



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

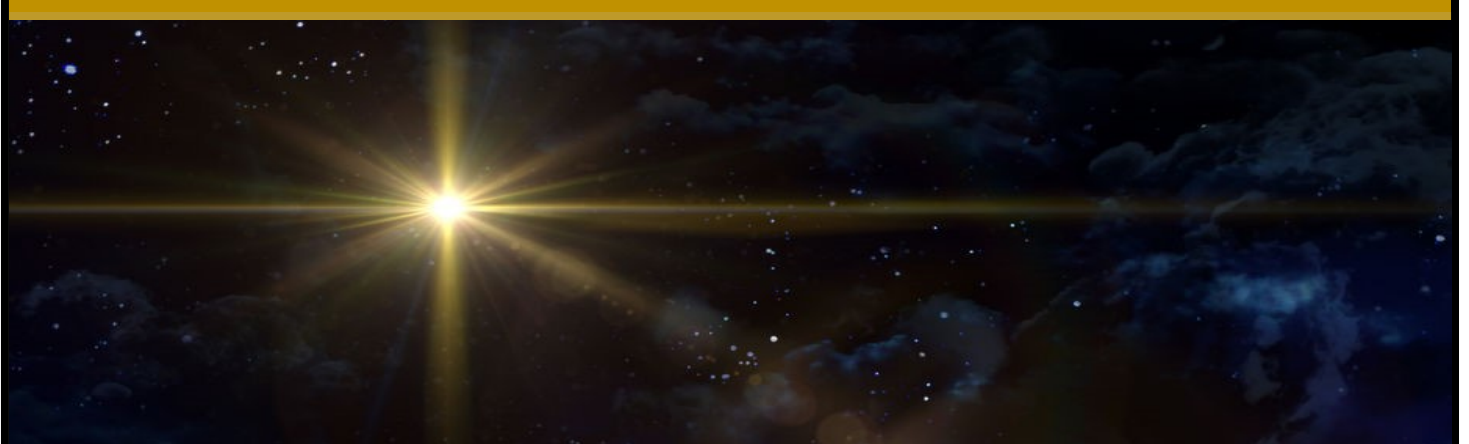
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December 2022

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December 4th Blue Christmas

December 4th Poinsettias Due

December 11th Staff Gifts Due

*December 12th Vote on the
issue of disaffiliation*

Christmas Eve Services

4:00PM

5:30PM

&

11:00PM

*No Worship Services
Christmas Day*



A note from Pastor Phil...

***“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”- Luke 2:14***

The Shepherds were dutifully watching their sheep at night. Unknown to them a young mother gives birth to her firstborn, a son they shall call Jesus. Then to the shepherds out of nowhere comes the holy host of angelic voices singing *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”* In my mind's eye the shepherd's hearts were racing and they were afraid... Something like this doesn't happen everyday... Or ever. Where is this peace that the angels promised? I really doubt the shepherds felt at peace in that moment.

Here we are over 2000 years later and we still search for this promised peace. Consider the last several years. We have had monumental political unrest, a pandemic, all time high inflation, recession, and the Nebraska Cornhuskers defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes in football. (Wait, isn't that a good thing?) On top of that our church denomination is in the midst of a great conflict as well. Lord, where is this peace You have promised? Does Your favor not rest on us?

What is important to recognize here is what we are doing as opposed to what God is doing. We are in the time of Advent- a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy birth. God's self shall enter into the world as a helpless babe in the arms of a virginal mother, born into poverty yet shall be known as the King of Kings! This is what God is doing. The rest of this is just background noise. Our vote for disaffiliation is set for December 12th at 6:00. All members in good standing shall vote in person and our options are pretty clear. As one of our Single Board members put it- “to remain who we are, we need to change the signs... But if we want to keep the signs, we need to change who we are.” To disaffiliate is to remain faithful biblical authority, covenants, and to truly be a people called Methodists. To remain is to diminish bible authority, embrace the breaking of covenants, and to no longer be a people connected by our General Conference, but instead to allow a minority voice to take over and force their preferred way and choices. To disaffiliate is to give the local church a greater voice in how we pick our leadership to how the denomination spends their offerings... To remain UMC is to know- well what we have already come to know.

So God calls us to a time of preparation. Perhaps this vote to define the future of this church which began as a Methodist Episcopal Church in 1853 to move forward into a new future. Either We continue to hold scripture in high authority as John Wesley taught and disaffiliate- or to remain in a progressive UMC and trust in something other than the authority of the Word of God.

So we wait. We wait to worship in thanksgiving God's incarnational presence among us on Christmas day. We wait to define ourselves as faithful stewards of God's Word and the Bride of Christ- the church. We wait to see how this plays out as a mystery for us to anticipate, but will be revealed... For now we wait.

MUMC Single Board
November 15, 2022
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Shirley Davis, Lori Snyder, Bruce Nodurft, Pastor Phil, Ruth Voshell, Charlie Dighton, Wayne Birkenholz, Mark Reth, Jean Gross.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:15 followed by a brief devotional from Acts 2:46-47, summarized by the fact that God lives in community through the Son and Holy Spirit and He wants us to also live in community with Him and each other. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Bruce gave the finance report for October. YTD contributions have amounted to \$210,765 and YTD expenses without apportionments are \$189,079. We are ahead of last year's contributions by \$17,437. The Brick-by-Brick campaign has \$122,918 with the October contributions. Two bills have been paid out of this account for the bathroom upgrades and Kluesner Flooring. The electric bill has been paid so far for Rahab House.

Charlie reported for trustees that new locks have been installed on the Rahab House. A list of items needing to be done at that house was presented and it was suggested to have the city do a check to see what needs to be done to bring it up to code. The bathroom contractor assured us they would have the time to do the upgrades of the church bathrooms. Debbie is looking into tile, colors, etc to go forward. Bathroom layout designs are being considered. Sidewalk repairs will be done next summer and Cole Beckman will be contracted for snow removal of the sidewalks around the church and Roger Erickson will be asked to remove snow from the parking lot.

Ruth reported that worship needs to upgrade the sound board among other tech issues needed to be done. Cory Wulfekuhle will be contracted to do what needs to be done for the whole building to improve our technology at a cost of \$3352.

Wayne reported that missions of the month are now including a two month time period to be more effective. Approximately \$1400 was made from the recent soup supper and silent auction with that money designated for the Stead Family Children's Center.

Sherry's congregational care notes included information on the empty chair service for grieving families to acknowledge the loss of a loved one and that there will be an empty chair at their table this Christmas. Sunday December 4 at 4 p.m. is the scheduled time for this service. Marlene is taking the Upper Room to the GNH. Susan Herman is doing the turkey for the Thanksgiving Day potluck at the church. Let Kat know if you are interested in attending.

Shirley Davis reported that Staff Parish will once again be collecting money for our church staff to be presented some time before Christmas. Donations can be given to her or left in the collection plates or church office.

The voting procedures for disaffiliation were discussed and decided. Our voting statement will be followed by a yes or no. No abstained votes will be allowed to be counted for this determination. Only members of our church can vote. More information to follow. Mark Reth will be filling out the needed information to secure legal representation when/if the church makes its determination.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Out next meeting will be on December 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of October 31, 2022

General Fund

Expenses for October \$23,728

Income for October: \$17,905

Balance for October: -\$5,823

Expenses year-to-date: \$211,230

Income year-to-date: \$210,765

Balance year-to-date: -\$465

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on October 31, 2022:

\$122,918 (\$525 in donations in October.

\$3,527 in expenses)

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

December 4th

8:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill

Scripture Reader: Jean Gross

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

Communion: Jean Gross,
Wayne Birkenholz, Alice Kluesner

Advent Candle:
The LeClere Family

December 11th

8:30

Liturgist: Kaci Reth

Scripture Reader: Roger Mueller

Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

Advent Candle:
The Milroy Family

December 18th

8:30

Liturgist: Carol Dighton

Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen

Children's Sermon: Susan Hermann

Advent Candle:
The Hough Family

December 24th Christmas Eve Services

4:00pm

5:30pm-Children's Message
Kristin Milroy

11:00pm

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





MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

€ Shirley Davis/SPPRC Chairperson / mumc@umcmanchester.com

November 15, 2022

Dear Church Family,

The Christmas season is once again upon us! In the tradition of this church family, we hope to present a gift to the pastor and staff members. If you are interested in taking part in this project, please leave your contribution in the Sunday collection plate or mail it to the main church office. Please make checks payable to: **MANCHESTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPPRC** and **note gifts in the memo.**

Manchester United Methodist Church

ATTN: SPPRC

413 East Butler Street

Manchester, IA 52057

Please be sure all gifts are in by Sunday, December 11th so they may be presented at the 8:30am service on Sunday, December 18th.

This is sent to you in the spirit of the Christmas Season and it is the hope of the SPPRC that you will accept it in the true spirit of Christmas.

Sincerely,

Shirley Davis

SPPRC Chairperson

*Help Us Decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas
by purchasing a poinsettia!*

Cost: \$11.00

Checks: MUMC

Subject Line: Poinsettia

Orders must be
into the office
by December 4th.

Also let us know if
The poinsettia is in
honor or memory of
a loved one.



(Return bottom portion by Dec)



Poinsettia Order Form

Cost: \$11.00

Make Checks To: MUMC

Subject Line: Poinsettia

**Must be into the church office
by December 4th**



Poinsettia

From:

(Your Name Here)

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

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Vote

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Vote!

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Monday December
12th

at 6:00PM is the
church conference to
vote on the
issue of disaffiliation.

You must be a
Member of the church
and present to vote.

**YOUR
VOTE
IS
YOUR
VOICE**



Blue Christmas Service

Sunday December 4th at 4:00PM

The Blue Christmas Service is a chance for grieving families to acknowledge the loss of a loved one and the empty chair at their table this Christmas. Most look forward to family and friends getting together. But for those who have lost a loved one, no matter how long ago it may be, Christmas can be a sad or even painful time.

This service offers solace and comfort for those grieving and for those facing hard times. Please join us for a service that will help comfort and prepare our hearts for the Christmas season. God Bless.

Sincerely,
Congregational Care.



Thank you Church Family.

I want to thank each and every one for the kind gestures, offered me after Bill's death. You'll never know how meaningful they were.

Thank you and God Bless. Marge Wolter.

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.

As You're
* Christmas Shopping
This Year...



**DON'T
FORGET
SCRIP!**



We have gift cards to ALL
Of your favorite retailers –
Local AND National!

Amazon, Target, Kohl's, Wal-Mart,
Culver's, Menards, Aunt Emmy's,
Bushel & A Peck,

Castle Theatre, and SO MANY
MORE!



Needing something we
don't have?
THERE'S AN APP FOR
THAT!

Let us help you get set up
to shop
through the app for
literally
THOUSANDS of retailers!

Need some cards, but can't make
it on a Sunday? No problem!

Call the church office and let Kat
know your order, OR, use our
preferred method, and email us at
Mumscrip4439@gmail.com
and we'll get you taken care of!



The best part? YOU get the full value, and the
church gets a portion of your purchase from the
retailer!

Shopping for a good cause?
YES PLEASE!

Pass the SCRIP!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

newsletter

THANK YOU!

Your support of OCC this year has been tremendous! MUMC was asked to take on a new and bigger role as a Central Drop-Off, and you immediately stepped up to the plate to make it a success. From supporting all our fundraisers to volunteering at the packing party and Central Drop Off to everything in between, I rarely even had to ask for help because you were already there filling the need. THANK YOU for sharing your heart and God-given gifts and talents to ensure these Gospel Opportunities were ready for their next leg of the journey as they make their way to the hands of the child God has picked specifically to receive each one. It is a pleasure serving with you as the Body of Christ!

Stephanie Stocks

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the shoeboxes collected at our Central Drop-Off:
 - MUMC: 1,669
 - Decorah: 2,247
 - Dubuque: 1,827
 - Independence: 552
- Praise God for all the donors and volunteers who are ensuring quality shoeboxes arrive in the hands of the children God intended.
- Pray for the National Leadership Teams as they make plans to strategically reach the children at the outreach events.

Shipping Funds

\$8,744.38

\$8,960 needed for 896 boxes!

Packing Party Shopping List:

Hit those day after Christmas sales to get an early start on next year's packing!

Packing Party

896

**boxes packed
in 1.5 hours!**

Happy Birthday

Jerry Ridenour.....	12/03
Vicki Spellerberg	12/03
Clifford Swanson	12/03
Les Carlson.....	12/05
Tiffany Feldmann	12/05
Julia Hopkins.....	12/06
Michael Wade	12/06
Michael Ryan	12/07
Lori Clemen.....	12/08
Mark Philgreen	12/08
Drake Rogers.....	12/09
Christian Zehr.....	12/11
Kenze Tutton	12/12
Jeffrey Nystel	12/14
Luanne Becker	12/15
Jennifer Sellner	12/15
Gary Gibbs.....	12/18
Donna Reeder.....	12/19
Jeanne Taylor.....	12/21
David Gaskill.....	12/24
Pat Swanson	12/26
Linda Kerton	12/28
Janie Vogt	12/28
Travis Mensen	12/29
Blair Heims.....	12/30
Terri Mueller.....	12/31
Kat Rogers.....	12/31
Phil Rogers.....	12/31
Kathy Waterman.....	12/31

HAPPY Anniversary

Verle & Donna Hankins	12/24
Richard & Judy Fox	12/28
Ron & Janie Vogt.....	12/30
Ken & Lisa Edaburn.....	12/31

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."
- Matthew 1:23

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

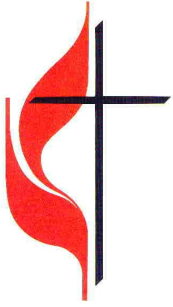
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Karen Slife	
Delores Timmer	
Jim Dekeyser	
Jeane Taylor	

The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	December 27th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/ Small Groups	December Mission: Stead Family Children's Hospital		
Fellowship 9:30AM	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second		Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			
Sunday School/ Small Groups 9:45-10:30Am				1	2	3 8:00PM Community Meeting
4	5 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	6	7 WOW	8	9	10 8:00PM Community Meeting
11	12 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	13 Single Board Meeting	14 WOW	15	16	17 8:00PM Community Meeting
18	19 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	20	21 WOW	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:00, 5:30 & 11:00PM
25 No Worship Services Christmas Day	26 Church Closed No Second Helpings	27 CHIMES DEADLINE	28	29	30	31 8:00PM Community Meeting



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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**



*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men. —Matthew 2:10*

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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
Articles printed as submitted.

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at MUMC.

Please forward any new addresses to
the church at

413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439

Thank you!