripture Reader:** Marianne Nodurft

**Children's Sermon:** Susan Hermann

**10:15**



VBS Worship Service!

### **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](mailto:rjstellick@yahoo.com)

### **Tech Team:**

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks

[mumctechteam@gmail.com](mailto:mumctechteam@gmail.com)

### **Nursery:**

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

### **Acolyte and Usher:**

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19-23

9:00-11:45a.m.

## Registration

Is your child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend registered for VBS? What are you waiting for? We have room for 90 students (ages 3 years through entering 5th grade) and half those spots are already reserved. Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/munc-rockyrailway> to get that special child in your life registered today!

## Donations

Please check the donation center in the narthex for items we need to borrow or have donated to make our week a success. If you let us borrow an item, please label it with your name and phone number, so we can return it to you after VBS. If you choose to purchase one of the items, please check the size/quantity specified and return the item by the date indicated. If you prefer, you can make a monetary or SCRIP card donation (Wal-Mart or Fareway, please) and let us do the shopping!

## Mission Project: The First 1,000 Days of Life

This year's VBS mission project is a partnership with World Vision to provide alpacas for Ecuador. Due to the soft pads on their hooves, alpacas are wonderful for the fragile, spongy soil of the Andes. These gentle, fleecy creatures provide excellent fertilizer for gardens, which are typically difficult to cultivate in the rugged mountains. To a family in Ecuador, an alpaca means around 10 pounds of fleece a year that can be spun and knit into clothes or sold for a profit for the family. Since alpacas live for around 20 years, that's a lot of fleece! Adding alpacas to a family's farm can be enough to transform a family's circumstances and even that of an entire community, as additional funds pay for education, food, housing, and medical help. A \$10 donation provides an Ecuadorian family with an alpaca that will warm their bodies, nourish their crops, and improve their financial outlook. Our goal is to raise \$250 representing the 25 children we had registered for our virtual VBS last summer.

## Volunteers

It's not too late to volunteer to help with VBS! We still need a preschool crew leader as well as preschool helpers and substitutes to fill in if another volunteer needs to be absent. Please contact Hannah Clemen at [hannahclemen21@gmail.com](mailto:hannahclemen21@gmail.com) or 563-929-1395 if you are available to help. Whether you can help every day or just one, we would love to have you! VBS training will be held Tuesday, July 13th at 6:00p.m and Friday, July 16th at 10:00a.m in Wesley Hall. Station leaders, crew leaders and helpers need to attend one of these two sessions. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes.

## Set-up/Decorating

If you are available to help set-up or decorate for VBS, plan to stick around after the training session on Thursday as we put the finishing touches on our set and classrooms.

## Program

Be sure to join us, July 25th during the second church service at 10:15am for our VBS program. You'll hear and see highlights from our exciting week and have a chance to contribute toward our mission project!

# First Family Fun Day June 6th

Thank you to all who came for the 1st Family Fun Day! A great time was had by all the approximately 70 people who were there! Thank you to Pastor Phil, our expert grillers and the Education team for making it happen. Special thanks to Brock and Susan Hermann for donating the delicious ground beef! Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with a beautiful day and being with friends old and new again! -Education Committee

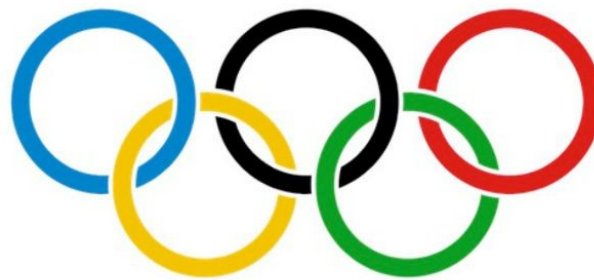




# Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday August 22nd or next Family Fun Day!  
In Central Park after Second Service.

**OLYMPICS**



**Activities,  
Games & More**





Beginning in August a group will be meeting for lunch after church in the back room of Choung Garden the first Sunday of the month.

Will the writer of the Greater Delaware County Mgee/Barr Grant please stand up? (For the Clothing Closet.)



### OCC Bakesale's Are Back!!!

Our monthly Operation Christmas Child bake sales are back! Baked goods will be available for purchase during fellowship in Wesley Hall the last Sunday of the month. If you wish to donate any baked goods to the sale, please have them to Wesley Hall by 9:15 am. Proceeds from the bake sales will be used to pay the shipping costs of the shoeboxes we pack at our Operation Christmas Child packing party.

### Second Helpings

Will be served upstairs in Wesley Hall from 4:30-5:30. At this time we ask that those coming sit, eat and then leave. Please do not loiter.

**Volunteers are greatly needed.**

**Second Helpings will not be served on Monday July 5th or Monday July 12th.**

### Scrip

Is available and we would love to continue having customers!! **Scrip will be sold after first service and before second service only.** During the week please contact the office. (Please call Kat at 927-4439 and tell her what you would like to buy. She will in turn call a scrip team member who will get in touch with you and make arrangements for getting the scrip to you if you choose to order during the week.





## **Disaster Relief Pictured Rocks District**

Our neighbors here in Iowa are still working to overcome the natural disaster from the derecho last August. Almost a year later we still have over 500 homes in the Cedar Rapids area that need chainsaw work and repairs. Due to a lack of insurance, or being under insured, many of our neighbors are just not able to overcome this setback without the help of God's people.

The Picture Rocks District Disaster Coordinators are organizing a work blitz week for July 16th through the 21st. We need volunteers for chainsaw work, cleanup, as well as rehabbing damage in homes.

You are invited to participate either as a day worker or we have made arrangements to house overnight volunteers at St. Paul's UMC in Cedar Rapids. (1340 3rd Ave. SE). You can come and go as it fits your schedule. Meals will be provided for overnight volunteers at a cost of \$15 per day, plus a \$10.00 overnight fee for the hosting church, and an additional one time cost of \$10.00 for the T-shirt. (Yes, there will be special T-shirts!)  
Overnight Volunteers will be sleeping on Sunday school room floors so you will be responsible for your own bedding, mattress, ect.

Day Workers will have a one time charge of \$10.00 for the T-shirt and we ask that you bring your own lunches.

All chainsaw cutters must be UMCOR certified. We will be training and certifying for chainsaw cutting on Friday night July 16th and Sunday night July 18th. You need only to attend one training to be certified. Training will be from 6:00 to 8:00 either night at St Paul's UMC in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (1340 3rd Ave. SE) All chainsaw cutters must provide their own personal chainsaws.

You may bring your own tools, but our disaster trailers are stocked with all the tools you should need as well.

All volunteers must fill out a registration form located on the Manchester UMC website located at [www.umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com) just click into the link from the home page. All registrations need to be turned in at the time of registration as you are checking into the blitz event on your first day. Please provide one original and one copy of each registration. If you are a day worker working more than one day, we only need the registration form turned in the first day you work. All day workers must be checked into St. Paul's UMC by 8:00 AM. The work day on site will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Please email Pastor Phil Rogers ([pastorphil@umcmanchester.com](mailto:pastorphil@umcmanchester.com)) When you know your schedule to volunteer, and if you wish to attend one of the chainsaw certifications.  
If you have any questions please contact one of the Picture Rocks Disaster Coordinators.  
Peace

Pastor Phil Rogers  
Pictured Rocks District Co-leader  
Manchester UMC  
(563) 927-4439

Pastor Keith Pitts  
Pictured Rocks District Co-leader  
Delhi/Buck Creek UMC  
(563) 922-2791

Pastor Andrew Happ  
Pictured Rocks District Co-leader  
Center Point UMC

## Wesley Hall Floor

Because of the pandemic and the limited use of our church building, it is highly unlikely that many of you have been in Wesley Hall during the past year. If you were to take a look at that floor, you would not be favorably impressed. Neither would any of our guests or prospective members.

Many efforts have been made to clean the tile floor, but those efforts have not been successful. The floor is stained and dirty.

Secondly, some of the tile have broken and needed to be removed. A rug currently hides that area from view.

Therefore, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, the Single Board authorized the trustees to move forward with their proposal to replace the floor tile in Wesley Hall and the overflow area. The church has some monies that can be used to finance this project but the Board is asking you, the members of the congregation, to consider a gift towards this project. The estimates received (which are over a year old) exceed \$30,000.

Why so costly? The answer is asbestos. The floor tile contains asbestos and the major expense is the safe removal and disposal of those tiles.

Now, please understand that the work to be undertaken in Wesley Hall, the overflow area, and the kitchen are not part of the remodel project (Brick-by-Brick) approved by you.

Therefore, none of the funds received in the Brick-by-Brick campaign will be appropriated to this new project.

So we are asking you to please give this issue some prayerful consideration and if you feel you can support the Wesley Hall project financially, we would be grateful. Mail or bring your check to the office or place it in the offering plate if you choose. Please note on the memo line that your donation is for the Wesley Hall floor.

Thank you.

## Missions

Hello church family! I recently was asked to lead the Missions Team. Having accepted that responsibility, the first course of action is to build the Missions Team. With the guidance of Pastor Phil, I am looking to have a team of 10-12 members. As of this writing, we have nine on the team. I will list those on the team, when filled, in the next Missions newsletter. If you have a passion for specific missions or a desire to contribute in any number of ways, please contact me at 515-710-6924 or [wdbirk1952@live.com](mailto:wdbirk1952@live.com).

The Covid-19 pandemic severely restricted several mission activities over the past year. However, many of those needs were still there. Second Helpings and the Clothing Closet were operating at times during the pandemic. The August derecho brought forth needs for many who lived in the path of that storm. Your Church responded by deploying a chain saw team to assist. There are certain to be other events happen where those in our community will be affected by fires, storms or flooding. The need for a Disaster Response Team will be seen and we will be working to create a Delco Circuit team to address those needs.

A recent event demonstrated the need for a “missions” mindset. An older gentleman in Dundee had a fire in his home that rendered it uninhabitable. Red Cross offered temporary shelter for several days. But there were othered needs. Pastor Phil, on the behalf of our church offered clothing from the Clothing Closet, an additional nights lodging and meal money. This is what God calls us to do, be a blessing to others.

God Bless,  
Wayne Birkenholz

# Happy Birthday



- Bob Betels.....7/01
- Mary Ellen Richter.....7/02
- Dean Sherman.....7/03
- Connie Allyn.....7/05
- Carrie Clouse .....7/05
- Michelle Kerton.....7/05
- Mary Jane Fetter .....7/06
- Michael Hoeger II.....7/06
- Marilyn Seelinger .....7/06
- Clayton Larsen.....7/07
- Rebecca Gibbs.....7/08
- Beth Mueller.....7/11
- Michelle Philgreen .....7/12
- Dean Boone.....7/13
- Catherine Manson.....7/16
- Diane Miller.....7/18
- John Tyrrell .....7/18
- Kayla Hood.....7/20
- Donna Tenhoff.....7/21
- Louise Reth .....7/23
- Barbara Ridenour.....7/23
- John Rasmussen.....7/24
- Jessica Sedain .....7/25
- Regina Reth .....7/26
- Sarah Kluesner.....7/27
- Helen Cole .....7/28
- Derek Roberg.....7/28
- Alex Thurn.....7/28
- Randy Waterman .....7/30

- Chris & Angie Zehr..... 7/08
- Glenn & Ellen Nystel ..... 7/10
- Jack Young & Chris Mundy ..... 7/12
- Travis & Meghan Mensen ..... 7/20
- Kyle & Kim Downs..... 7/29
- Jeremy & Tiffany Feldmann..... 7/30
- Merle & Mary Lou Mangold.....7/30

### 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>
Karen Slife	
Delores Timmer	
Jim Dekeyser	
Jeane Taylor	

### The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Worship First Service 8:15</b> <b>Fellowship 9:15</b> <b>Second Service 10:15</b>	<b>Second Helpings</b> Wesley Hall 4:30-5:30	<b>July 21st CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	Youth Group 6:30-7:30 Wesley Hall	<b>July Mission:</b>		
				1	2 Sippers 9:30 at Breadbasket	3 8:00PM Community Meeting
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**Return Service Requested**



**TO** \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 8:15 &  
10:15am, visit our website  
[www.umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com)  
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
Sunday Nights**

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The Entire Congregation

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Dennis Porter

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Bell Choir Director:

Mission Coordinator:

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Thank you!