



Manchester United Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

May 2023

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MUMC Special Meeting

Scrip News

Sign Up for VBS!

Garden of Hope

A big thank you from the
Clothing Closet

May 20 OCC Homemade and
Homegrown Sale

May 28th OCC Bakesale

A note from Pastor Phil...

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

-Jerimiah 29:11-12

At the time Jerimiah wrote this prophecy Israel was entering into the 2nd exile, this time to Babylon. Israel would be decimated of their most educated and their leaders. The people were afraid of leaving the promised land to go and live in this new and different place. How would they worship God? How will God find them?

In chapter 29 God reveals that He is the one and only God and will follow them to wherever they are, and care for them in exile as they return their proper worship away from man made idols and worship Him only. In verse 11 God proclaimed "I know the plans I have for you!" Plans not to punish, not to harm, but to prosper the people of God and then the promise of hope and a future. In the original Greek it might be better translated as a "hopeful future." Then God invites His people into a deeper relationship- pray to Me... I will listen!

Things around the church have been pretty chaotic since last September. As a church we voted 82% to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church on the issue of biblical authority. Last month we voted 96% to join the new denomination Global Methodist Church. One can hope that we would all be of one accord, and wouldn't things be so much easier if we had voted 100%. 82% is a very strong majority, and significantly higher than the 67% required to disaffiliate... But in this conversation it seems we shall have winners and losers. Our course is set, we are off to a new thing, participating in a new Methodist denomination that promises to better align with who we are and how we understand the nature and character of God revealed in Holy Scripture. But there is still some anxiety and sadness around this splitting of the denomination. I found Jesus in a small UMC church in Oklahoma. My wife and all my kids were baptized in a UMC church... I baptized my first 4 grandsons here in this sanctuary... I found my love and call in ministry and worship in a United Methodist Church. But I also found a sense of betrayal as well in broken covenants, and brokenness in that which defined us as a people.

So let us remember and celebrate all the ways that we experienced the movement of the Holy Spirit in our time affiliated with the UMC... Let us not focus on the end of our relationship with the UMC denomination, and all the angst, hurt, and anxiousness that we have experienced at the end. Let us turn our vision ever forward and with great anticipation await that which God shall reveal to us so that He is glorified in our ministry and witness.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Peace

MUMC Single Board
April 18, 2023
6:00p.m.-Wesley Hall

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

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. followed by scripture from Matthew 28:5-6. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith. Christ's victory over death proves that He is the Son of God and it is this victory that gives us hope, even in the midst of trials and challenges. As the world changes around us, we are dedicated to helping Christians navigate these "changing times" so that the message of hope, salvation, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to reach those who need it most.

Finance: Bruce reported that actual expenses to date through the first quarter are \$19,157 and actual income has been \$17,638 giving us a budget shortfall of \$1,519 for the year without apportionments. Brick-by-Brick contributions for March were \$600 and expenses totaled \$7,396, leaving a total of \$80,373 as of March 31. Work is still progressing on the bathrooms. Discussion was held on what is needed to shine up the new floor in Wesley Hall. A possible solutions are: to purchase a scrubber/buffer that Dust can handle, sharing one with another facility or renting one locally if available. We hope to make a decision next month. Al Seibert gave us some ideas of how to properly care for that flooring. Our extra janitorial help is working out well. Dennis will be on sick leave soon.

Missions: Wayne reported future missions of the month including: Samaritans Purse, Disaster Response, Pay It Forward, Operation Christmas Child, Stead Family Extenuating Circumstances Fund and Stead Family Toy Tree. Yard Cleaning Mission: Neighbors helping Neighbors is a new mission benefiting those within our congregation and not intended to take work away from those who offer such services for a fee. Paint by Neighbor will continue this summer. A reminder was given about the April 30th Brunch/Potluck after service. Bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Congregational Care: Sherry reminded us that Berdina Carradus' funeral will be May 6th and Jim Dkeyser's will be May 13th. Mission meals have been taken to those recently hospitalized and sympathy and get well cards have been sent. Easter cards also were sent to homebound members as well as the Meadows and GNH.

Staff Parish: Shirley reported the *Another Set of Eyes form* needs to be filled out soon.

Action Item: Motion by Kathy, seconded by Wayne to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2023, Special Church meeting as presented with one additional statement as an addendum. Motion carried.

Additional topics: Single board was presented with several documents having to do with the upcoming disaffiliation from the UMC. Pastor Phil shared recent correspondence received from our Bishop regarding a special session being called of the Iowa Annual Conference on May 23, 2023 beginning at 6:30p.m. CDT. This special session will be conducted via electronic conferencing using Zoom. The sole purpose of this special session is for voting on the Iowa Annual Conference Board of Trustees' recommendations for the churches disaffiliating per Paragraph 2553 of The Book of Discipline.

Mark shared several documents with Single Board which are necessary to complete the disaffiliation process including: Insurance and Closing Statement; EIN Paperwork; Disaffiliation Agreement; Bill of Sale; Deed; List of Local Church Real and Personal Property; and Bylaws. Following discussion on some of these items and designating those responsible, a motion was made by Paul Lyman, seconded by Kathy Dolan that we adjourn at 8:40pm. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

Financial Report as of March 31, 2023

01 General Fund

Expenses for March:	\$21,426
Income for March:	\$17,638
Balance for March:	-\$3,788

Expenses year-to-date:	\$62,110
Income year-to-date:	\$52,353
Balance year-to-date:	-\$9,757

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:
Cash in hand on March 31, 2023: \$80,373
(\$600 in donations in March; \$7,396 in expenses). **Commitments initially given but not being honored: \$35,000**

Manchester United Methodist Church Special Meeting

April 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Purpose: To vote on two recommendations from Single Board regarding (1) applying for membership in the Global Methodist Church and (2) renaming our church Manchester Methodist Church as of July 1, 2023.

Congregation members were invited to Wesley Hall after service to sign in and receive a ballot.

Mark Reth, Single Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He gave a brief explanation again on the two recommendations being voted on. There was a question from the congregation as to what percentage was needed to pass. A simple majority is all that is needed for this purpose.

Pastor Phil led us in a prayer for guidance before voting. All those present voted at this time and were free to leave or stay for the results. Included in the votes cast were a few people who chose to vote absentee the previous week.

"I move that Manchester Methodist Church become a member congregation of the Global Methodist Church, that it affirms and endorses the doctrinal standards (Part One), Social Witness (Part Two) and church governance of the Global Methodist Church as set forth in its Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and agrees to be accountable to such standards, witness, and governance. Our leadership and trustees are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this motion."

The final tally was as follows:

Recommendation to apply for membership in the Global Methodist Church:

65 Yes 6 No 91% in favor

Recommendation to use the name Manchester Methodist Church:

68 Yes 2 No 97% in favor

A motion was made by Wayne Birkenholz, seconded by Kathy Dolan to accept the recommendations and the votes as tallied. Carried.

Board Members Voting: Ruth Voshell, Lori Snyder, Wayne Birkenholz, Charlie Dighton, Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Paul Lyman, Mark Reth.

Results were shared with those who chose to stay.

Adjourned 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

SERVING OUR CHURCH

May 7th

8:30

Liturgist: Dave Gaskill

Scripture Reader: Meghan Mensen

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

Communion: John Rasmussen, Donna Scanlan and Glenn Nystel.

May 14th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann

Scripture Reader: Stephanie Stocks

Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

May 21st

8:30

Liturgist: Michelle Philgreen

Scripture Reader: Duane Philgreen

Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill

May 28th

8:30

Contemporary Service

Children's Message:

Terry Larson

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



SHOP LOCAL!

We keep on hand:

Aunt Emmy's,
Bushel & A Peck,
Casey's,
Castle Theatre,
Chuong Garden, Dairy Queen,
Dollar Fresh, Fareway,
Hardees, Kwik Star,
Pizza Ranch, Subway, Sunset,
Thompson Shoes, and
WalMart

What IS Scrip anyway?

Gift cards!

When you purchase any card, the church gets a portion of that sale donated back!



May 2023

Scrip News

Top Sellers:

- 1) Fareway: Gives 3% back
(to Education)
- 2) WalMart: Gives 2.5% back
- 3) Kwik Star: Gives 9% back
- 4) Casey's: Gives 3% back

WE HAVE AN APP!

Download "RaiseRight" app for instant e-scrip cards while shopping!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 17-21,
2023 9:00-11:45 a.m.

VBS is less than 3 months away! Do you know a child who needs to hear the many wonderful ways that we celebrate God's greatness? If so, have them follow this link <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stellarmanchester> to get registered! We would love to have them join us!

Individuals who would like to volunteer at VBS may also register at the above link. We are still looking for a variety of volunteers. Check out the job descriptions below to see where you might like to help! If you have any questions or would like to make a financial contribution to VBS, please contact Hannah Clemen at 569-929-1395 or hannahclemen21@gmail.com.

We are still looking for the following volunteer positions to be filled:

STATION LEADERS (Adults): Students (who are grouped in crews) move through various stations that are stationed by an adult leader and feature a different Bible-learning activity. You are the "teacher" for your station. Crews are at your station for approximately 20 minutes. Stations

include:

****Games:** This enthusiastic individual leads the crews through a variety of games that connect with the daily Bible Point or Bible story. There are always a variety of games for the leader to choose from to best suit the kids at our VBS.

****Bible Leader:** This organized storyteller brings the Bible to life for groups of elementary age kids through interactive and engaging experiences, then helps kids apply the word of God to their own lives.

ELEMENTARY CREW LEADERS (HS Students or Adults): These individuals are assigned to a group of approximately 6 kids. They lead their crew through each station assisting the station leaders as needed.

PRESCHOOL CREW LEADERS/HELPERS (MS OR HS STUDENTS, ADULTS): Rather than have our three to five-year-olds rotate through the stations with the older kids, they have their own class. We still need 3 or 4 more helpers for this class. Crew leaders will help organize these kids and assist the leaders.

STATION HELPER (MS Students): These helpers assist the station leaders with anything they need extra hand with.

PRESCHOOL GAMES & CRAFT TEACHER (ADULT): This patient and creative leader manages materials and guides groups of preschoolers through creating a variety of Bible point reinforcing crafts. This energetic, patient, and organized individual is in charge of leading preschool age kids in fun activities and discussions. You don't need to be an Olympian, you just need to be organized, energetic, and fun loving.

Looking for another way to help with VBS? We are continuously looking for donations of supplies to help our week go on without a hitch! Check out our [Amazon wish list](#) or keep an eye out for our VBS display in the Narthex! Here we will have other items listed for donation from more local businesses. Not wanting to go shopping? No worries! Script to Fareway, Walmart or Amazon is greatly appreciated as well! Please give script cards to Hannah Clemen.



Volunteer Registration For VBS 2023 July 17-21 9:00-11:45am

NAME: _____

Grade Entering '23-'24: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE:

Text: Yes or No E-MAIL:

_____.

We will be wearing our green VBS shirts from years past. Do you need a new shirt?

T-Shirt Size (adult sizes):

Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL OR I have a shirt from last year _____

Desired Position:

_____ Crew Leader (Helper/Escort for small groups) (HS student or adult)

_____ Station Helper (MS or HS student) (Please check desired station/position)

_____ Station Leader/Teacher (adult) (Please check desired station)

_____ Games _____ Imagination Station _____ Story _____ Kid Vid

_____ Snack

_____ Decoration Leader/Helper

_____ Registration Helper

_____ Preschool Helper

_____ Actor

NOTE: Please record my contact info. and return this sheet to the church office or me ASAP. Please let me know ASAP if there are any days you will not be able to volunteer. Hannah Clemen:

hannahclemen21@gmail.com (C) 563-929-1395



**VBS 2023
Registration Form**

**Hosted by Manchester
Methodist Church
July 17th-21st 9:00a.m.-11:45a.m.
Kids ages 3 years (and potty trained)
through entering 5th
grade welcome!**

**Please return form to the church office at 413 E. Butler St. by July 11th OR fill it out online at
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/stellarmanchester>**

Child's name: _____ Circle: Boy or Girl

Age: ____ Date of birth: _____ Grade entering '23-'24 _____

Parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mother's day phone #: _____ Father's day phone #: _____

E-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies/medical conditions/behavioral concerns: _____

In case of emergency, contact:

Phone #: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Parents/Caregivers will be asked to sign out their child. Please list any individuals besides parents and emergency contact allowed to pick up your child:

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

Name/Phone/Relationship: _____

My child will be walking/biking home unaccompanied: YES / NO

May we photograph your child and display their pictures in our church and newsletter? YES / NO

****ENDOWMENT UPDATES****

In 2001 the Manchester United Methodist Church lost a longtime faithful servant when Don Reth passed away. In 2003, to honor her brother, Bertha Tribuno established the ***Donald Harold Reth Endowment*** as a tribute to his life and to keep his memory alive in a special way. The sole purpose of the Reth Endowment fund is to generate income for our Christian Education program. Christian Education is the focus because Don’s wife Marlene and his daughter Tammy had served as Sunday school teachers and as Sunday school superintendents.

The Reth Endowment is established through the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. On an annual basis, the Foundation informs MUMC of the income available for distribution. The maximum amount made available is 5% of the current fund balance. This year, 2023, the amount was \$266.00.

When the Reth Endowment was established, Manchester United Methodist Church was asked to annually recognize the establishment and existence of the endowment by placing a letter in the May edition of the Chimes. Don’s birthday was May 7th. The publication of this letter fulfills our commitment to do so.

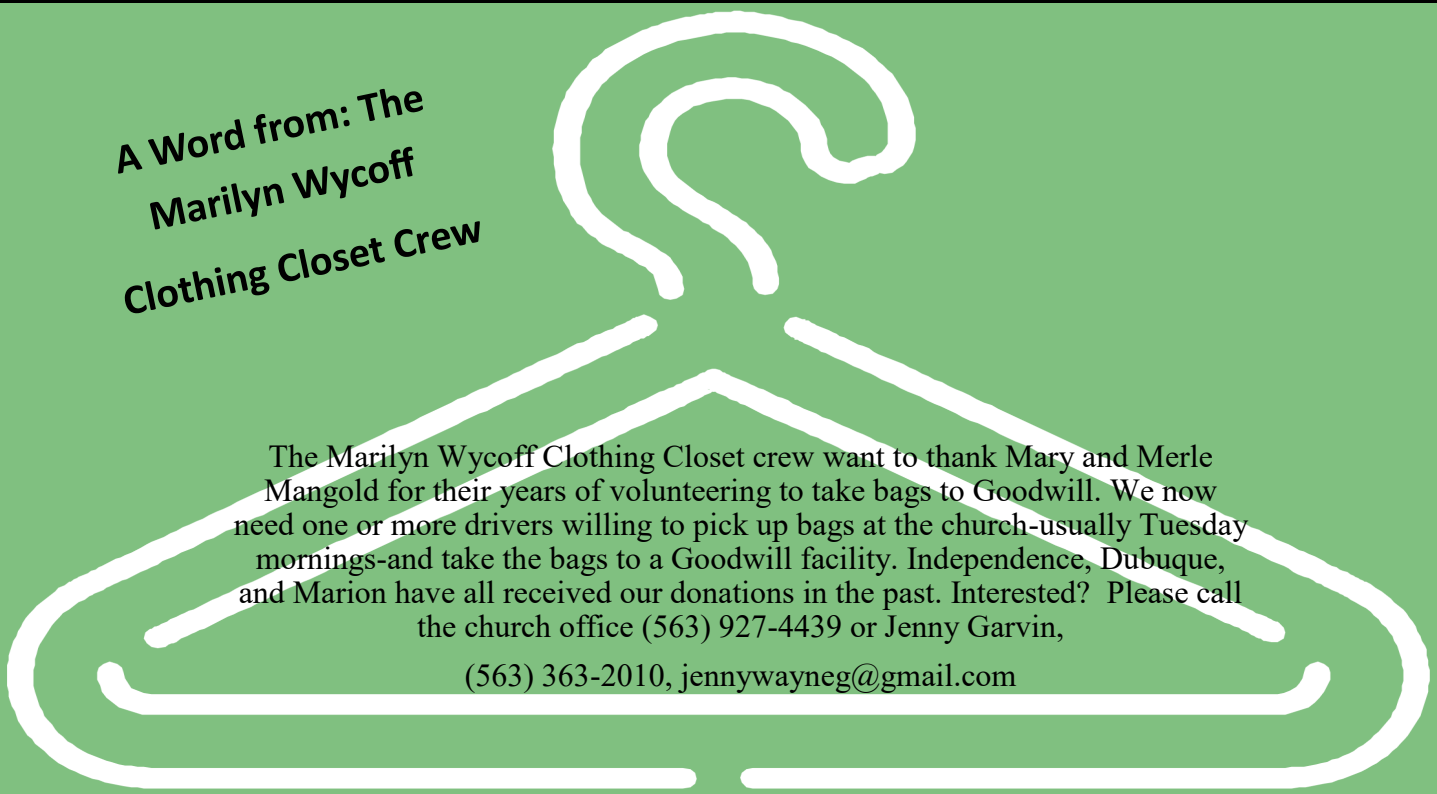
The Donald Harold Reth Endowment is an individually owned fund meaning that it is not owned by MUMC and that the church cannot alter the terms of the agreement between the Foundation and Ms. Tribuno. However, anyone who would like to contribute to the Reth Endowment may do so.

MUMC has also established its own endowment fund. The **Manchester United Methodist Endowment** has been in existence since 2005. This is a church owned fund and we direct the use of the earnings. Since it currently is a rather small fund, it is thought of as “seed money” and all of the income earned thus far has been reinvested in the endowment. The hope is that at some time in the future this fund will grow to a point where the income earned can be withdrawn and used to help meet the needs of MUMC.

As with the Reth Endowment, anyone who desires may make a contribution to the MUMC Endowment. If you would like to make a contribution to an existing endowment, would like to establish your own endowed fund, or have questions regarding endowments, feel free to contact any of the individuals named below. Checks may be made out to Manchester Methodist Church. Please note on the memo line ‘endowment contribution’

Bruce Nodurft Rev. Phil Rogers
Chair finance/MUMC treasurer MUMC pastor

**A Word from: The
Marilyn Wycoff
Clothing Closet Crew**




The Marilyn Wycoff Clothing Closet crew want to thank Mary and Merle Mangold for their years of volunteering to take bags to Goodwill. We now need one or more drivers willing to pick up bags at the church-usually Tuesday mornings-and take the bags to a Goodwill facility. Independence, Dubuque, and Marion have all received our donations in the past. Interested? Please call the church office (563) 927-4439 or Jenny Garvin, (563) 363-2010, jennywayneg@gmail.com

Sunday April 16th Church vote results

91% To join Global Methodist Church

97% To be renamed Manchester Methodist Church



Do you like fresh produce from the garden? Do you like working in a garden? Would you like to help?

It's time for our Church's "Garden of Hope" to be set up and planted!!! We are asking for some able-bodied men and women to help with some heavy lifting, carpentry repair, and planting the morning of May 13th at 9:30am in the garden area of the parking lot.

Please bring a shovel, a trowel and your giving spirit!

Please let Donna Scanlan or Bill know that you'll be there.

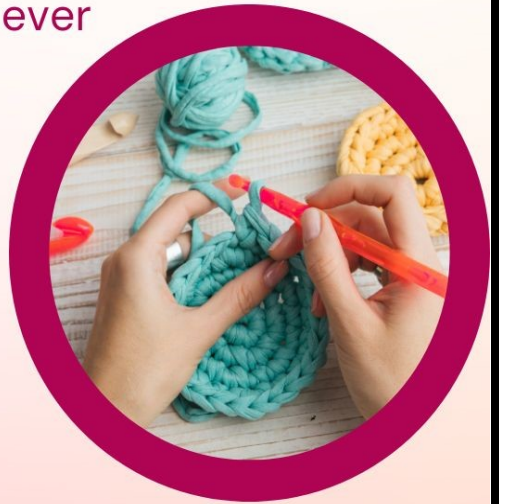
(563) 927-6080.



Homemade & **HOMEGROWN** **SALE**

There's something for everyone at our first ever
Homemade & Homegrown sale!

-  Plants (Perennials & Houseplants)
-  Crafts
-  Baked Goods



SATURDAY, MAY 20

 8:00 - 11:00 AM


308 S Wayne St.
Manchester, IA 52057



Sponsored by Manchester United Methodist Church. All proceeds go to support shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child!

Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

Prayer Requests

- 
- Pray that the right person will answer God's call to volunteer to serve as our NE IA Area Coordinator.
 - Pray for local churches in the receiving countries as they use Operation Christmas Child resources for evangelism and discipleship.
 - Pray for God's guidance and abundance in finding all the necessary items to fill 1,000 **quality** shoeboxes at our packing party.

Upcoming Events

Homemade & Homegrown Sale:

Plants, crafts, baked goods

May 20th

Planning mtg. May 8th 6:30 p.m. @ Sherman's

Bake Sale:

May 28

Ongoing:

Coins for Kids



Packing Party Shopping List

Toys:

Soccer ball & pump, slinky, yo-yo, doll, musical instruments, vehicles, etc.

2023 Goals

Packing Party:

1,000 quality boxes

Drop Off Location:

1,836 boxes



Jenny Garvin.....5/02
 Joanne Wade.....5/04
 Zachary Wefel.....5/07
 Charlie Dighton.....5/22
 Nicholas Stocks.....5/27

Jeff & Dianne Larsen.....5/02
 Gary & Marilyn Feldmann.....5/15
 Steven & Heather Huegel.....5/17
 Mark & Terri Philgreen.....5/18
 Kat & Zach Rogers.....5/24
 Duane & Michelle Philgreen.....5/25

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
Jeane Taylor	
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	

The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

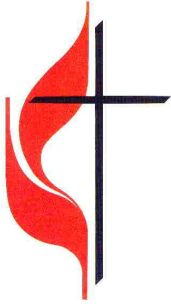
Louise Reth	
John Tyrrell	109





MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	May 24th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4th Kids/Youth/ Small Groups	May Mission: Disaster Response		
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 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	2	3 WOW	4	5	6 8:00PM Community Meeting
7	8 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	9	10 WOW	11	12	13 Help with the Vegetable Garden 9:30
14	15 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	16	17 WOW	18	19	20 Homemade & Homegrown OCC Sale 8am-11am
21	22 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	23	24 Chimes Deadline	25	26	27 8:00PM Community Meeting
28  OCC Bakesale	29 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	30	31			



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Return Service Requested

TO _____

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday

9:00am-5:00pm

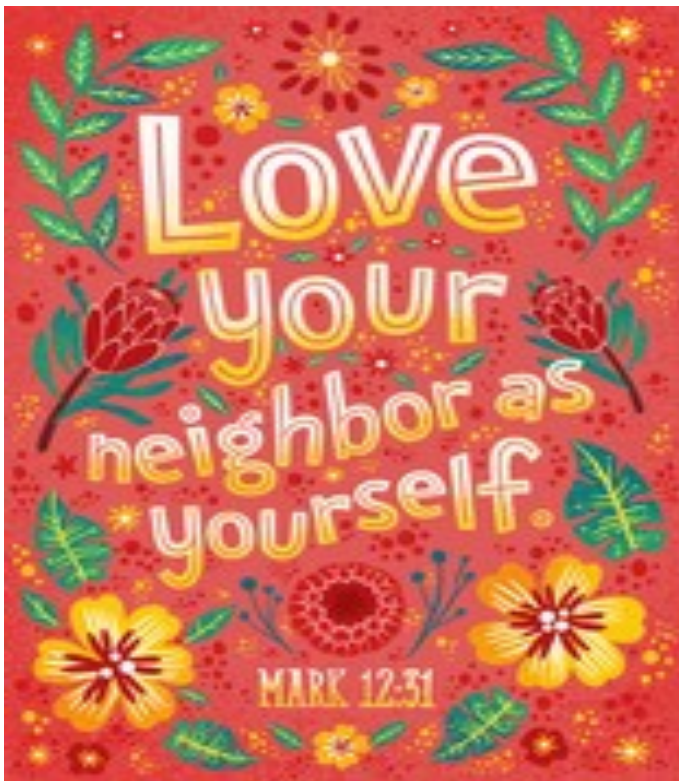
Tuesday & Thursday

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**



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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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at MUMC.

Please forward any new addresses to
the church at
413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439
Thank you!