



Manchester United Methodist Church

## *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**February 2023**

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**Feb 12th Superbowl party**

Feb 14th Valentine's Day Celebration

**Ash Wednesday Feb 22nd**

February 23rd Chimes Deadline

**GOD'S  
LOVE  
REMAINS**

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

**By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." - Genesis 3:19**

Adam and Eve were created in the image of God to share in fellowship and to walk the Garden of Creation with God. They were only given one stipulation- do not eat of the fruit of the tree in the center of the Garden! We all know how the story goes: the serpent tricked and goaded Eve into eating the fruit, and then Eve convinced Adam. And God's initial plan of quiet fellowship within the Garden was interrupted by humanity's brokenness. We have become self aware of good and evil and sought to meet our own selfish desires. Here we are many thousands of years later, and we still suffer with the same symptoms of our human condition.

Lord, we need saving, we just cannot do this on our own! Our own righteousness is stained and we can not cleanse it without you... Wash away our sin, lord, share with us Your own perfect and holy righteousness, We shall trust in You our Lord Jesus Christ!

But the cost of salvation came at a very high price. The sacrifice of the perfect lamb without blemish. The sacrifice of the one who remained sinless. The Holy Son of God. For our salvation we must only repent and believe. Seems easy, but it is apparently hard for this generation. So many in the church preach a false message of cheap grace... You only need to believe! God's love is abundant and all dogs go to heaven! There is no reason we should humble ourselves and repent- that foolish talk. Is it?

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry he proclaimed "*The time has come,*" he said. "*The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!*" (Mark 1:15) I have read through God's Word many times and have yet to find a scripture that refutes this command, though I have found numerous in support. All paths of salvation lead to Jesus Christ, and we must come humble, repenting of our sin, and accepting in truth the teachings of the Good news. We may find humbling ourselves for our iniquity hard, due to our pride and ego, but nevertheless it is required to be fully in relationship with the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This year for Lent we are putting an emphasis on our journey of redemption beginning with the Ash Wednesday worship service all the way through to Easter. I compel all of the congregation to make all worship services. On Ash Wednesday I pray all can come for worship as we humble ourselves and recognize our own need for a Savior. Then we will spend our Lent worship services studying from the book "The Face of Forgiveness" by Philip D. Jamieson.

Come and see all that the Holy Spirit has for you in these worship experiences. Find your rest in the sanctuary as God molds and makes us into a greater image of the Divine. Be prepared to go and tell of the abundance of grace, love, and hope found in our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, so that others may hear and also be saved.

# No Single Board Notes This Month!

## Financial Report as of December 31, 2022

### 01 General Fund

Income for December: \$29,569

Expenses for December: \$25,513

Balance for December: +\$4,056

Expenses year-to-date: \$257,152

Income year-to-date: \$257,113

Balance year-to-date: -\$39

### Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on December 31, 2022: \$113,418 (\$350 in donations in December; \$8,000 in expenses).

Commitments given but not fulfilled: \$37,390

## 2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Anyone wishing to have a 2022 contribution statement for tax purposes or otherwise should let the office know (563) 927-4439, or put a note in the finance mailbox outside of Kat's office. Just leave your name and if you know it, your offering envelope number. Once it has been printed we will mail it to you. Thanks.

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!***

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

## February 5th

**8:30**

**Liturgist: Dave Gaskill**

**Scripture Reader: Wayne Birkenholz**

**Children's Sermon: Susan Hermann**

**Communion: Wayne Birkenholz and Scanlan's**

## February 12th

**8:30**

**Liturgist: Carol Dighton**

**Scripture Reader: Meghan Mensen**

**Children's Sermon: Terry Larson**

## February 19th

**8:30**

**Liturgist: Jeff Larsen**

**Scripture Reader: Evan Mayfield**

**Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere**

## February 26th

**8:30**

**Contemporary Service**

**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



# Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

## Prayer Requests



- Pray for our ministry partners to find unreached children in their communities and that those boys and girls would attend the outreach events.
- Pray God will meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children who receive shoeboxes.
- Pray for God's blessing on our Central Drop Off as we begin planning for National Collection Week 2023.



## 2023 Goals

### Packing Party:

900 quality boxes

### Drop Off Location:

1750

## Upcoming Events

Planning Meeting:

Feb. 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Bake Sale:

Feb. 26th

## Packing Party Shopping List

### WOW items:

- Stuffed animals/dolls
- Soccer balls/pumps

## Valentine's Day Celebration

Feeling alone on Valentine's Day?  
Please join us for an afternoon coffee, dessert, fellowship and entertainment!

**When: February 14th at 1:30pm**

**Where: Wesley Hall**

**Please RSVP to the church office by February 9th**

Blessings from Congregational Care Team

## Love to sing? Join Choir!

**Our choir rehearsals run from 7:15-8:00 P.M. every Wednesday, and we sing at all Sunday worship services except for the last Sunday of each month. We will continue until mid-May and then take a break for the summer. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us!**

## A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you to Sherry Goranson and the Congregation Care Team for the wonderful meal they brought to me after I returned home from St. Lukes and The Good Neighbor Home.

I appreciated their visits and the wonderful meals. Thank you again.

In Christian love, Florence Parrott.

## The Church Bathrooms

Work on the church bathrooms continues. Construction has begun on the downstairs bathroom earlier than expected because in order to fix the plumbing in the upstairs bathroom the downstairs bathrooms will be torn apart. Please note that the downstairs bathrooms as well as the bathroom in Wesley Hall will be available for use on Sunday for church but will look a little rough because of the construction process. Thank you for your patience.

# *Ash Wednesday*

*February 22nd at 6:30PM*

*“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”*

*~Genesis 3:19*

*Join us in  
preparation ,  
and prayer through  
forty days of Lent.*

*Please  
invite all who are  
important to you  
as we find  
our hope in  
The Passion Story.*





A graphic featuring a football field background with a football in the center. Overlaid on the football is a black rectangular box with a white border containing the text "SUPER BOWL SUNDAY" in a bold, red, italicized font with a white outline.

# ***SUPER BOWL SUNDAY***

## **Superbowl Party**

**When: Sunday February 12th at 5:00pm**

**Where: MUMC Community Room**

Can you say POTLUCK?

**Please bring your favorite football dish to share!**

Pop will be provided . You are welcome to bring a church appropriate beverage if you wish.

See you there!



# February 2022 Scrip News

**\$2500—Amount donated to the church from July 1 through December 31 2022 Scrip sales.**

**\$1084.50—Amount donated to Education Dept from 2022 Fareway sales.**

## **NEW SCRIP CARDS ON HAND!**

- **Thompson Shoes**
- **McDonalds**
- **Visa Gift Cards**

**THANK YOU!**

**Is there a card you're wanting, but we don't have on hand? We can order it! Stop by the Scrip table Sunday before or after service, or email us at [mumscrip4439@gmail.com](mailto:mumscrip4439@gmail.com) and let us know! Want an E-Gfit Card? Check out the RaiseRight app!**



# VBS Save the Date



July 17-21, 2023

9am-11:45am





- Dianne Larsen .....2/01
- 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
- Jody Puffet .....2/13
- Lynne Rasmussen .....2/15
- Hannah Philgreen.....2/17
- Wilma Hatch.....2/18
- Amy Blumer .....2/19
- Don Mellody.....2/20
- Arlan Henderson.....2/23
- Stephanie Stocks.....2/26
- Sydney Litterer.....2/27
- Joan Jones .....2/27
- Jordan Schultz.....2/27
- Ben Litterer.....2/28
- Caryssa Philgreen.....2/28

- 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**

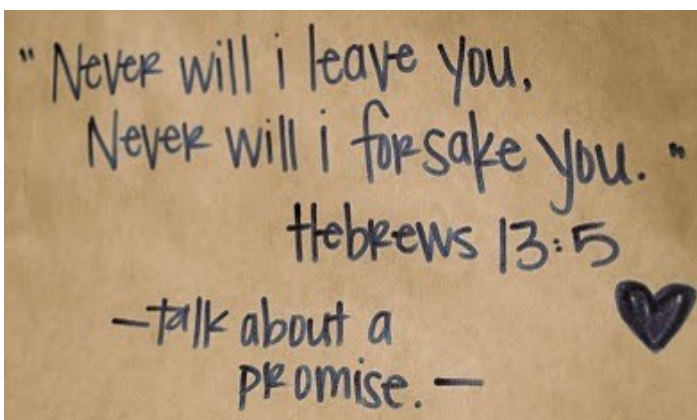
**105 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Karen Slife	#208
Delores Timmer	
Jeane Taylor	

**The Meadows**

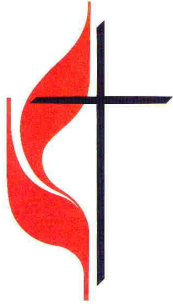
**220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

John Tyrrell	109
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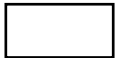
# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM	<b>Second Helpings</b> 4:30-5:30	<b>February 23rd CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/ Small Groups	<b>February Mission: Meals in Need</b>		
Fellowship 9:30AM	<b>Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings</b>		Clothing Closet Open  10:00pm to 2:00pm			
Sunday School/ Small Groups 9:45-10:30Am			1 WOW	2	3	4 8:00PM Community
5	6 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	7	8 WOW	9	10	11 8:00PM Community Meeting
12 Superbowl Party 5:00PM	13 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	14 Valentine's Celebration 1:30pm in Wesley Hall	15 WOW	16	17	18 8:00PM Community Meeting
19	20 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	21	22 6:30 ASH WEDNESDAY	23 CHIMES DEADLINE	24	25 8:00PM Community Meeting
26	27 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	28	<b>♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥</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 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**



**LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND.**

**IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST,**

*it is not proud.*

**IT DOES NOT  
DISHONOR OTHERS,**

**IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,**

*it keeps no record of wrongs.*

**LOVE DOES NOT  
DELIGHT IN EVIL** **BUT REJOICES WITH  
THE TRUTH.**

*It* **ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS TRUSTS,**

**ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.**

*Love* *never fails.*  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

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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!