



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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October 2nd First Town Hall Meeting

October 2nd Family Fun Day at Sherman's Pumpkin Patch

October 9th Second Town Hall Meeting

November 12th Mark Your Calendars Fall Soup Supper

IMPORTANT NEWS PLEASE READ

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." -Psalm 46:10



A note from Pastor Phil...

36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.” 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. (Acts 15:36-40)

In Acts 15:36-40 most commentators prefer to look at the positive in this scripture. Because Paul and Barnabas parted company, now there are two ministry teams teaching about the salvation found in our Savior Jesus Christ instead of one. This will cover twice the country and double the people right? This is true, and it is evident that God blessed the ministry of both these ministry teams... But what about the conflict?

In Acts 11 Barnabas went out to intentionally seeking Saul (Who's name is later changed to Paul) so that he could mentor him in faith, and also to bring him safely into the fold of believers. Remember that Saul, a Pharisee, was responsible for many evils done to believers as he was persecuting the early church. Then he had his conversion experience on the road to Damascus in Acts chapter 9. It was Barnabas who sought out Saul, protected him, mentored him, and revealed God's redeeming grace even in one who had done so many evil things. Now they have a young believer named Mark, who had let them down on the first missionary journey but wanted to give it another try. Paul would have none of it- Mark abandoned us before and surely will again. How like Barnabas to say Mark deserves another chance, a redeeming opportunity. But apparently Paul had forgotten all that Barnabas risked for his opportunity of redeeming. Barnabas was willing to risk his relationship with Paul for the sake of grace... Paul was not... So they went their own ways.

General Conference 2016 was supposed to settle all disputes that were so evident in the United Methodist Church. Several plans for our polity- The rules that define who we are and how we act together as United Methodists- were put forth. There was the Simple Plan which was championed by the progressive voices in our denomination, the One Church Plan which was championed by the bishops, and the traditional plan which was championed by the traditional voices in our denomination. The only plan that even made it through committee was the Traditional Plan and it was passed. This affirmed the language around sexuality and marriage that had been our understanding together since 1968. It is important to note here that the debate around sexuality is just a presenting cause of our disease... The true nature of our disagreement is based in the authority of scripture. Is God big enough to bring us His Word that we can trust it so that we can be in relationship with God? Or have we matured as a people to a place where we can improve on God's plan for his people and creation?

Since the 2016 General Conference most American Bishops, and several jurisdictions, and most Annual Conference leaders have openly disregarded our Book of Discipline and have done whatever felt right to them about marriage and ordination. Since Bishops have lifetime appointments, and are only accountable to other bishops, who have agreed not to hold each other accountable, they broke with our covenant together and we have entered into a time of chaos and tyranny. I found a pretty even handed article on the denominational website that does explain much that has happened that has brought us to this place.

<https://um-insight.net/in-the-church/umc-future/schism-in-united-methodism-is-the-ground-level-for-open-deba/>

The Iowa Conference of the UMC is requiring us to do a straw poll to see what our intentions are toward disaffiliation from the "New UMC" or are we going to seek another "Wesleyan Tradition" going forward. There is also a timetable that has been greatly diminished from what was expected so that should we choose to leave we could keep our assets, accounts, and buildings. This is not something we sought, but it is something we must contend with. There will be much more information that will be shared at the Town Hall meetings on October 2nd and October 9th at 11:00 in the sanctuary. The Straw Poll will be immediately after the Town Hall on October 9th and will be limited to in person members only.

In closing I would like to say that throughout this process there was a reformation movement from the traditional voices in our denomination seeking to welcome all into our affirmed understanding of who we are and how we shall be together (our polity) by the 2016 General Conference. They are the Wesley Covenant Association or WCA. When it became evident that we were no longer one people with a supported polity and that a minority in power could "go their own way" the WCA launched a new Wesleyan expression called "Global Methodist Church" that in many ways around worship and theology would be very similar to what we have known as the traditional UMC. There are some polity changes that would insure that what has happened in the UMC would never be able to happen again. As I was explaining things in Single Board one member observed "To remain the same we must change our sign, but to keep our sign we must change." This is a pretty accurate way of summing things up.

Peace

Important News Please Read

Friends,

As many of you know the United Methodist Church is in a season of turmoil and conflict. To date I have tried to navigate our way where this did not become a distraction of our primary purpose of worship of thanksgiving with Jesus Christ crucified and our eternal hope assured in resurrection. Our hope and prayers have been that the leadership of the United Methodist Church would embrace the rulings of General Conference and seek unity towards a Kingdom vision. At this time we are confronted with being forced into a time of choosing by the conference and denominational leadership.

The Bishop and Cabinet are requiring Manchester UMC to take a "straw poll" of how we feel about disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. This is not a requirement of all churches but just a few.

With some other developments being forced on the churches within the whole denomination by the leadership we must enter into this discussion and determine who we are, and what is our best way forward based on who we are and pray to become in the future.

We will host two town hall meetings on **October 2nd, and October 9th at 11:00 Am** after Sunday small groups. October 2nd will be informational about what is happening- and a time of discussion identifying who we are. October 9th will be a comparison of the future UMC, and the reform movement that has opened a new expression of the Methodist church called "Global Methodist." Global is a new denomination but has been formed around the core beliefs of traditional Methodism. The straw poll will be taken immediately after the October 9th town hall meeting. This straw poll will be used by our Single Board leadership to determine if we are prepared to go forward with a formal disaffiliation vote from the UMC. Because of the actions of the denominational leadership we are required to take a formal vote before the end of this calendar year, 2022.

It is important that all who call this family in faith their church home attend these meetings to be informed, and all are welcome to share their voice. For the straw vote, only church members are allowed to vote. In an effort to assure integrity, MUMC will not receive new members until this issue is settled.

If you have any questions you can come to the "conversations" at noon on Thursday's or make an appointment to talk to pastor. You may also speak with any of our Single Board leaders.

Mark Reth- Chair
Kathy Dolan- Vice Chair
Bruce Nodurft- Finance
Ruth Voshell- Worship
Charlie Dighton- Trustees
Shirley Davis- Staff Parish
Lori Snyder- Receiving
Toby Tutton- Reaching
Sherri Gorenson- Congregational Care
Paul Lyman- Education
Wayne Birkenholz- Mission
Bill Scanlan- Lay Leader
Jean Gross- Secretary

**MUMC Single Board
September 20, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall**

Present: Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Bruce Nodurft, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil, Lori Snyder, Wayne Birkenholz, Shirley Davis, Charlie Dighton, Jean Gross.

Mark opened the meeting followed by a guidance prayer from Pastor Phil. The first part of our meeting consisted of Pastor Phil updating the board with a power point presentation of the most recent developments within the United Methodist Church and disaffiliation. There are various reasons this needs to be dealt with sooner rather than later.

Action Item: Motioned by Shirley Davis, seconded by Charlie Dighton to discern the possibility of disaffiliation by having two Town Hall informational meetings after Church on October 2 and October 9 at 11:00 a.m. with a straw poll taken after the second Town Hall. Only members of our church can vote. Motion approved unanimously.

Finance: Bruce reported that our income Y-T-D is \$173,723 and Y-T-D expenses are \$168,181 with apportionments. The cash on hand for the Brick-by-Brick campaign is \$125,095 with August donations of \$1,425.

Trustees: Al Remling's house closed the end of August. The Trust reimbursed us for the property taxes that were paid. Lahr Auctions will have three auctions from the last items removed from his house. The ceilings in both the nursery and Wesley Hall bathroom need to be fixed after water damage. The city will be inspecting the House of David/Rahab House to see what needs to be done before it can be rented. Charlie reported that (2) bathroom renovations on the lowest level of the church will cost \$15,000 which includes a shower and new fixtures in each room.

Worship: The new Building Use Policy was approved as presented with the addition of two signature lines and date lines for those entering into the agreement.

Missions: Rahab House is nearing completion of purchase. The Clothing Closet is adding the first Thursday of the month from 8-10 a.m. to their open hours. December Mission of the Month will be gifts for children at the Stead Family Hospital in Iowa City. The Fall Soup supper monies will be designated for the 'Extenuating Circumstances' fund which families can use to help with expenses during their child's hospital stay.

Reaching: The church Welcome Brochure has been updated for visitors. Pens with the church's name and phone number will be ordered for the gift bags. October 2nd at 3:00 in the afternoon we will go to Sherman's Pumpkin patch for our fall fun day.

Congregational Care: The health clinics will be continued for the time being. The 80+ birthday party was huge success with 33 people served. Entertainment included Duane Philgreen on the piano, a reading by Kathy Everts and a message from Pastor Phil.

Staff Parish: Shirley is continuing to recruit members for her team and is planning a meeting for the first part of October.

There was some discussion on the new budget figures for next year with Charge Conference being on October 9. **Action Item:** Charlie Dighton motioned, seconded by Shirley Davis to approve the budget figures our Finance Team has put together with any needed amendments being approved by Single Board. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next regular meeting will be October 18, 2022 in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

Reviewed, revised, & approved by single board. - Mark
Reth, 9-25-2022

Financial Update
01 General Fund Income for August: \$22,849
01 General Fund Expenses for August: \$17,858

01 General Fund Income Year-to-Date: \$149,834
01 General Fund Expenses Year-to-Date: \$149,458
01 General Fund Balance **as of August 31st:** +\$376

Wesley Hall Floor Fund as of September 15:
Donations: \$22,673
Expenses: \$26,966
Balance: -\$4,293

Brick-by-Brick remodeling project as of August 31st:
Balance: \$111,020

Estimate of Generosity :
Number of cards received: 67
Financial support estimated: \$173,375

SERVING OUR CHURCH

October 2nd

8:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill

Scripture Reader: John Rasmussen

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

**Communion: Jean Gross, Marilyn Feldmann,
Zach Rogers**

October 9th

8:30

Liturgist: Julie Porter

Scripture Reader: Dale Schake

Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

October 16th

8:30

Liturgist: Aurora Milroy

Scripture Reader: Sam Milroy

Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

October 23rd

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen

Scripture Reader: Jill Kunde

Children's Sermon: Terry Larsen

October 30th

Contemporary Worship

8:30

Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill

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:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

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





FAMILY FUN DAY AT SHERMAN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

The Reaching and Receiving team will host a Fun Day out at Sherman Pumpkin Farm/Corn Maze.

Sunday October 2nd at 3pm.

Hotdogs/Chips/Drinks will be provided.

**Sunday School &
Small Groups**

Sundays 9:45-10:30am

(Women's Group in Parlor, Men's Group in Conference Room, discuss questions, located on bulletin, from Sunday's Worship Service.)



Mark Your Calendars!

Fall Soup Supper November 12th 4:30—7:00PM

Sign Up Sheets will be up soon!

80+ Birthday Party

80+ Birthday Celebration Was held on Sept 15th at noon. Served approximately 33 people (includes the Congregational Team members and guests) Baked potato bar, Fruit Salad, and cupcakes Duane Philgreen played the piano, Kathy Everts had a program on Back in the day- 1940's, Pastor Phil gave a message from Romans and his favorite subject "Geese Happy Birthday this year to all our 80+ family. Until next year. God Bless!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

newsletter

Build a Box Online

Can't make it to the store?
Pay \$25 to build your box
online at the following link:

<https://sampur.se/3THw0sV>

or scan the QR code



Volunteers Needed!

Work a 2-hour shift at our
Central Drop Off Location
November 14-21, 2022

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9-11 a.m., Tues, Thurs: 1-3 p.m.,
Wed.: 4-6 p.m., Sun.: 12-2 p.m.

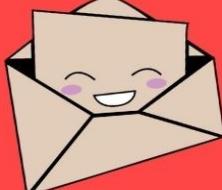
Packing Party Shopping List:

Games/Puzzles



&

Personal notes



Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the success of our concert fundraiser! Pray that those who attended will answer the call to pack shoe boxes this year.
- Pray that God will raise up men and women to share the Gospel with unreached children as OCC seeks to recruit new teams in strategic areas where the Gospel is not widely known.
- Pray for volunteers to come forward to help each day at our Central Drop-Off Location in November.

Final Monthly Bake Sale: October 30

Coins for Kids

Have some extra change in your pocket or purse? Place it in the wooden shoe box on the Welcome Desk. This change will help cover shipping costs for the packing party boxes.

Packing Party

Saturday, Nov. 19

9 a.m.-Noon

Volunteers needed to help with set-up Thursday and Friday and the party Saturday.

Contact Stephanie to sign-up:
563-920-1570 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net

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!*



Cami Philgreen.....10/02
Duane Philgreen.....10/02
Marvin Rossow.....10/03
Terri Philgreen.....10/05
Autumn Reeder.....10/05
Don Blong.....10/07
Travis Hough.....10/11
Fred Miller.....10/13
Rita Woods.....10/13
Florence Parrott.....10/13
Mary Mangold.....10/16
Mary Haigh.....10/18
James Kerton.....10/18
Chris Mundy.....10/18
Adam Andregg.....10/19
Hannah Roberg.....10/20
Howard Rosauer.....10/20
Genevieve Croskey.....10/21
William Thurn.....10/21
Sue Boone.....10/22
Berdina Carradus.....10/24



Tom & Mary Jane Fetter.....10/05
Michael & Joanne Wade.....10/06
Dennis & Julie Porter.....10/15
Tom & Connie Allyn.....10/21
Phil & Debbie Rogers.....10/24
James & Linda Kerton.....10/26

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 McCarron Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Karen Slife	
Delores Timmer	
Jim Dekeyser	
Jeane Taylor	

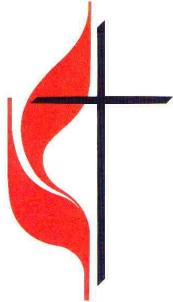
The Meadows

220 McCarron Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM Fellowship 9:30AM Sunday School/ Small Groups 9:45- 10:30Am	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	October 26th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/	October Mission: OCC Shipping Cost		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			1 8:00PM Community Meeting
2 1st Town Hall Meeting 11AM	3 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	4	5 WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/	6	7	8 8:00PM Community Meeting
9 2nd Town Hall Meeting 11AM	10 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	11	12 WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/	13	14	15 8:00PM Community Meeting
16	17 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	18 Single Board Meeting	19 WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/	20	21	22 8:00PM Community Meeting
23	24 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	25	26 CHIMES DEADLINE	27	28	29 8:00PM Community Meeting
30	31 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30					



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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,
visit our website www.umcmanchester.com
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on
Sunday Nights

*“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*



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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:
Mary Jane Fetter
Choir Director & Organist: Beth Mueller
& Lynne Rasmussen
Bell Choir Director: Beth Mueller
Mission Coordinator:
Wayne Birkenholz
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