

Manchester Methodist Church

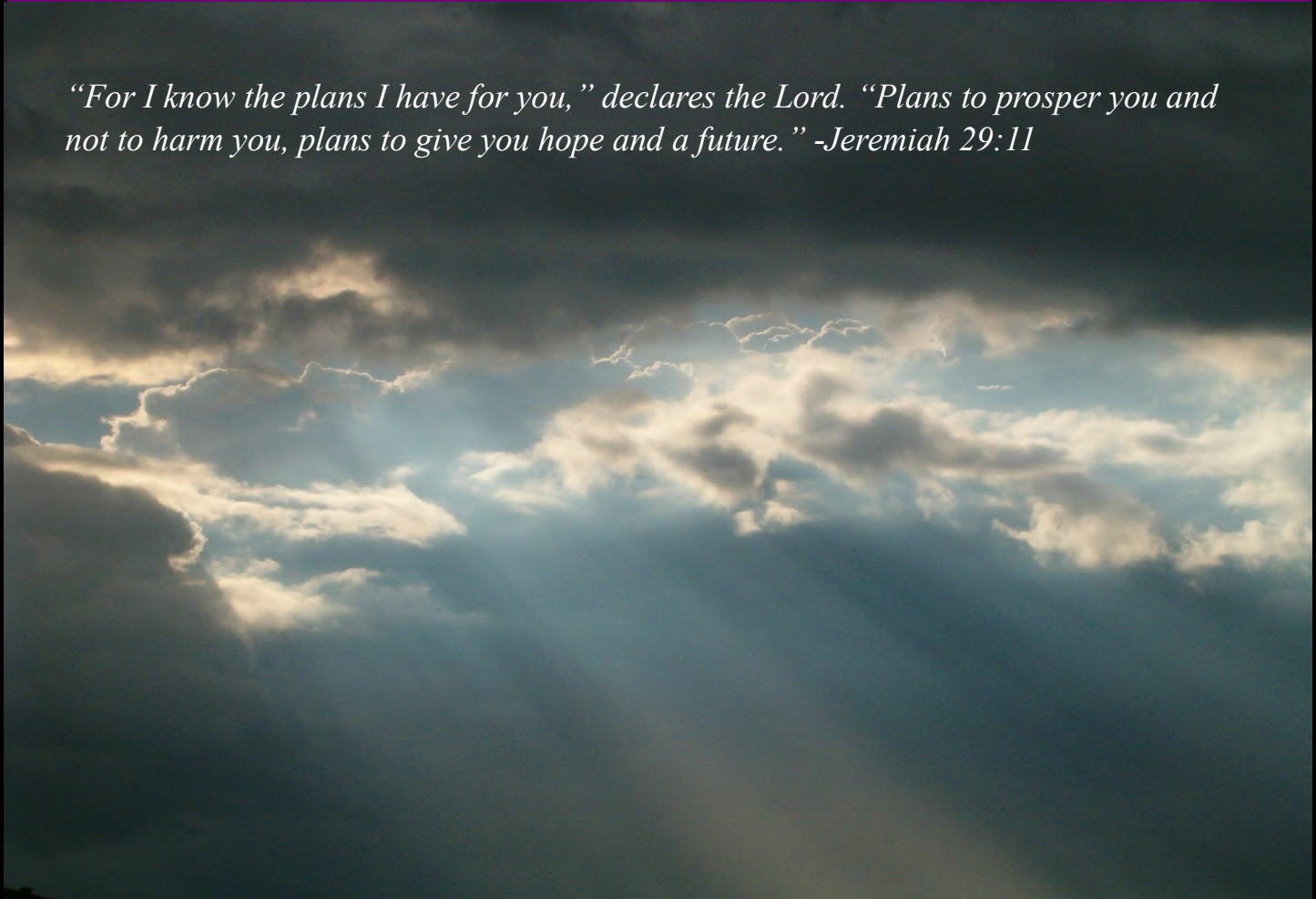
# *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

**July 2023**

Phone 563-927-4439

*“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.” -Jeremiah 29:11*



**No Second Helpings  
July 3rd and July 10th**

Church/Office Closed  
July 4th and 5th

**No WOW  
July 5th and 12th**

**VBS July 17th-21st**

Ice cream social. July 26th.

**Next OCC Bakesale July 30th**

Shop Scrip!

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

**11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.- Titus 2:11-14**

This Chimes newsletter is our first as a Global Methodist Church! As of this writing we have not decided on our new logo, or completed our new website... But this will all come in the near future. What is important to note is that it looks about the same around here... Same pews, same carpets, same people... What is new is that we are free to pursue our identity of truly being traditional Methodists. For the next several months I will speak to the unique theological understandings of Methodism as revealed in the teaching of John Wesley who was the founder of Methodism.

First- everyone, everywhere, all, can be saved! John Wesley taught;

"All need to be saved. All may be saved. All may know themselves saved. All may be saved to the uttermost."

In our human condition we live in an unjust, selfish, and violent world. We would love to change this, but often feel powerless to do so. We participate when we allow our human urges such as anger, lust, greed, selfishness, or pride to overwhelm or control us. This may at times lead us to feel hopelessness or despair. This often results with us feeling overwhelmed, stressed, isolated, or perhaps feeling useless. We may also be overcome by loss, grief, guilt, shame, or fear. These are the attributes of a worldly life.

But as Christians we believe that Jesus preached the Gospel - the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Through Jesus' death on the cross, and His resurrection, Christians believe that God has broken the power of all that is evil, in the world and in ourselves. If we accept forgiveness and liberation, and are willing to be open to the Holy Spirit, God can enable us to resist evil and to live life to the full. Grace is a free gift to all who repent and believe... We just have to recognize that we, and everyone, needs a Savior.

There is no special elect or special chosen... This is an eternal gift available to all... Praise God, even me.

**MMC Single Board**  
**June 6th, 2023**  
**5:00p.m.-Wesley Hall**

**Present:** Bruce Nodurft, Paul Lyman, Wayne Birkenholz, Bill Scanlan, Ruth Voshell, Phil Rogers, Charlie Dighton, Kathy Dolan, Sherry Goranson, Jean Gross, Lori Snyder, Mark Reth.

Mark called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. followed by scripture from Revelations 21:5-7: He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said "write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

This scripture ties in with the new path on which we are embarking. A new beginning as the Manchester Methodist Church. God richly rewards those who remain faithful and steadfast to His word.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance by Jean Gross.

**Finance:** Bruce reported the actual expenses (without apportionments) year to date are \$97,475 and actual income year to date was \$90,224 leaving us a shortfall of -\$7,251. The Brick by Brick campaign has a balance of \$49,306 as of the end of May with May contributions of \$325. WE have received memorial monies from the following: Berdina Carradus designated for the Adult Library, OCC, and Women's Ministry; Jim DeKeyser for undesignated and Jean Taylor for OCC. Bruce is still working with F&M Bank to get our financial items all changed by July 1, 2023.

**Trustees:** Charlie reported all insurances through Dolan Insurance including Workman's Comp will be ready for the change July 1 included Workman's Comp. The new policy will cost \$10,393/year. Rates have gone up considerably on all properties due to recent weather related losses.

**Education:** Paul said there will be a renewed effort for education this fall and there will be a report at the next meeting.

**Congregational Care:** Sherry reported the visits and phone calls are being done and cards sent. The group will help with food for the mission project coming up and also will help the clothing closet move items for a room update.

The May 23rd special zoom meeting of the Iowa Conference delegates voted 541-21 to allow 83 Iowa United Methodist Churches to disaffiliate who voted to do so and there is a list so far of 40 additional churches for the scheduled November special meeting. We are waiting for the final approval from Global of the acceptance of our church but we are already listed on their website. There is a backlog on their end because of the more than expected number of churches that are disaffiliating.

Discussion was held on the signage changes that will be need to the exterior of our church after June 30. Plans are in the works for how to proceed with that job.

Pastor Phil shared the compensation package that will be in effect for him from July until the end of the year. He will temporarily move onto his wife's health insurance policy until Global is ready to accept him on theirs. His new pension plan will be a personal 401K through Global. He also said that Lance our tech advisor is working on a new website. Pastor shared he does not yet know what types of new responsibilities he may have with Global. He also asked if the board would be interested in helping to plant a Methodist Church in Epworth as they are losing their building and are meeting elsewhere. They have about 55 people who left the congregation and have rented accommodations for meeting as they move on.

**Action Item:** Motion by Paul, seconded by Wayne to satellite Epworth the needed support and training for six months at \$200/month while using our EIN# until they receive theirs which is in the works. Motion carried unanimously.

Golden church is in need of a pastor. We are hoping someone local can help fill that pulpit.

Next Meeting will be July 18, 2023, at 6:00p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

**01 General Fund**

Expenses for May:	\$20,622
Income for May:	\$15,626
<b>Balance for May:</b>	<b>-\$4,996</b>

Expenses year-to-date:	\$108,820
Income year-to-date:	\$90,224
<b>Balance year-to-date:</b>	<b>-\$18,596</b>

**Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:**

**Cash in hand on May 31, 2023: \$49,306**  
((\$325 in donations in May; \$11,675 in expenses).  
**Commitments initially given but not being honored: \$35,000**

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

**July 2nd**

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Feldmann  
**Scripture:** John Rasmussen  
**Children's Sermon:** Zach Rogers  
**Communion:** Marilyn Feldmann, John Rasmussen and Erin Mensen.

**July 9th**

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Jean Gross  
**Scripture Reader:** Meghan Mensen  
**Children's Sermon:** Jordan LeClere

**July 16th**

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Marilyn Feldmann  
**Scripture Reader:** Jeff Larsen  
**Children's Sermon:** Terry Larson

**July 23rd**

**8:30**

**Liturgist:** Jean Gross  
**Scripture Reader:** Meghan Mensen  
**Children's Sermon:** VBS

**July 30th**

**8:30**

**Contemporary Service**

**Children's Message:**

Tom Fetter

**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  
techteam.mmc@gmail.com

**Nursery:**

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

**Acolyte and Usher:**

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Desk





# Save the Date

**STELLAR**

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

July 17-21, 2023

9am-11:45am



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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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



# Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

## Prayer Requests

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- Pray for outreach events and The Greatest Journey classes starting in countries that have struggled with logistics and political barriers.
  - Pray against the spiritual warfare that targets our volunteers, their families, new believers, and graduates of The Greatest Journey.
  - 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

**Bake Sale:**  
July 30

**Ongoing:**  
Coins for Kids

**National Collection Week:**  
November 13-20

## Packing Party Shopping List

**Summer  
Toys/Accessories:**

Sunglasses, hats, visors,  
small kite or frisbee,  
jump rope, etc.



## 2023 Goals

**Packing Party:**  
1,000 quality boxes

**Drop Off Location:**  
1,836 boxes

# SCRIP NEWS

JULY 2023

## THANK YOU!

After 31 years of combined service, **Chris Mundy** (17 years) and **Alice Kluesner** (14 years) have retired from the Scrip Board. Thank you is not enough to express our gratitude to you both for your service to this team!

## \$2000

The Scrip Team was honored to be able to donate \$2000 back to the church for the first half of 2023! We could not make this contribution without your purchases!

### *First Time Scrip Buyer?*

That's okay! We will help!

It's money you're spending anyway on groceries, gas, and fun—now you can let the church benefit from those every day purchases!

### Scrip Cards on Hand

WalMart

Kwik Star

Casey's

Fareway

Dollar Fresh

Bushel & Peck

Aunt Emmy's

Chuong Garden

Sunset

Hardee's

Burger King

Thompson Shoes

Subway

Dairy Queen

Castle Theatre

Pizza Ranch

Amazon

Visa

Cabela's

Kohls

McDonald's

Target

Starbucks

Menards

Culvers

Cheddars

Olive Garden

Papa Murphy's

Outback

Panera

Red Robin

TJ Maxx

Visa

**MORE  
available  
on the app!**



**MISSION TRIP WEEK!!!**



Dean Sherman.....7/03  
 Connie Allyn.....7/05  
 Mary Jane Fetter .....7/06  
 Marilyn Seelinger .....7/06  
 Beth Mueller.....7/11  
 Michelle Philgreen .....7/12  
 Diane Miller.....7/18  
 John Tyrrell .....7/18  
 Louise Reth .....7/23  
 John Rasmussen.....7/24  
 Regina Reth .....7/26  
 Helen Cole .....7/28  
 Randy Waterman .....7/30

Glenn & Ellen Nystel ..... 7/10  
 Travis & Meghan Mensen ..... 7/20  
 Jeremy & Tiffany Feldmann..... 7/30  
 Merle & Mary Lou Mangold.....7/30

*“Peace I leave with you;  
 my peace I give you. I do  
 not give to you as the  
 world gives. Do not let  
 your hearts be troubled  
 and do not be afraid.”*  
**-John 14:27**

**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**

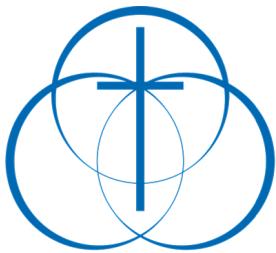
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Delores Timmer	
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**The Meadows  
 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

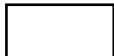
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# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Service</b> 8:30AM  <b>Fellowship</b> 9:30AM  <b>Small Groups</b> 9:45-10:30AM	<b>Second Helpings</b>  <b>Clothing Closet Open</b> 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings	<b>July 26th CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	<b>WOW</b> 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4th Kids/Youth/ Small Groups  <b>Clothing Closet Open</b>  10:00pm to 2:00pm	<b>July Mission: Paint by Neighbor</b>		<b>1</b>  8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>No Second Helpings</b>	<b>4</b> Church/Office Closed. Happy 4th of July! 	<b>5</b> <b>Church/Office Closed</b> <b>No WOW</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>No Second Helpings</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>No WOW</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>VBS</b> 9:00-11:45am	<b>18</b> <b>VBS</b> 9:00-11:45am	<b>19</b> <b>VBS</b> 9:00-11:45am	<b>20</b> <b>VBS</b> 9:00-11:45am	<b>21</b> <b>VBS</b> 9:00-11:45am	<b>22</b>  8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b> 4:30-5:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Chimes Deadline</b> <b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  8:00PM <b>Community Meeting</b>
<b>30</b> <b>OCC Bakesale</b> 	<b>31</b> <b>Second Helpings &amp; Clothing Closet</b> 4:30-5:30					



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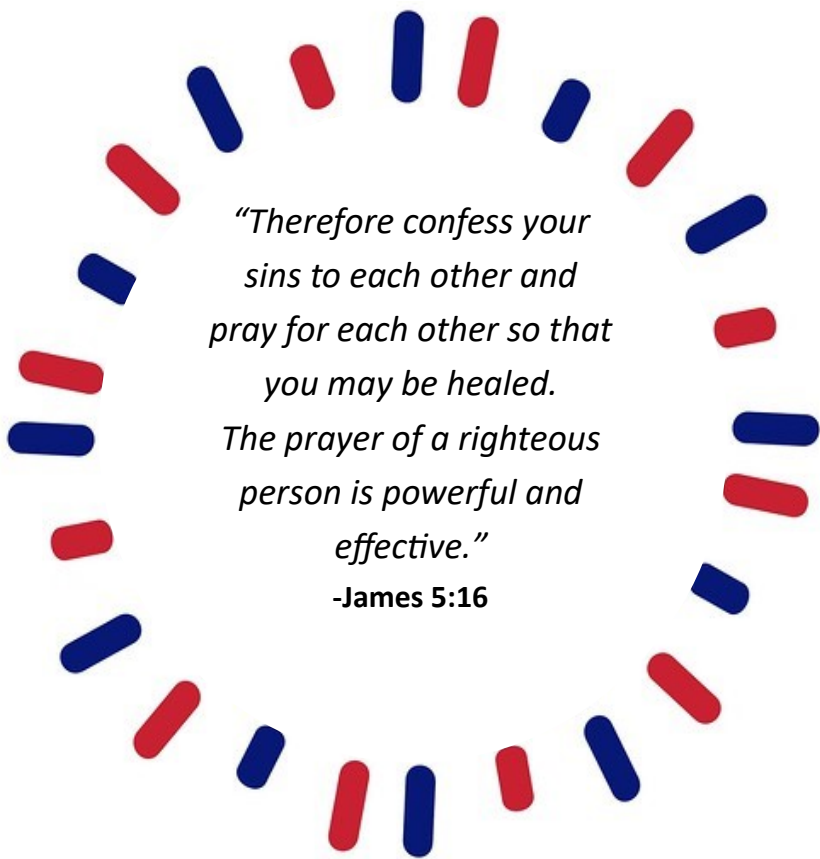


**Return Service Requested**

**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 (working on our new  
 website. Hope to have it up soon)  
 Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
 Sunday Nights**



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The Ministry Team at MMC includes:

The Entire Congregation  
Reverend Phil Rogers  
Secretary: Kat Rogers  
Church Custodian:  
Dennis Porter  
And Dusty Ingles

Christian Education Director:  
Paul Lyman

Choir Director & Organist: Beth Mueller  
& Lynne Rasmussen

Bell Choir Director: Beth Mueller  
Mission Coordinator:

Wayne Birkenholz

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Please forward any new addresses to  
the church at

413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439  
Thank you!