



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**February 2022**

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**February 13th  
Super Bowl Party**

**February 27th  
OCC Bakesale**

**Paint By Neighbor**

**Raiseright  
By Scrip**

**Ways To Serve  
Others**

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

**But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.- Titus 3:4-7**

Paul wrote this letter to his disciple Titus somewhere around 63 AD shortly after Paul was released from his first imprisonment in Rome. Titus had traveled to Crete to assist Paul in establishing churches there, and Paul is writing a letter of pastoral instruction and encouragement. The focus of the letter is to encourage young Titus to stand firm against false teaching and to encourage right living through the careful attention to theological truth.

I want to focus on the scripture above from chapter 4 verses 4-7... Hear these words... When Jesus appeared (resurrection) we had the assurance of our salvation... Not because of what we had done- but because of Christ's mercy... Through the free gift of grace we are washed eternally clean through the Holy Spirit- which has been lavished upon us generously. And we can stand boldly before God in judgment justified as we have been clothed in the righteousness of the Savior. We are eternal Children of God! This is Good News! What more can we hope for? In our human condition, unfortunately, we will find a way... A way that shall lead us to false teaching.

You see, in our human condition we all fall short of our own salvational righteousness. The ridiculously Good News of grace! But in grace we are called to "Right Living" and this is where we stumble. Yes, Lord, I sin- but I have a very good reason! In fact, for me my sin should not be sin at all! And thus we begin to negotiate our grace with the Savior. But what are we negotiating? The bill has been paid, what more do we want? We want that the bill was never actually necessary. In doing so, what we are really saying is that we want the Divine to look/act/respond more like us. I guess my question would be why? In my life I know love- but it is a love that is less than pure... Why would I not want to experience a greater perfect love? I know peace in my life- times without outward conflict... But why would I not want to experience the perfect peace of being at peace with God? Why do I seek to diminish the most wonderful eternal gift, so that it might look like what I desire? When I know God's desires for me are so much more than I could possibly fathom. I am justified (made acceptable) to God by grace! Why is grace not enough? We must humble ourselves and allow God to speak into our lives trusting in God's way being that which we shall know life in the full. As I look out in our world today- pandemic- fear- isolation- virtue signaling- and the threat of war, I pause and wonder should we really try and overwrite God's will with our own?

Lord, may Your grace be enough for me. Prepare me as a vessel of your truth and peace so that others will come to know You through my witness and believe. This, Lord, shall be the greatest life I could possibly know, and will be more than enough for me. Amen.

MUMC Single Board  
January 18, 2022  
6:00 p.m. (Via Zoom)

**Present:** Mark Reth, Jean Gross, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Bill Scanlan, Mike Wade, Charlie Dighton, Kathy Dolan, Wayne Birkenholz.

Mark Reth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He opened with a devotion from Colossians 4:1, "Masters, provide for your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven." We need to remember that no matter whom we work for, and no matter who works for us, the One we ultimately should want to please is our Father in heaven. We are accountable to Him.

**Finance:** Bruce reported that the end of year giving for December amounted to over \$32,000. With all the expenses for 2021 paid and apportionment monies in reserve there is a surplus of \$11,200. Thanks is extended to our church family for their generous giving this past year. The Brick-by-Brick campaign gained \$5,725 in December. There is \$119,845 in that fund to date. The deed and title to the Al Remling house should be in our hands hopefully by February 1st. The trust will pay the insurance premium on the house for February. The abstract has been updated and is in the F&M bank box for the church. There will be a Church Conference at 11:45 a.m. on January 23rd to vote on accepting the Remling house as a gift and to allow the Single Board to make the decisions on what to do with the asset. Bruce has been keeping the memorial records for our church for the past 25 years, acknowledging those who have shared memorial monies with us. On

December 30, 2021 we received a check in the amount of \$10,000 from the trust of Maylo Dittmer who passed in 1988. These monies had a previous designation that has disbanded and therefore this amount was then designated to us if/when that should happen. The Dittmer's were very active members in our church many years ago.

**Trustees:** Charlie reported that the elevator has been repaired. Trustees are looking for someone to maintain the new Wesley Hall flooring on a regular basis. Two of the boilers have had the same part needing repair and that work has been done. Three new A/C units will be ordered for Wesley Hall. It may take up to a year for them to be delivered due to a backlog in orders.

**Missions:** Wayne reported an additional generous donation has been made to Heifer Project and will be sent.

**Lay Ministry:** Bill is looking for people who would like to bring people to church if they are in need of a ride and are willing to help them stay connected to our church body.

Mark spoke briefly on a survey being asked for by the conference. We need more information before consideration. Someone should be coming go our March board meeting from the Iowa Conference Board of Congregational Excellence to share information with us before we proceed.

Next meeting will be February 15 at 6:00pm in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross

**Financial Status as of  
December 31, 2021**

01 General Fund income for December: \$32,182  
01 General Fund expenses for December: \$21,720  
December Balance: +\$10,462

01 General fund income for the year: \$240,777  
01 General Fund expenses for the year: \$229,562  
End of Year Balance: +\$11,215

Wesley Hall Floor and South Entry Carpet Projects  
Donations to date: \$22,823  
Expenses to date: \$41,229  
Balance to date: -\$18,406

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:  
\$119,845 cash in hand (December increase of \$5,725).  
Commitments still to be honored: \$41,790

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

February 6th

8:15

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks  
Scripture Reader: Erin Mensen  
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson  
Communion: Stephanie Stocks, Erin Mensen  
Alice Kluesner

10:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill  
Scripture Reader: Marianne Sandberg  
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill  
Communion: Marianne Sandberg,  
Wayne Birkenholz, Kat Rogers

February 13th

Boy Scout's Sunday

February 20th

8:15

Liturgist: Kaci Reth  
Scripture Reader: Mark Reth  
Children's Sermon: Susan Hermann

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz  
Scripture Reader: Marianne Sandberg  
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

February 27th

8:15

Liturgist: Dale Schake  
Scripture Reader: Marilyn Feldmann  
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

10:30

Liturgist: Pam Vap  
Scripture Reader: Rita Woods  
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

## **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





# ***SUPER BOWL SUNDAY***

**February 13th at 5:00pm**

**Superbowl Party Hosted by our Youth Group in the church community room.**

**Food, games and FOOTBALL!**

**Potluck style, bring your favorite gameday food to share. Pop will be available but if you'd like something else feel free to bring your own beverage. (Church appropriate.)**

**Everyone is invited! See you there!**

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another— and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

**-Hebrews 10:24-25**

## ***Financial Tidbits***

### **2021 Contribution Statements**

Although the tax filing deadline is not in the near future, those of you who would like to file early and need a 2021 contribution statement from the church should let the office (Kat), Bruce Nodurft (finance chair) or Ruth Voshell (church bookkeeper) know. Call the church @563-927-5949 or leave a note in the finance mailbox located outside Kat's office. If you have a giving envelope number, please tell us what that number is. Knowing your number speeds up the process. Even if you do not need the statement for tax purposes, and would just like a copy please ask for one.

### **Wesley Hall Floor and South Carpet Entry Projects**

Although we have not been mentioning it in the *Chimes*, the *Weekly Blast*, or from the pulpit recently, we still are accepting donations for the work that is ongoing in Wesley Hall, kitchen, overflow area, and south alley entrance. If you feel you can make a donation to help offset those costs it would be very much appreciated. Please designate what your gift is for. Any gift received that is not identified automatically goes to the general fund to pay daily operation expenses.

### **Brick by-Brick Remodeling Project**

Finally, a word about the Brick-by-Brick remodeling campaign. Maybe it is because of the Wesley Hall fundraising efforts, Operation Christmas Child fundraising, Water for Haiti fundraising, or the pandemic and its effect on family finances, but a number of respondents who initially indicated support for Brick-by-Brick over a period of time have failed to maintain that support. So please consider this a friendly reminder that if your financial situation is one which will allow you to, please honor your commitment to the Brick-by-Brick campaign. First time givers would be very much appreciated as well.

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

newsletter

## Fundraisers

2022 Monthly bake sales:

February 27

March 27

April 24

May 29

June 26

July 31

August 28

September 25

October 30

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for safe and accessible outreach events.
- Pray that the gift boxes will serve as a reminder to these children that they have a Father in heaven Who loves them, Who sees them, and Who will not forget them.

## NEEDED:

Empty shoeboxes!

Bring any normal size shoebox to church & we will start filling it!

## Packing Party

### Shopping List:

- Stuffed animals

(Check clearance aisles after Valentine's Day!)

- Clearance winter clothing & shoes
- Underwear & socks

## 2022 Goals:

Packing Party:

863

Drop Off Location:

1817

10% increase from 2021

# Missions

## Paint By Neighbor

Your Missions team is planning a mission to be conducting in late spring, likely some time in June. The purpose of Paint by Neighbor is to assist homeowners in our community who have either physical or financial limitations which keep them from maintaining their property. The scope of this mission will be on the home's exterior. For example, we could paint outside walls, do yard clean up, and perhaps some light exterior maintenance.

This mission will require your support to successfully address these kinds of needs within our community. Mission funds for May will go to Paint by Neighbor. We will also be asking for volunteers to help with the various jobs within the mission. Finally, we will ask you to help us identify those experiencing such needs. If you know of any who we could bless with Paint by Neighbor, please let Kat know or leave a note in the Missions box by Kat's office.

We will be making announcements during both services in upcoming weeks. More information will be forthcoming as we continue to develop this mission.

Blessings,  
Wayne Birkenholz





# RaiseRight™

by ShopWithScrip

## New Year...New Type of Scrip!

The scrip team is pleased to announce we have a new option: online ordering using a phone app called RaiseRight. By using this you can get any gift cards offered as e-scrip by our company, Great Lakes Scrip, via your phone app rather than having to wait until you are at church on Sunday to buy or order cards. It's very easy to use, you can buy what you need then use it on the spot, and every time you make a purchase your church earns money!

### How to get started with RaiseRight:

Go to the App Store and download the RaiseRight app

Follow the prompts:

- set up your name, password and security questions
- you will need MUMC's enrollment code to be sure the profits go to us: 54B4C6C54875
- after you receive a text with the verification code, enter that code
- link your form of payment; bank account and / or credit card
  - local banks aren't listed, so click "Don't see your bank?" then put in the name and routing and account numbers
- you will have to wait a day or less to receive two small deposits and debits
- after that is done, go to "Complete setup"

The prompts are easy to follow and it will take just a few minutes to set up (aside from waiting for the bank info to go through).

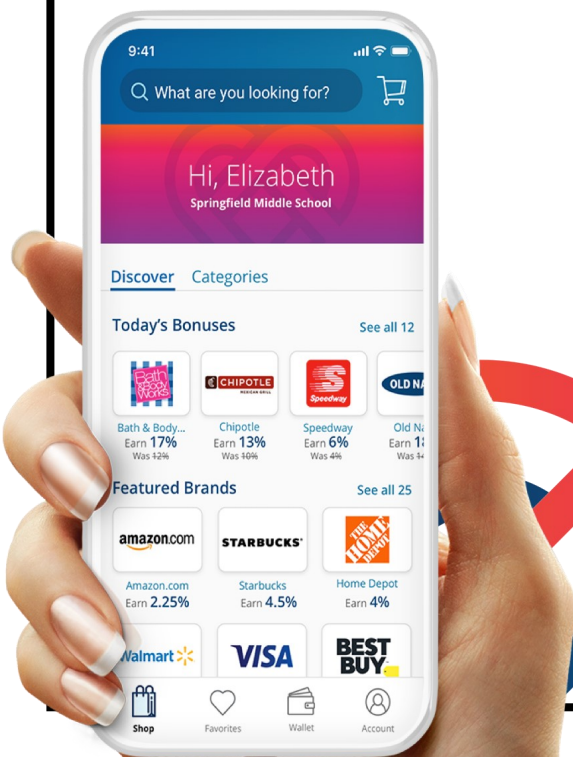
### How to use RaiseRight:

You will see various options for browsing the gift card options. If you know what you want, just use "What are you looking for?" at the top.

When you choose the business, you will see that they offer both eGift cards and physical cards, or perhaps just one of those. ONLY those that show "eGift Card" are available to use in the app! If they only offer the physical gift card you will need to buy those through our scrip program at church. (Dairy Queen is an example of this).

To make the purchase, put your choice(s) in the cart, checkout when ready, select your payment options, then "Place Order". There is a 15¢ fee for each debit transaction or a 2.6% fee for credit card use.

Go to your Wallet and in a few minutes you will see the scrip you just added (along with previous purchases). It's ready to use! You'll also see how much your purchase contributed to the church - a nice reminder of why to use MUMC scrip!



### What if I don't have a smart phone or don't want to use an app?

Don't worry - we will continue to sell physical gift cards at church. Some businesses either aren't part of ShopWithScrip, our national company, or are only local so we will continue to have those. Fareway is an example of this - physical cards will continue to be the only option.

### What if I need help getting RaiseRight set up?

We can help with that! Give Kat in the office a call and she'll put you in touch with help.

We are in need of nursery attendants. We need two for each worship service on Sunday and we need two every Wednesday for WOW from 6:15-8:00pm. If you are interested please let the office know

563-927-4439 or [kat@umcmanchester.com](mailto:kat@umcmanchester.com) or Mary Jane Fetter

563-920-2006.

## Looking for ways to serve?

Acolytes

Chancel Team

Children's Message

Choir

Clothing Closet

Communion Bread Bakers

Congregational Care

Fellowship Hosts

Flower Garden Crew

Greeters

Liturgist

Missions

Nurse Attendants

Praise Band

Reaching & Receiving

Scrip

Scripture Reader

Sunday School Teachers

Tech Team

Ushers

Vegetable Garden Crew

Vacation Bible School Teachers/Staff

Youth Group Sponsor

If you would like to know more about any of these groups please contact the office for more information.

563-927-4439 or [mumc@umcmanchester.com](mailto:mumc@umcmanchester.com)



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” -1 Peter 4:10

Join us on Wednesdays for

# WOW!



FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FUN

*Can't get to service on  
Sunday but wish you  
could go? We have a  
contemporary Service  
just for you!*

## ***Worship on Wednesdays***

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*\*5:30PM~Dinner*

*\*6:15PM~Worship*

*\*7:00PM*

*K-4th Kids Class  
Youth Group  
Small Groups*

*There Will Be Nursery Attendants For those with infants, toddlers and young children.*

***Everyone is welcome!***

# Happy Birthday



# Happy Anniversary

- Dianne Larsen .....2/01
- Robbie Sedain .....2/03
- Connie Erickson .....2/04
- Shirley Haigh.....2/05
- Jackie Sherman.....2/06
- Linda Toms.....2/08
- Alex Zehr .....2/08
- Terry Larson.....2/09
- Maya Huegel .....2/10
- Linda Gearhart .....2/11
- William O'Connell.....2/12
- Tyler Smith .....2/12
- Jody Puffet .....2/13
- Lynne Rasmussen .....2/15
- Hannah Philgreen.....2/17
- Elwyn Curtis.....2/18
- Wilma Hatch.....2/18
- Isabella Richmond .....2/19
- Amy Blumer .....2/19
- Richard Fox.....2/20
- Don Mellody.....2/20
- Lucinda Stoll .....2/22
- Arlan Henderson.....2/23
- Stephanie Stocks.....2/26
- Sydney Litterer.....2/27
- Joan Jones .....2/27

- Sean & Nancy Edaburn .....2/14
- Brad & Shirley Davis .....2/16
- Ron & Linda Gearhart.....2/19

### 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   |               |
| Bill Wolter    |               |

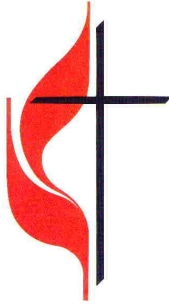
### The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| John Tyrrell | 109 |
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# FEBRUARY

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue                                      | Wed   | Thu                                     | Fri | Sat  |
|--|---|--|---|---|-----|--|
| <b>1st Service</b><br><b>8:15AM</b><br><br><b>Sunday School/ Fellowship</b><br><b>9:20AM</b><br><br><b>2nd Service</b><br><b>10:30AM</b> | <b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b><br><b>4:30-5:30</b>  | <b>February 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE</b>     | <b>WOW</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:15 Worship</b><br><b>7:00 K-4thKids/ Youth/Small</b> | <b>February Mission: UMCOR Consuma-</b> |     |  |
|  | <b>Clothing Closet Open</b><br><b>4:30-5:30 During</b><br><b>Second Helpings</b>  |  | <b>Clothing Closet Open</b><br><br><b>10:00pm to 2:00pm</b>                                   |   |     |  |
|  |   | 1  | <b>2 WOW</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:15 Worship</b><br><b>7:00</b>                      | 3                                       | 4   | <b>5</b><br><b>8:00PM Community Meeting</b>  |
| <b>6</b><br><br><b>Lunch at Choung Garden 11:30</b>   | <b>7</b><br><b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b><br><b>4:30-5:30</b>  | 8  | <b>9</b><br><b>WOW</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:15 Worship</b><br><b>7:00</b>            | 10                                      | 11  | <b>12</b><br><b>8:00PM Community Meeting</b> |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Free Health Clinic Between Services</b>  |  <b>14</b><br><b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b><br><b>4:30-5:30</b> | <b>15</b><br><b>Single Board Meeting</b> | <b>16</b><br><b>WOW</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:15 Worship</b>                          | 17                                      | 18  | <b>19</b><br><b>8:00PM Community Meeting</b> |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Free Health Clinic Between Services</b>  | <b>21</b><br><b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b><br><b>4:30-5:30</b>   | <b>22</b><br><b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>      | <b>23</b><br><b>WOW</b><br><b>5:30 Dinner</b><br><b>6:15 Worship</b>                          | 24                                      | 25  | <b>26</b><br><b>8:00PM Community Meeting</b> |
| <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br><b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b><br><b>4:30-5:30</b>   |  |   |   |     |  |



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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 &  
10:30am, visit our website  
[www.umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com)  
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
Sunday Nights**



This is love: not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent his Son  
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**1 John 4:10**

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The Ministry Team at MUMC includes:

The Entire Congregation

Reverend Phil Rogers

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Dennis Porter

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Choir Director & Organist:

Bell Choir Director:

Mission Coordinator:

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