



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

November 2022

Phone 563-927-4439

[www. umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com)

E-mail: mumc@umcmanchester.com



November 9th, 16th & 20th
Next Town Hall Schedule

November 13th
All Saints Day

November 12th
Missions Chili Cook Off &
Silent Auction

November 19th
OCC Packing Party
Drop Off Location
Nov 14-21

November 24th
Thanksgiving
Dinner Potluck



A note from Pastor Phil...

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife. - Proverbs 21:9

I have waited patiently for a long time to be able to use this proverb in a devotional or sermon! What King Solomon is saying is that if you have reached a place where disagreement abounds even if there is affection present, get out of the situation before all affection is lost.

This makes me think of the situation we are facing in the UMC right now. There are two sides that have finally reached “irreconcilable differences.” This is not a new thing in the Methodist tradition, nor is it even unique in the world of church. John Wesley fathered one church, but today There are seven World Methodist Council denominations in the United States: the African Methodist Episcopal Church; the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; the Church of the Nazarene; the Free Methodist Church; the Wesleyan Church; and the United Methodist Church. How did that happen? At some point there was a revival movement, it did not engage the whole church, and two were formed from one. Usually not a pleasant experience, but when it is concluded may God be glorified in two distinct voices rather than only one.

The United Methodist Church has reached such a place... After 54 years there will be another Methodist expression to choose from. What is important now is for Manchester Methodist Church to define ourselves around the things of biblical authority, covenants, mission, and polity. (How we define ourselves and covenant to live together as a people.) Then it will be up to us to decide if the future trajectory of the UMC fits with who we are and wish to be. To this end we will have three more “Town Hall” meetings.

On November 9 District Superintendents Moody Colorado and Doug Cue, and Ministry Director Bill Poland will come from the Iowa Conference Cabinet to speak about what it means to remain in the future UMC. There will be a meal prepared in Wesley Hall for a free will offering at 5:30, with a time of presentation and questions from 6:15 to 7:30.

On November 16th Grandview pastor Tom Shinkle will come to speak about why now is a time to disaffiliate from the UMC. There will be a meal in Wesley Hall at 5:30 with a free will offering with a presentation and questions from 6:15-7:30.

On Sunday November 20th there will be a time of video presentation from the two points of view with a time for questions to follow.

Single Board is requesting a charge conference with the District Superintendent the first week of December, though we do not have total control of that date. It will be announced as soon as it is known.

It is important that all members be well informed about what has been happening that has brought the church to this place, and what is the best way forward for the future of our church, from this place, going forward. We plan to place videos of the meetings onto the church website.

Peace

MUMC Single Board
October 18, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Wayne Birkenholz, Kathy Dolan, Charlie Dighton, Ruth Voshell, Bruce Nodurft, Shirley Davis, Lori Snyder, Bill Scanlan, Jean Gross, Pastor Phil.

Kathy opened the meeting followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.
Finance: Bruce notified the board that the unfunded pension liability for us is \$73,432 but could change at a later date. This amount is more than initially thought. All bills have been paid in regard to the Al Remling bequest and there is a balance of about \$134,000 in that fund. There are many items yet to be sold at auction from the final clean out of the house. We have no date for when that will occur. Rahab House has been paid for and the abstract is in the church lock box. We briefly went through the 2023 Budget which reflects requests from board members and SPPRC. Actual Income YTD is \$192,860 and Actual Expenses are \$187,502 including apportionments. Income for this year is ahead of last year's giving. The Brick-by-Brick Campaign has \$125,920 on hand with \$825 received in September.

Worship: Ruth reported that new wiring for the computer system in the sanctuary will be done this week. There was no live feed of last Sunday's service.

Missions: Wayne reminded us of the Soup Supper scheduled for November 12. Sign are being made to post around for this event. Items for a silent auction would be appreciated. Sign up sheets are on the welcome desk. There will be another chili cook-off for those interested. The Stead Family Children's Center is the December Mission of the Month. Unwrapped items need to be returned to the church by December 18. There will be cards on a tree with toys and personal items listed for suggestions as to what can be purchased.

Reaching: Lori recently had a brief meeting of her team. The fun afternoon at Sherman's Pumpkin Patch was a big success as usual.

Congregational Care: Sherry noted the health clinic will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month only. Sunday December 4 at 4 p.m. there will be an Empty Chair Service to acknowledge the loss of a loved one and that there will be an empty chair at their table this Christmas. Marlene will deliver the Upper Room to the Good Neighbor Home. Susan is planning a Thanksgiving Dinner and will be doing the meat with attendees to bring a dish to pass. They are looking for volunteers for the Christmas dinner to do the meat. This is also a potluck.

Old Business: Mark and board members suggested we have three more meetings to discuss disaffiliation and they are being planned on Wednesday evenings the first part of November depending on the availability of speakers from the outside. The meetings with guest speakers will be taped for any that cannot be present and will be shown later. The third meeting will include audio/video presentations from each side. There will be some time of discussion at each meeting. We are in touch with the District Supt. to set a date for another Charge Conference before the end of the year.

Action Item: There was a motion by Mark, seconded by Shirley to resume membership enrollment with previous criteria. Motion carried with 4 approval, 2 no, and 3 abstain.

Action Item: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Charlie to pursue legal representation by a sub group made up of Mark, Kathy, Charlie and Pastor Phil. We have received a letter from an attorney with NCLL that is partnering with United Methodist Churches to provide attorney services at a very reasonable rate. Motion carried unanimously.

Our next regular meeting will be held on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.
We closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of September 30, 2022

01 General Fund

Expenses for September: \$19,321

Income for September: \$19,138

Balance for September: -\$183

Income year-to-date: \$192,860

Expenses year-to-date: \$187,502

Balance year-to-date: +\$5,358

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on September 30,
2022:\$125,920 (\$825 in donations in September)

Commitments still to be honored:

\$38,500

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

*Manchester
United Methodist Church
413 E Butler St.
563-927-4439*

**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!

SERVING OUR CHURCH

November 6

8:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill
Scripture Reader: Marianne Sandberg
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

November 13

All Saints Sunday

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Scripture Reader: Meghan Mensen
Children's Sermon: Terry Larson
Communion: Donna Scanlan, Stephanie Stocks, Glenn Nystel

November 20

8:30

Liturgist: Erin Mensen
Scripture Reader: Susan Hermann
Children's Sermon: Stephanie Stocks

November 27

Contemporary Worship

8:30

Children's Sermon: Travis Mensen

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



Upcoming Town Hall Schedule

On November 9 District Superintendents Moody Colorado and Doug Cue, and Ministry Director Bill Poland will come from the Iowa Conference Cabinet to speak about what it means to remain in the future UMC. There will be a meal prepared in Wesley Hall for a free will offering at 5:30, with a time of presentation and questions from 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

On November 16th Grandview pastor Tom Shinkle will come to speak about why now is a time to disaffiliate from the UMC. There will be a meal in Wesley Hall at 5:30 with a free will offering with a presentation and questions from 6:15-7:30.

On Sunday November 20th, (time TBD) there will be a time of video presentation from the two points of view with a time for questions to follow.

Single Board is requesting a charge conference with the District Superintendent the first week of December, though we do not have total control of that date. It will be announced as soon as it is known.



All Saints Day

*We invite you to join us on
November 13th 2022 to honor those
we have lost in the last year.*

*Worship Service is at
8:30AM*

*If you have any questions please call
the office:*

(563) 927-4439

Tonia Smith

Roger Tomkins

Clifford Merle Cole

David Charles Kunde

Catherine Marie Starry

Ivan Otto Jager

Beverly Jean Bradley

Harold Allen Starry

Marilyn Hamman

Troy Lynn Tutton

Tim T. Tutton

Virginia White



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 19, 2022 | 9:00 AM
Manchester UM Church
413 E Butler St

Help us pack 800+ shoeboxes with gifts like school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, & toys for children around the world so they can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information about OCC, visit
www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

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



Shipping Funds

\$7,391.97

\$8,630 needed for 863 boxes!

Packing Party Shopping List:

ANYTHING GOES!

School supplies, hygiene items,
clothes, toys, games, etc.

We will pack it!

Prayer Requests

- Pray that both younger and older generations will engage in packing shoeboxes with a sense of urgency and purpose.
- Pray that the worldwide goal of 11 million shoeboxes will be met. Each one represents an opportunity for a child to hear the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- Pray for volunteers to come forward to help each day at our Central Drop-Off Location in November.

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

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

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 processing 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 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 (These 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
- Scissors
- Glue sticks

Clothing/Accessories

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

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)
- 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 (won’t get through customs)
- Liquids/lotions (containers can break ruining other items in the box)
- Medications/vitamins
- Breakable items (snow globes, glass containers, etc.)
- Aerosol cans

Suggested \$10 Shipping Donation

This covers the shipping cost to ensure your gift reaches the right child. You can give online (<https://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 or send directly to Samaritan’s Purse.

Drop Off Location

Bring your box(es) to:
Manchester United Methodist Church
413 E. Butler St.
Manchester, IA 52057
563-927-4439

Monday, November 14: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 15: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 16: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 17: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday, November 18: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 19: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 20: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
Monday, November 21: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Dinner Potluck

November 24th at 1:00PM in Wesley Hall

The Herman Family will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for those who may not have plans for the holiday feast. Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and dressing will be provided but this is a potluck so please bring a dish to share. **If you would like to donate a turkey or would like to have your meal delivered please contact the office as soon as you are able.**

(563) 927-4439 or kat@umcmanchester.com

Everyone one is welcome! God Bless.



Missions

As this year is winding down, it is time to review what we have done over the course of the past 12 months. Our first event was the Chili Cookoff/Soup Supper. With the very generous help of our church, we raised \$4,000 for the Haiti water project.

The Luau in May raised \$2,800 for Paint by Neighbor. Here, twenty people helped clean up and repair the properties of Helen Cole and Wayne Cooksley. We have already identified a candidate for the 2023 Paint by Neighbor mission.

The July Ice Cream Social raised funds for shipping OOC shoe boxes. Again, very generous support from our church. Stephanie and her team have been so successful that they were asked to become a Central Drop Off location. We will all step up to that challenge.

In July, we placed our new food pantry by the garage in the gravel parking lot. I wondered how long it would take before the pantry was fully utilized. It didn't take long. Those in need have found the pantry and use it on a regular basis. I would say that contents on the average turnover 3-4 times per week. Again, our church has stepped up to keep the pantry supplied with needed items.

Rahab House has become a reality. The church has purchased the property known as the House of David. More information will be forthcoming as this mission is being organized.

So now we come back to another fall event, the Soup Supper scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12th from 4:30-7:00 PM. We will again have a chili cookoff and a silent auction. This year funds raised will go to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital Extenuating Circumstance Fund. Here, families of hospitalized children with extended stays receive help in meeting unanticipated expenses. Many in our congregation have experienced just such a need.

There are signup sheets posted in the hallway for several needs related to the Soup Supper. We will again offer chili and chicken noodle soup along with various desserts. Please review these sheets and help out where you can.

November Mission of the Month is Pay it Forward.

December Mission of the Month is Stead Family Center Toy Drive. Here we will place cards, with pictures of approved toys or personal hygiene items on the tree in the Narthex. Congregants can take as many cards as they choose and return those purchased items unwrapped to the church by Dec. 18th. We will deliver those returned items that week to the Stead Family Center in Iowa City.

Blessings,

The Missions Team
Wayne Birkenholz



Congregational Care Team!

Florence Parrott would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the Congregational Care Team for hosting the 80+ birthday party in September. Everyone had a great time!

God Bless.

Clothing Closet Update

The Clothing Closet will be open on Monday Evenings from 4:30-5:30pm during Second Helpings. Wednesdays from 10-2:00pm. If you have donations we ask that you bring them on days that the Clothing Closet is open and please do not leave your donations near the back door of the church.

Thank you and God Bless.

The Clothing Closet will now also be open the first Thursday of the Month from 8am-10am

JOIN THE CHOIR

Our rehearsals run from 7:15-8:00 P. M., and we sing at all Sunday worship services except for the last Sunday of each month. We would love to have more voices in the choir, and we want to extend an invitation to anyone who enjoys singing to join us!

Beth & Lynne

Vanco Online Giving

Manchester United Methodist Church is

announcing the ability to give online. This new service is through Vanco. The Vanco app is available on Apple through Itunes and for Android devices through Google store. For those who prefer not to use an app this is the link for computer users - <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6A1>. When opening the app search for Manchester UMC and then click give. Follow all of the prompts from that point. Any questions can be emailed to mumcfinance4439@gmail.com or contact the church office at 563-927-4439. The link is also available on the website umcmanchester.com under the giving tab.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

- 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
- Erin Learn.....11/28

- Roger & Tammy White.....11/15
- Mike & Regina Reth.....11/28
- Ron & Janine Stellick.....11/30

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

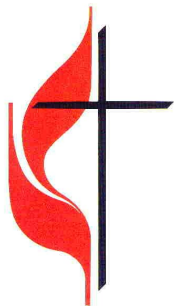
John Tyrrell	109
--------------	-----



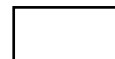


NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM	Second Helpings	November 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/	November Mission: Pay It Forward		
Fellowship 9:30AM	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			
Sunday School/ Small Groups 9:45-10:30Am		1	2	3	4	5
			WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship		Church Office Closed	8:00PM Community Meeting
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30		Town Hall #3 Dinner 5:30 Discussion 6:15-7:30pm		Church Office Closed	Missions Chili Cookoff & Silent Auction
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
All Saints Day	 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	 Single Board Meeting	 Town Hall #4 Dinner 5:30 Discussion 6:15-7:30pm		 Church Office Closed	 OCC Packing Party
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 Town Hall #5	 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	CHIMES DEADLINE	NO WOW	Happy Thanksgiving 	Church Office Closed	8:00PM Community Meeting
27	28	29	30			
	Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30					



Manchester United Methodist Church
413 E. Butler St.
Manchester, IA 52057-1612



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**

THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

The MUMC Chimes
Official Newsletter of the
Manchester United Methodist Church
413 E. Butler Street (563) 927-4439

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

Articles printed as submitted.

Prepared, printed and prepped-to-mail
at MUMC.

Please forward any new addresses to
the church at

413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439

Thank you!