

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

August 2023

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**VBS Week
"Shine Jesus Light!"**

August 27th
OCC Bakesale

September 16th
OCC Booksale

A word from Education

August 2nd
Conversations Continues

September 17th
OCC Concert



A note from Pastor Phil...

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

(Matthew 11:28-30)

Somebody must be kidding me, it's already August? It seems as if this year is flying by very quickly, but perhaps that is because we have just been so busy! It was only thirteen months ago that we returned to unrestricted worship from the pandemic. Since then we have introduced the possibility of disaffiliation from the UMC, voted to leave, Celebrated Advent and Christmas, completed the necessary requirements to leave the UMC, celebrated Holy Week and Easter, paid our fines, left the UMC to join the GMC, changed our name, and just approved new logos. Not to mention the regular worship schedule, OCC, Paint by Neighbors, Ice Cream Social, 2nd Helping, Clothing Closet, Rahab Ministries, and hosted a Youth Mission Trip. There are so many other worthwhile things to mention, but Kat only allows me so much space for my article and I think y'all get the idea. We are busy people! And in another month we will start Sunday School, Confirmation, and everything else involved in our fall schedule...

But are we busy, or are we blessed? As a church family called Children of God what else could we do, other than all we can do to proclaim the Good News from this unique place in this unique time? It should not feel so much like a burden of labor as a joy in a call... What can we do to proclaim God's love into this generation today? More specifically, what can I do?

One of the most important things we can do as we seek to tell of God's love in this generation is to prepare the way with radical hospitality for those who are seeking light but lost in darkness. If we are God's people, they will be directed in our path... How have we prepared to receive them? Have we prepared the way for radical hospitality? Should they find their way here, are we prepared to greet them as long awaited VIP's? Will we move down the pew to make room for them in the sanctuary? Will we join them in worship so that they know when to stand, sit, and respond "and also with you?"

Then, a most important item, will we invite them to fellowship and coffee after service? If all these questions were answered in the affirmative, that's great but we have one problem... Who is going to host the fellowship? Randy and Kathy Watermen have served in this function since before I got here nine years ago. And they have decided it is time to retire. I am not sure we have one person/couple who could replace them. How about, like good Methodists, we have a committee? Is God calling a small group who will rotate in covering the hosting responsibilities for our fellowship time. I am praying that we will have many come forward to see that this happens. Please just let Kat know in the office so that she can assist in organization. To God be the glory!

MMC Single Board
July 18, 2023
6:08 PM
Conference Room

Present: Ruth Voshell, Lori Snyder, Bill Scanlan, Bruce Nodurft, Charlie Dighton, Kathy Dolan, Phil Rogers, Mark Reth.

Mark Reth opened the meeting with a devotion and reading Exodus 34:27-29. He felt this applied as we are starting a new chapter but still the same and different name but same story.

Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance by Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce gave the Financial Report that showed our actual income for June was \$26,569 and the actual expenses were \$23,121.15. There has not been any reference to the new apportionment. There has been

correspondence from the Foundation, indicating that there was no reason to change the name on the investments, but that would be done. All of the items necessary for disaffiliation have been sent and received and all of the adjustments to the financial reports have been made effective June 30. The new account has been opened at F&M.

Action Item: Recommendation from committee that excess funds that are currently in Designated Funds in the amount of \$45,000.00 be invested in Certificate of Deposits at F&M for 18 months @ 3.8%. Approved unanimously.

Trustees: There was nothing to report from the committee. A quote from Nesper Sign was presented to change all of the signage on the building and the other signs. This quote will go to the Trustees for approval.

Worship: Discussion has been held with Comelec to change the internet to fiber. This is not available at this time, but will be in the near future. At that time, there will be further investigation into changing the phone system.

Mission: The Ice Cream Social is set for July 26th. There are still food items needed and also help during the Social. There will be a silent auction and several items have been received and several more have been promised.

SP/PRC: No report

Reaching & Receiving: The fair float went very well. The logo was discussed and a decision was made to have a cross with a descending dove. There will also be new T-shirts ordered.

Congregational Care: Members who have been absent from service will be sent a card.

Pastor Phil: The RAHAB board is nearly ready to be official. The Manchester Press was in for an interview to discuss disaffiliation. He also discussed the camp that he attended the week of July 10-14.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:00PM in Wesley Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Voshell
Acting Secretary

Financial Report as of June 30, 2023

01 General Fund

Income for June:	\$26,569
<u>Expenses for June:</u>	<u>\$25,390</u>
Balance for June:	+\$1,179

Expenses year-to-date:	\$134,210
<u>Income year-to-date:</u>	<u>\$116,793</u>
Balance year-to-date:	-\$17,417

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on June 30, 2023: \$49,259
(\$400 in donations in June; \$447 in expenses).

Commitments initially given but not being honored: \$35,000

SERVING OUR CHURCH

August 6th

8:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller

Scripture: Wayne Birkenholz

Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy

Communion: Bill & Donna Scanlan, Wayne Birkenholz

August 13th

8:30

Liturgist: Darla Gaskill

Scripture Reader: Julie Porter

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

August 20th

8:30

Liturgist: Connie Allyn

Scripture Reader: Stephanie Stocks

Children's Sermon: Terry Larson

August 27th

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
mumctechteam@gmail.com

Nursery:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 920-2006

Acolyte and Usher:

Lori Snyder @ 920-6692

Or

Sign up at the Welcome Desk



SCRIP NEWS AUGUST 2023

Don't Forget SCRIP while you're back to school shopping! SCRIP gift cards can be used for everything from the school supply list to the latest new fashionable clothes!

Stop by the table each Sunday to pick up some cards, or download the app and you can use them while online shopping!

Don't forget, we have an app!

Download RaiseRight today!



Our Church Code

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Manchester Methodist Church

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purchases!

Have questions regarding Scrip?

Reach out to us!

mmcscrip4439@gmail.com

Gift Cards on Hand at the Church!

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, Cabela's, Kohls, McDonald's, Target, Starbucks, Menards, Culvers,

Papa Murphy's, TJ Maxx,

MORE available on the app!

Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

Prayer Requests

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- Pray that the Bible each child receives at The Greatest Journey graduations will be treasured and read by the entire family.
 - Pray that the worldwide goal of 11 million shoeboxes, each one a Gospel Opportunity, will be met this year.
 - 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:

August 27

Project Leader Workshop

September 9

Book Sale

September 16 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Concert

September 17 @ 2:00 p.m.

Packing Party Shopping List

School Supplies:

Crayons/colored pencils, scissors, copy paper or single subject notebooks, folders, pencil sharpeners, erasers, etc.



2023 Goals

Packing Party:

1,000 quality boxes

Drop Off Location:

1,836 boxes

VBS WEEK "SHINE JESUS LIGHT"



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!

Al-Anon Support Group

A Weekly Al-Anon Meeting for Families and Friends of Alcoholics

Is held every Tuesday @7pm

In the church parlor.

Conversations will continue on Thursday August 2nd at Pizza Ranch.

A Word from Education

Summer is in full swing, but it's time to be planning for fall educational opportunities. We're looking for ideas for small group studies that can help us on our faith journeys. Have you read a good book lately or heard a good speaker that gave your soul a jump start? We need help with ideas for programming. Maybe you are thinking of a Bible study that you have done in the past that still speaks to you. Would you be willing to share and get others excited about the book or study that touched your heart? Please share the names of authors or books in writing to Kat and she will forward them to the committee that is working on the fall educational program. If your soul was touched, please share so others can be rejuvenated as well. We look forward to hearing from you.

NOTE: Just because you make a suggestion, doesn't mean that you have to be in charge! We need your help to get started with quality programming!

Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet will be open on Monday Evenings from 4:30-5:30pm during Second Helpings. Wednesdays from 10-2:00pm. If you have donations we ask that you bring them on days that the Clothing Closet is open and please do not leave your donations near the back door of the church. Thank you and God Bless.

The Clothing Closet will now also be open the first Thursday of the Month from 8am-10am.

Small Groups 9:45-10:30am Sundays after worship.

(Women's Group in Parlor, Men's Group in Conference Room, discuss questions, located on bulletin, from Sunday's Worship Service.)

Second Helpings will be serving meals upstairs in Wesley Hall from 4:30-5:30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

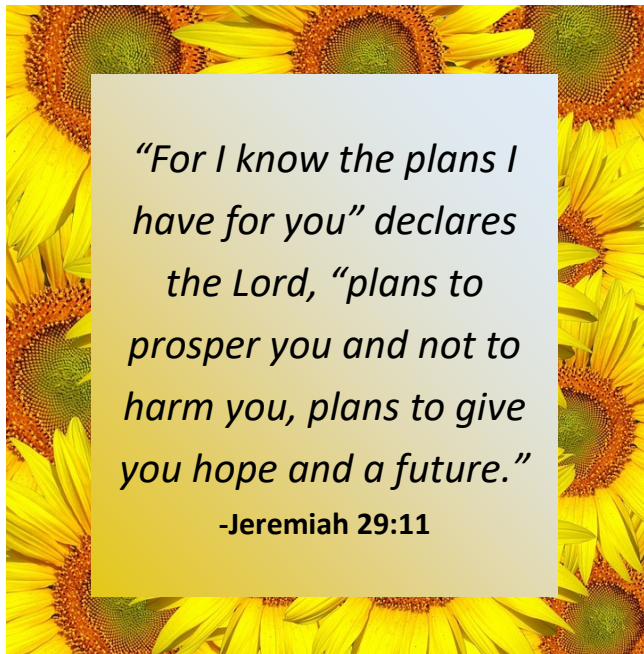
- Ron Stellick 08/02
- Debbie Rogers..... 08/05
- Audrey Belden..... 08/07
- Tom Fetter 08/09
- Lisa Edaburn..... 08/13
- Dennis Porter..... 08/14
- Sandra Kent 08/15
- Jeff Larsen 08/15
- Donna Scanlan 08/16
- Verle Hankins 08/19
- Mary Jo Larsen08/22
- Ken Edaburn..... 08/28
- Tom Allyn 08/29
- Eric Anderson..... 08/30
- Darla Gaskill 08/31

Happy Anniversary!

- Bruce & Marianne Nodurft08/01
- Mark & Lori Clemen08/03
- Dave & Darla Gaskill 08/06
- Dean & Jackie Sherman.....08/06
- Ronnie & Nancy Bachman.....08/08
- Harold & Karon Rosauer.....08/14
- Larry & Sherry Goranson.....08/18

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.



“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

Good Neighbor Home 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

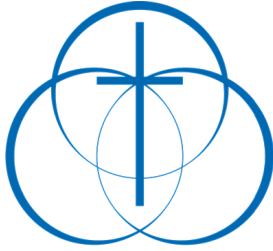
<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Karen Slife	#208
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	

The Meadows 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service 8:30AM Fellowship 9:30AM Small Groups 9:45- 10:30Am	Second Helpings Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings	August 23rd CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/ Small Groups Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm	August Mission:		
		1	2 WOW	3	4	5 8:00PM Community Meeting
6	7 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	8	9 WOW	10	11	12 8:00PM Community Meeting
13	14 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	15 Single Board	16 WOW	17	18	19 8:00PM Community Meeting
20	21 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	22	23 Chimes Deadline	24	25	26 8:00PM Community Meeting
27	28 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	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.manchestermethodistchurch.org
 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
- Articles printed as submitted.
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 at MMC.
 Please forward any new addresses to
 the church at
 413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439
 Thank you!