



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

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**March 1st
Ash Wednesday**

**A word from
The Sewing Ladies**

OCC BRUNCH

**March 26th
Next OCC Bakesale**

*Join a small group
"The Face of Forgiveness"
Lenten Study*



A note from Pastor Phil...

As I prepared to write my Chimes article this morning I set myself a challenge. What is the best scripture to help us to best understand what Lent means to the Christian believer. I was led to the first Epistle of Peter. In chapter 4 Peter is encouraging believers who stand to face imprisonment, torture, or martyrdom for their faith. In fact, baptism had taken on a new additional meaning in this period- are you ready to face trials for your faith? Then Peter writes in chapter 5;

1 Peter 5:1-2-11

2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Verses 2-4 are directed to the pastor and the leaders in the church like our Single Board. Those who are willing to give more than time, but also accept that they are to lead in Christ's image- as servants of the flock. The pastor is to watch over the flock, not just allowing them to go where they desire, but at times to make the hard choices, in humility, to the pastures that God has prepared for them. Even when the right thing is hard, there is never a wrong time to do the right thing.

Verses 5-11 are for all the church, the full flock. Let us view this scripture through the lens of the 40 days of the Lenten season.

Submit- in our American individualism this is a hard word. But remember that we are not submitting ourselves to one another's human condition... We are to submit ourselves to Christ- which is revealed through the service of our leaders, and in our relationships with one another. This means we are to be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit in loving relationships of accountability. The human condition is flawed, revealed in all people everywhere throughout time since the original sin of Adam and Eve. Together we work this out in fear and trembling acknowledging the great chasm that exists between God's Holiness and the human condition. How do we stand proud before God in our stained self righteousness? It is only through our humble repentance that we find God's favor so that God's self will bridge the chasm so that we can live eternally at peace with God. This is to be our prayer- and the reason for our fasting during the Lenten season. To focus on God's goodness and the redeeming of humanity, not because we deserve, but because of God's indescribable love for that which God has created. This is the good news of the gospel, and the eternal promise of our faith. Because of that we can be assured the story of our lives here on earth may not be fully known but the end of the story is settled, we shall be together through eternity in the presence of Jesus. So cast aside your anxiety and live into joy and thanksgiving.

Be on-guard with a clear mind because the enemy is prowling, stalking around you... The enemy is that which entices us into sin. During this time of Lent we are to be hyper aware of our desire to sin and how this separates us from the full presence of the Divine. Through prayer and fasting we focus more deeply on our relationship with the Triune God to separate ourselves from "the enemy" and embrace the joyous grace of living into our submission to Jesus, who seeks only our good now and always.

Peter then writes there will be struggles and trials, For though as believers we are a Kingdom people, we do not reside in a Kingdom place... We are foreigners here in the land of the human condition. Because of this, we will know heartache and pain... but we shall never be beyond the joy of eternal grace and acceptance. The end of the story, already written by the Hand of God's Self, is the defeat of evil and the victory of grace all to God's glory.

As Jesus wandered into the wilderness to be tested by evil He snatched victory from the hands of the human condition and returned to proclaim his place as Messiah, Redeemer, and Savior.

As we enter into the season of Lent for 40 days we focus on the temptations of evil revealed in the selfish nature of our human condition- of Jesus' victory over our sin, guilt, and shame through the blood of sacrifice and atoning grace. Amen

MUMC Single Board
February 21, 2023
6:00 p.m. Wesley Hall

Present: Jean Gross, Lori Snyder, Bruce Nodurft, Bill Scanlan, Ruth Voshell, Charlie Dighton, Shirley Davis, Sherry Goranson, Kathy Dolan, Mark Reth, Pastor Phil.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a devotional from Colossians 3:16, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Ministry Reports

A review of the final tally on the disaffiliation vote. A review of the notes found:

80 Official "Yes" votes.

18 Official "No" votes.

1 "17U/underage" vote - did not count towards the official vote due to conference rules.

2 Spoiled ballots - acknowledged as spoiled by the persons who had them, and not included in the official vote count.

98 Votes total which counted towards the official vote.

80/98 = 81.6% voted yes.

Finance: Bruce presented the financial reports for January as follows: Expenses for January (with apportionments) were \$20,287 and income amounted to \$17,034 leaving us with a deficit of \$3,253. The Brick-by-Brick fund added \$600 in January donations and after bills paid the balance was \$105,932. Bruce also gave us the annual endowment report which includes three endowments of which two are church owned. The third non-church owned document is used only for benefiting the education fund. We have received \$266 from that fund for this year's use.

Trustees: Charlie reported that the bathroom upgrades continue. Inability to receive needed materials has caused many delays. The basement bathroom/shower rooms should be completed this week. Charlie installed a carbon monoxide detector in the furnace room as required by the state. Some of the old pews in our hallways will be removed. A suggestion was made by the board to look into refinishing the new Wesley Hall flooring as it is looking very dull. Trustees will address this matter.

Missions: Some Meals in Need have been prepared and frozen to be used when a need arises. Paint by Neighbor will happen again and the dates are June 19-23. A church from Altoona will be sending 10-15 youth to work with us on these projects. Several work sites are being considered. Pastor Phil is working on a board for Rahab House which will need help with improvements before our first family can live there. Volunteers will be needed for cleaning, painting and wood working. The Clothing Closet needs to rework their space for storage. They are considering a specific plan for their needs. Missions will cover the costs associated with this.

Congregational Care: Sherry mentioned the Valentine's days dessert and coffee hosted by Congregational Care on February 14 was very well received. Mary Green had the program and Beth Mueller entertained with music. It was suggested that next year maybe we should have a luncheon with some finger sandwiches and desserts. The fellowship time was enjoyed by those that attended. Meals were provided to the Nystels after Ellen's fall and surgery. Phone calls are being made to shut ins and cards sent.

Staff Parish: Shirley reported they are working on a staff evaluations.

Charlie, Bruce and Mark are continuing the work on the requirements needed for disaffiliation. It is hoped that by April 1st we will have a new corporate name and a new denominational name so that everything is in order before Conference time in June.

Pastor Phil reminded us that on April 5th during Holy Week the group Jew for Jesus will be helping with our Wednesday night service. This is reschedule from three years ago during the pandemic. This service will be very enlightening for everyone.

Our next regularly scheduled Single Board meeting will be March 21, 2023 in Wesley Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, secretary

Financial Report as of January 31, 2023

01 General Fund

Expenses for January: \$20,287

Income for January: \$17,034

Balance for January: -\$3,253

Expenses year-to-date: \$20,287

Income year-to-date: \$17,034

Balance year-to-date: -\$3,253

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on January 31, 2023:
\$105,932 (\$600 in donations in January;
\$8,086 in expenses).

Commitments initially given but remaining
to be honored: \$37,390

SERVING OUR CHURCH

March 5th

8:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill

Scripture Reader: Jeff Larsen

Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

Communion: Darla Gaskill, Jean Gross and Bill Scanlan

March 12th

8:30

Liturgist: Aurora Milroy

Scripture Reader: John Rasmussen

Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

March 19th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann

Scripture Reader: Roger Mueller

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

March 26th

8:30

Contemporary Service

Children's Sermon:
Stephanie Stocks

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
mumctecheam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Center



Ash Wednesday

March 1st 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 word from the Sewing Ladies

Our sewing group completed 24 quilts that are designed for warm weather areas. They do not contain batting – the soft inner layer in a regular quilt. Over the past year we have sewn many and wanted to make sure they were delivered to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois. On February 5th we drove to Coralville to give the large box of quilts to a group from the Newton Methodist Church that was going there and were willing to deliver them. We are hopeful that our quilts will go somewhere warm and be used where they are most needed. We certainly had fun making them.



We aren't done sewing! We would encourage anyone (whether you sew or not) to come join us. We meet at 9:30 each Tuesday morning downstairs in the large room. There are jobs for everyone – sewing, sorting, planning, cutting, pressing, etc. We also offer coffee and fellowship and perhaps a cookie or two. Come join us.



Jo Chapman learned to embroider from her grandmother when she was 9 years old. She created the quilt blocks, but didn't quite finish all of them so she brought them to our sewing group of which she was a part. We all worked to finish the embroidery, sash them, and create a quilt. Then the quilt was lovingly hand quilted by a member of the group. When it was complete, Jo took it to her Earlville church and had it blessed by her pastor. She then shipped it to her niece who had suffered a stroke and was in a wheel chair. Shortly afterwards Jo passed away. We are so glad that Jo's project from childhood was completed and shared with a family member. Love was passed on! We will miss Jo.

Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

Prayer Requests

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- Pray that God would call a powerful army of prayer warriors across the globe to intercede for effective evangelism and discipleship.
 - Pray that thousands of children would enroll in The Greatest Journey this month.
 - Pray for God's guidance and abundance in finding all the necessary items to fill 1,000 shoeboxes at our packing party.
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2023 Goals

Packing Party:

1,000 quality boxes

Drop Off Location:

1836

Upcoming Events

Bake Sale:

March 26th

Brunch:

April 2nd

Homemade & Homegrown Sale:

Plants, crafts, baked goods

May 20th

Packing Party Shopping List

Clothing:

- Winter clearance
- Underwear
- Socks



OCC Brunch

Please join us on Sunday April 2nd for brunch in Wesley Hall!
The meal is free will offering and all proceeds will go toward
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box shipping costs.



The Face of Forgiveness

Lenten Study 2023

SMALL GROUPS

Would you like to join a small group?

Would you like to lead a small group?

Sign Ups are located in the Narthex for this year's Lenten Study. Our study will begin on March 5th. Group leaders please see Kat in the office to pick up your leader and student guides for the study.

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

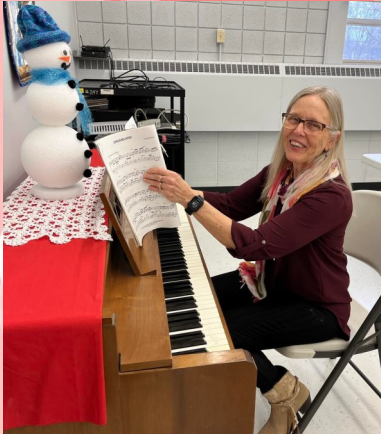
Youth Group

Small Groups

There Will Be Nursery Attendants For those with infants, toddlers and young children.

Everyone is welcome!

Valentine's Day Celebration



Save the Date

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

July 17-21, 2023
9am-11:45am



- Walter Davis3/02
- Karen Petlon..... 3/04
- Mary Mangold.....3/05
- Ronnie Bachman.....3/07
- Jeff Larson.....3/07
- Philip Mueller3/07
- Whitney Erickson.....3/09
- Michael Stocks.....3/10
- Lila Joslyn 3/12
- Jake Rogers.....3/13
- Scott Gaskill3/13
- Rex Van Dyke.....3/13
- Kathy Rempe3/14
- Alexis Eike.....3/15
- John Piegors.....3/18
- Nancy Bachman.....3/19
- Julie Hooker.....3/19
- Marc Hermann.....3/20
- Roger Mueller.....3/20
- Nicholas Andregg3/21
- Jena Downs.....3/22
- Kyle Downs3/24
- Nicholas Mensen.....3/28
- Rex Rogers.....3/28
- Meghan Mensen.....3/29
- William Ward 3/29
- Mary Bagby.....3/30
- Sandra Ferguson.....3/30
- Ramon Wycoff.....3/31

HAPPY Anniversary

Bob & Glenda Betels 3/12

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>
Arlene Jones	
Karen Slife	#208
Jeane Taylor	
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	

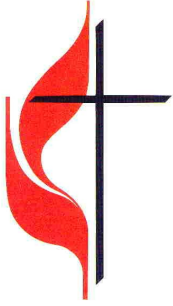
The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Louise Reth	
John Tyrrell	109



Hella March!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	March 22nd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4th Kids/Youth/ Small Groups	March Mission: Take Away Hunger		
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 Ash Wednesday service 6:30	2	3	4 8:00PM Community Meeting
5	6 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	7	8 WOW	9	10	11 8:00PM Community Meeting
12	13 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	14	15 WOW	16	17	18 8:00PM Community Meeting
19	20 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	21	22 CHIMES DEADLINE	23	24	25 8:00PM Community Meeting
26	27 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	28	29	30	31	



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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**

MAY YOUR TROUBLES
☘ BE LESS ☘
and your
Blessings
be MORE.....
AND NOTHING BUT
HAPPINESS
come through your
☘>>> door
☘ IRISH BLESSING

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