



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

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**January 2023**

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*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*

*-Proverbs 3:5-6*

**CHURCH/OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 2ND**

Sunday School Starts again on January 8th

Conversations Begins Again January 12th

**Looking for ways to serve?**

## A note from Pastor Phil...

*9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

- Luke 2:9-12

This Luke scripture is the scripture we most often read for “Epiphany” Sunday which is the Sunday after Christmas. So often we focus on the journey of the Magi, or the wonder of their worship of the Son of God when they arrive at the home of Joseph and Mary, or the significance of the gifts they offer to Jesus. But this Sunday we will focus on the Journey home after they have worshiped the Messiah... Scripture tells us “They returned to their country by another route.” The Holy Spirit compelled them to return home without sharing with Herod the place where they found the Holy Child. Because they knew that Herod did not intend to worship Emmanuel, but to destroy this child as a threat to his own glory.

As I am preparing for this Sunday’s message, it occurs to me that there might be a connection with this story and our vote to disaffiliate from the UMC a couple weeks ago. With around 100 votes cast four out of five votes were to leave the UMC and to seek out a better expression for our path forward as a church. Overwhelmingly the vote was to honor biblical authority over a progressive biblical narrative that is being sought by the UMC leadership in open defiance of our covenants and Book of Discipline. Now we will need to begin to discern our way forward by “another route.”

I believe that the most important issue for this church family is that we are not forced to change who we are. We are a church who holds to the authority of scripture, to the acceptance of all people, that all are sinners in need of Jesus, and that we shall with love and community worship together with integrity, working out our salvation with fear and trembling. As I have stated before, we already established who we are, now we just need to decide the best way forward for us to remain who we are... Without compromise we shall remain the Body of Christ that we have established and love as family... Where everyone- sinners all- are welcome and celebrated with eternal value.

John Wesley shared a unique theological understanding around scripture, grace, salvation, and personal and social holiness. This is a part of who we are so we will focus our search on traditions that maintain these important theological priorities. There are many we can consider, each with their own unique voice, we need to align ourselves with the one that fully shares our voice.

We are going to continue our Thursday “Conversations” on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Fiesta Cancun at noon. Each Thursday we will gather to talk about whatever anyone wishes to discuss, but members of our Single Board and myself will be prepared to discuss our research of other Methodist/Wesleyan traditions that we may consider aligning ourselves with after we are removed from the Iowa UMC Conference on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

In this time of discernment, I invite all our church family to pray for the church, our leadership, and one another. Four out of five understood this was the right way forward, but one out of five did not. It is time we set aside the discussion of leaving the UMC, that decision has been made. The question is- if we were happy together before this vote, and the vote was to insure we could remain who we are, then perhaps we can come back together to worship and celebrate who God has called us to be...Family. This is my prayer. But for those who feel that we should have remained in the direction of the UMC, Know that I care about you and support you if you feel you need to move to a different church family that is not disaffiliating. You just need to submit a written request to the church office, and we will facilitate the transfer to the church of your choice and pray that you shall go with God.

Peace

**MUMC Single Board  
December 20, 2022  
6:00 p.m. - Conference Room**

**Present:** Ruth Voshell, Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Wayne Birkenholz, Bill Scanlan, Bruce Nodurft, Shirley Davis, Mark Reth, Phil Rogers

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM followed by a devotional on Mark 8:23-34 with special emphasis on verse 23. There was a brief discussion. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Bruce gave the finance report for November. YTD contributions have amounted to \$227,544 and YTD expenses without apportionments are \$206,060. We are ahead of last year's contributions by \$19,000. The Brick-by-Brick campaign has \$121,000 with the November contributions. Bills have been paid out of the account for the bathroom upgrades.

In Charlie's absence. The internet upgrade has been accomplished. The main lights in the sanctuary have been replaced. The furnace in the Remling property was replaced as per the agreement at time of the sale.

Ruth also reported that the internet upgrade has been done. The worship times for Christmas Eve are 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 11:00 PM. There will be no WOW service on December 28,

Wayne reported that the Jan-Feb mission will be for Congregate Meals. Meals will be prepared and placed in the freezer for distribution to shut-ins and where needed.

Sherry reported that the next item for Congregational Care will be Valentine's Dinner. The Congregational Care committee will be distributing the Congregate Meals.

Shirley reported that the SPPRC will begin meeting quarterly. The contributions for the Staff were made on Sunday, December 18.

Mark will be contacting the NCLL to get the process started for disaffiliation.

Mark, Charlie and Bruce will be on a sub-committee for Legal matters involved with the disaffiliation.

Kathy will head a sub-committee to research denominations.

After discussion, it was decided to not have a January physical meeting. There will be an email roundup.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. Next meeting will be February 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Voshell, acting secretary

**Financial Report as of November 30, 2022**

*01 General Fund*

Expenses for November: \$19,272

Income for November: \$16,779

Balance for November: -\$2,493

Expenses year-to-date: \$230,502

Income year-to-date: \$227,544

Balance year-to-date: -\$2,958

*Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:*

Cash in hand on November 30, 2022

\$121,068 (\$1,650 in donations in November:  
\$3,500 in expenses).

Commitments given but not fulfilled: \$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

## January 1st

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Dave Gaskill

**Scripture Reader:** John Rasmussen

**Children's Sermon:** Darla Gaskill

**Communion:** Marilyn Feldmann, The Nystels

## January 8th

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Julie Porter

**Scripture Reader:** John Rasmussen

**Children's Sermon:** Terry Larson

## January 15th

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Feldmann

**Scripture Reader:** Dale Schake

**Children's Sermon:** Tom Fetter

## January 22nd

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Jean Gross

**Scripture Reader:** Marianne Sandberg

**Children's Sermon:** Stephanie Stocks

## January 29th

**8:30**

**Contemporary Service**

**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:**

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



## 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](mailto:mumcfinance4439@gmail.com) or contact the church office at 563-927-4439. The link is also available on the website [umcmanchester.com](http://umcmanchester.com) under the giving tab.



## December Mission of the Month: Stead Family Hospital

Katie Mitchell, Cindy and Wayne Birkenholz delivered toys and personal items collected during the December Mission of the Month to the Stead Family Children's Hospital in Iowa City. We were told the Hospital is full and they are very appreciative of the gifts. Once again, our church very strongly responded to a need. Thanks to all who participated.

## Blue Christmas Service

A big Thank You to those who attended our Blue Christmas Service! And also to Mary Green who conducted the service and guided our team to make sure we were all involved. The service offered solace and comfort for those who have lost loved ones and prepare for the holidays without them. It was very peaceful and held a lot of meaning to those who seek healing and hope during the holidays.

Blessings to all,

The Congregational Care Team



# Conversations will begin again on Thursday January 12th at Fiesta Cancun at Noon.

## December 12th Vote Results

The motion to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church passed by 82% .  
Our Single Board is now working on the disaffiliation process and looking into future options  
to bring to the congregation in the New Year. God Bless.

The Church and office will be closed January 2nd.  
Happy New Year!

## 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
Nursery Attendants	Praise Band	Reaching & Receiving
Scrip	Scripture Reader	Sunday School Teachers
Tech Team	Ushers	Vegetable Garden Crew
Vacation Bible School Teachers/Staff OCC	Funeral Team	Youth Group Sponsor

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

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# Happy Birthday!

Jack Young .....	1/01
Sherry Goranson .....	1/02
Doris Lei .....	1/02
Ruth Chapman .....	1/05
Ron Gearhart .....	1/05
Brooklyn Wefel.....	1/05
Marilyn Feldmann.....	1/06
Caleb Zehr.....	1/06
Everett Hough .....	1/07
Mark Nystel .....	1/08
Larry Goranson.....	1/09
Parker Kluesner.....	1/09
Carl Sellner.....	1/10
Joann Ogea.....	1/12
Kristin Milroy.....	1/12
Gary Evarts .....	1/17
Jaimie Burk.....	1/17
Makayla Chapman.....	1/18
Joyce Harbaugh.....	1/19
Dave Gibbs .....	1/20
Bruce Mangold.....	1/20
Karlyn Heims .....	1/22
Tracy Hough .....	1/22
Patrice Sage.....	1/22
Kelsey Evarts.....	1/23
Jim Hopkins.....	1/23

Carol Kremer .....	1/24
Brett Rausch .....	1/24
Kaci Reth.....	1/24
Jamison Feldmann .....	1/25
Morgan Gibbs.....	1/25
Heather Huegel .....	1/25
Paul Roberg.....	1/25
Marlene Reth.....	1/28
Alyssa Sellner .....	1/28
Ruth Jones .....	1/29
Lisa Pasker.....	1/29
Merle Mangold .....	1/31
Ken Pasker .....	1/31

## 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	
Jeane Taylor	

## The Meadows

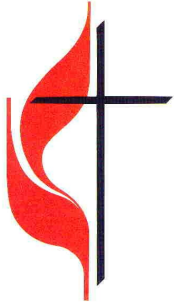
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM Fellowship 9:30AM Sunday School/ Small Groups 9:45- 10:30Am	<b>Second Helpings</b> 4:30-5:30	<b>January 25th CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/ Small Groups	<b>January Mission:</b>  <b>Meals in Need</b>		
	<b>Clothing Closet Open</b> 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		<b>Clothing Closet Open</b>  10:00pm to 2:00pm			
1	<b>2</b> Church/ Office Closed	3	4 WOW	5	6	7 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
8	9 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	10	11 WOW	12	13	14 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
15	16 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	17	18 WOW	19	20	21 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
22	23 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	24	25 <b>CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	26	27	28 8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
29	30 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	31				



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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 at 8:30am,  
visit our website [www.umcmanchester.com](http://www.umcmanchester.com)  
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
Sunday Nights**

**“Be strong and take heart, all  
you who hope in the Lord.”**

**-Psalm 31:24**

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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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Thank you!