

Manchester Methodist Church

# *The Chimes*

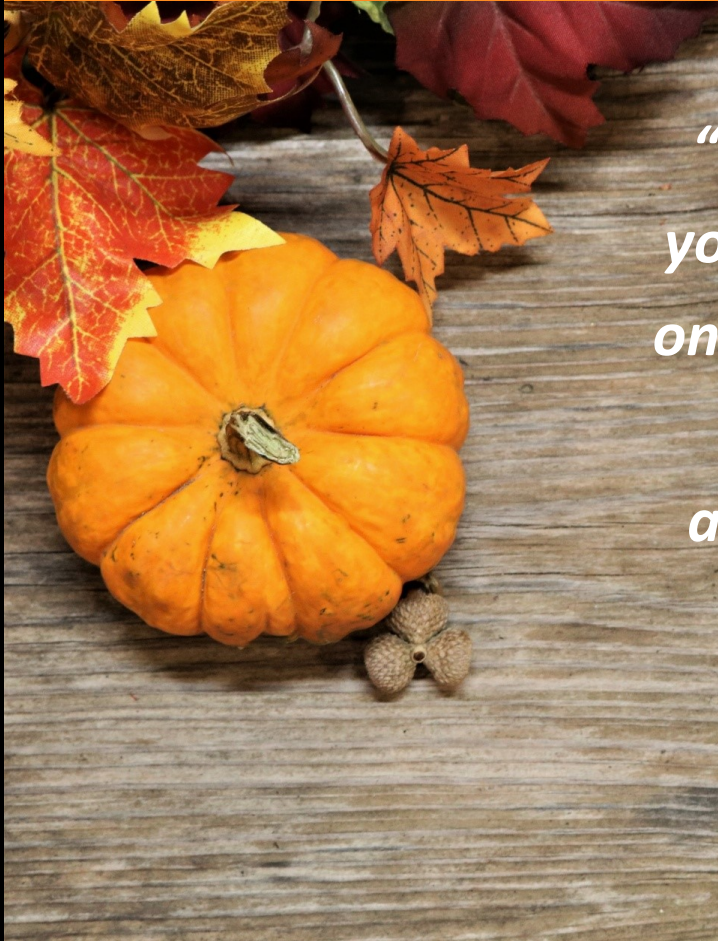
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**October 2023**

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*“Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart, and do not lean  
on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways  
acknowledge him, and he  
will make straight your  
paths.”*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

## **Quit Claim Deed**

A WORD FROM MISSIONS

New Signs and Your Help

October 15th  
Sherman's Pumpkin Farm

Scrip News

80+ *Birth*day Party

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

**Vindicate me, my God, and plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked.-Psalm 43:1**

There have been so many questions asked by those who do not understand why Manchester Methodist Church disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. And there has been much spoken by those who are either uninformed or attempting to deceive about why so many churches have made the same decision that we have in America and even globally. These false accusations hold that we are against certain people. We all know and live into an example that this is not true...But the deception persists. It is not just or fair to allow one voice that until just recently had full control of the narrative to be the only voice that was allowed to speak into the issue...But now we are free, our buildings are our own, and we are free to speak into this issue without the fear of vindictive consequences. But how shall we use our voice? Shall we demean and lower ourselves to get into a point-counterpoint argument with a people who have already revealed a willingness to deceive? You know what they say about wrestling pigs, win, lose, or draw you just get muddy and stinky. What we are for is so much greater than the false narrative of what others claim we are against. So I believe that from this point forward we should maintain proclaiming who we are and what we are for. And the reason we left is because we are NOT for the same things.

Manchester Methodist Church worships a Risen Savior who is for all people, everywhere, always. We come together that we are a people in need of saving to worship the one who saves us from the sins of our human condition. Everyone here is a work in progress...We are not free from sin, but redeemed by the one who is eternally sin free. We worship a Holy God who is big enough to provide for us a document that we can trust so that we can be in relationship with God's self. This document is the Word of God, the Bible. We approach God's Word with open minds and hearts seeking to connect with God and be changed. We do not agree that God's Word should be changed or redacted to conform to contemporary cultural desires. Manchester Methodist Church is a loving body, accepting of all people, walking together in support and accountability in sanctification seeking to live into an image of Christ in fear and trembling. We journey towards personal holiness, and when together this personal holiness spills out into a social holiness caring for all God's people. We feed the hungry every week, we clothe the naked every week, we house the homeless whenever we are able, we care for those who struggle to care for themselves in mission, Paint by Neighbors, Rahab House, the community garden, disaster response, and so many other ways.

Manchester Methodist Church has been present in Manchester, Iowa on the same corner since 1854. This is who we have always been, and who we have chosen to remain. This is who we are and what we are for. This is the direction of our conversations going forward, no longer shall we allow another to direct a false narrative.

Peace

**MMC Single Board  
September 19, 2023  
6:00 p.m.  
Wesley Hall**

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

Mark called the meeting to order and then followed with scripture from Philippians 4. This passage is disciple Mark's closing epitaph as he is imprisoned in Rome. It closes with "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

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

Carol Dighton from the SCRIP team informed the board that it will no longer be ordering SCRIP cards and the inventory they have on hand will be sold until the end of the year. We are receiving about \$25/week from this program so SCRIP team has decided to no longer offer it. We have had SCRIP for at least 10 years and it has helped to supplement the budget over that time. The program may continue through a mobile app in the future

**Finance:** Bruce gave the finance report and said he has dropped the apportionment amount from the budget for the time being because of our disaffiliation. Year to date as of the end of August actual expenses were \$156,620 and actual income was \$157,196 giving us a small surplus. The Brick-by-Brick fund had a balance on hand of \$46,073 as of the end of August. We are \$16,528 behind last years giving January to August. We need to be thinking about next year's budget.

**Trustees:** Charlie reported the ice maker in the kitchen will be removed as parts can no longer can be found for it. We don't use an ice maker enough to warrant replacing it. He presented the quote from Vesper Signs of Cedar Rapids to replace the church signage. The quote was \$8814 and includes replacing the two signs on the north side of the church and also the lighted sign with a new logo and adding LED lighting to replace the old lighting. Some money has been donated towards the new signage and the congregation will be reminded that they can still donate to this fund if they wish. Del-Co plumbing will hopefully come this week to do some needed repairs

**Missions:** Wayne reported the ice cream social netted \$1,381.52 and this money will go towards the upkeep of the Wesley Hall floor. September Mission of the Month is Pay it Forward and October is Operation Christmas Child. Neighbor Helping Neighbor is still finding projects needed to be done. Soles4Souls is a new mission coordinated by the Global Methodist Church and this statewide mission will provide shoes (new or lightly used) to those in need across the world. Shoes will be collected during the month of October. It was brought forth from the mission team to consider having Guest of the Day appearances on KMCH to talk about our church, who we are and what we do for our community and beyond.

Congregational Care: Sherry announced that the birthday celebration for those in our midst who are 80 and beyond will be held on Thursday October 12. This will include a light lunch and entertainment. Announcements will be made at services, the Weekly Blast and the Chimes. Birthday and other cards have been sent and phone calls made to shut-ins.

**Pastor Phil** announced his spiritual renewal days will be Oct. 29 - 31. and Nov. 6 - 30. Our new apportionments are expected to be 2.5% of our income. All Saints Sunday will be on November 5 this year. An all-church mailing will go out in January 2024 that will allow our church family to become members of the Manchester Methodist Church due to the disaffiliation from the Manchester United Methodist Church.

**Action Item:** Moved by Wayne, seconded by Shirley that Debbie Rogers be our one-time delegate to the newly established provisional conference to be held in Watertown SD in November. Motion carried.

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 August 31, 2023**

<b>01 General Fund</b>	
Expenses for August:	\$19,309
Income for August:	\$18,612
<b>Balance for August:</b>	<b>-\$697</b>
Income year-to-date:	\$157,196
Expenses year-to-date:	\$156,620
<b>Balance year-to-date:</b>	<b>+\$576</b>

**Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:**  
**Cash in hand on August 31, 2023: \$46,073** (\$1,300 in donations in August; \$1,923 in expenses).

**Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses: \$89,916**

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

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

October 1st

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann  
Communion: Turner's, Zach Rogers

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross  
Scripture: Julie Porter  
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill  
Communion: Scanlans's & Julie Porter

October 8th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen  
Communion: Jeff Larsen & Lisa Hough

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick  
Scripture: Zach Rogers  
Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

October 15th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen  
Communion: Terry Larson & Bill Scanlan

10:30

Liturgist: Julie Porter  
Scripture: John Rasmussen  
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

October 22nd

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks  
Communion: Stephanie Stocks & Kat Rogers

10:30

Liturgist: Wayne Birkenholz  
Scripture: Roger Mueller  
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

October 29th

Contemporary Service

8:30

Communion: Glenn and Ellen Nystel

10:30

Children's Sermon: 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





Quit Claim Deed has been signed, sealed and delivered to our attorney. We officially own our own properties. God Bless!

## Missions Newsletter

The summer passed by quickly, didn't it? It seems we just planted the Garden of Hope and now we are about to wrap things up. We hope that you were able to share in some of the bounty from the garden this year. It was very productive. We will be digging the sweet potatoes when frosty temps approach. As this was our first attempt at growing sweet potatoes, we look forward to that harvest and hope there are enough to share with all. And a big THANK YOU to all that helped in the garden this year!

The Food Pantry continues to be used frequently. We ask for your continued support in keeping the pantry supplied with food and personal products. As food prices have risen over the past year or so, the need within our community continues.

Souls4Soles is a ministry that Global is participating which starts October 1<sup>st</sup> in churches across Iowa. This ministry is designed to provide new or lightly used shoes to those in need across the world. Collection boxes will be placed in the Narthex and the south door of the church. Please drop off any pairs or single shoes by October 27<sup>th</sup>. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, we will pack up the shoes collected for shipping.

### Mission of the Month

October	Operation Christmas Child
November	Stead Family Extenuating Circumstances Fund
December	Stead Family Toy Drive

Blessings,  
Missions Team

## Garden of Hope

Our gardening season for this year has come to a close. The Team would like to say, "You're Welcome!" to the many folks from our church family that thanked us for our fresh, healthy produce that we grew this year. Since prices have been rising so much, we are glad we could save everyone money every week. We also hope that your neighbors enjoyed the freshness and taste from our garden, when you shared with others!

Special thanks and appreciation to all those who worked and labored at the garden every week. We have a hard working, dedicated team! A family that helped during the tilling of the soil and planting of the entire garden is THE ZACH ROGERS FAMILY. Zach, Kat, Rex and even Drake, brought their shovels, rakes, energy, strength, and determination for a long day to help get the job done. (A special thanks from Bill Scanlan, who was hospitalized at that time)

We Praise God for HIS RICH BLESSINGS he has bestowed on our Garden and on our FAITHFUL FAMILY OF BELIEVERS!

The Garden Team

## NEW SIGNS AND YOUR HELP

At its September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the Single Board approved a recommendation from the trustees to purchase signs displaying our new name 'Manchester Methodist Church', and our new symbol.

The new signage to be mounted on the north side of the building will cost \$5,933 plus tax.

The recommendation also included replacing the two panels on the lighted monument sign located on the corner east of the descending dove. The two new panels along with LED lighting will cost \$2,881 plus tax.

The total cost of the signs including tax will then be about \$9,450.

Several weeks ago Pastor Phil announced from the pulpit that donations helping to fund this project would be appreciated. At this time \$3,954 or roughly 40% of the project's cost has been received. Single Board and the trustees are very grateful for your support.

Since the appeal for donations was only made that one time, it is very possible that some of you may not be aware of our request for assistance and would like to contribute. You certainly may still do so. Please clearly mark that your gift is for the 'new signage', perhaps by writing that on the memo line of your check.

Visuals showing what the new signs will look like are going to be prepared and displayed so you may see the new designs.

On behalf of Single Board and the trustees, thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Bruce Nodurft  
Finance chair, MMC

## *Sherman's Pumpkin Farm*

October 15th 2:00pm-5:00pm

MMC bonfire and cookout: Hotdogs and smore's will be provided. Be sure to bring your own beverages.

(Church appropriate please)

**\$6.00 Corn Maze**



# Scrip News

## October 2023

We have an app!  
Download RaiseRight today!



Our Church Code  
**54B4C6C54875**

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! Scrip cards available for all of your Christmas shopping needs!

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Drop us a line!

[mmcscrip4439@gmail.com](mailto:mmcscrip4439@gmail.com)

Don't forget Scrip for your Trick or Treaters! WalMart, Dollar Fresh, and Fareway all have a great selection of Halloween candy!



how to pray

a simple guide  
for normal  
people

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A Bible Study Hosted by Donna Scanlan

Oct 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30-10:20am in Wesley Hall

*Get started or continue growing in your lifelong practice of prayer*

(Please purchase your own books.)

## 80+ Birthday Celebration

When: October 12th

Time: Noon

Where: Wesley Hall

The Congregational Care Team is throwing a party for those in our church family who are 80 and plus years old. We invite you to enjoy a light lunch, music, and entertainment.

Simply call the church office and let Kat know if you will be able to attend.



## **BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE!**



Follow the link or scan the QR code to build your shoe box online any time!

For \$25 you can select gifts online to include in these boxes that often times go to hard-to-reach countries.




<https://sampur.se/3THw0sV>



# Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

## Prayer Requests

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- Pray for increased church and group participation from all of our sending countries.
  - Pray for the effective training of all The Greatest Journey teachers so they will be equipped to disciple the children as they go through the 12 lessons.
  - 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:**  
October 29

**National Collection Week**  
Nov. 13-20

**Packing Party**  
Nov. 18 @ 9:00 a.m.



## Packing Party Shopping List

### Wow Items:

- Soccer ball & pump
- Doll/stuffed animal
- Legos
- Musical instrument
- Large toy

## 2023 Goals

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

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

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Tips



Please use one of the red and green GO boxes or a regular size cardboard shoebox. They are a standard size that packs easily into the shipping cartons at the processing center. While plastic boxes seem practical, many times they break and end up in the “shoebox hospital” at the processing center.

### Boy or Girl

Determine the gender and age category: 2-4 years, 5-9 years, or 10-14 years. Attach the appropriate label (from the OCC pamphlet) on the box lid. Once the box is full, put a rubber-band around the box

### Gifts

**Please focus on the practical!** This one box will be shared with all members of the child’s home, neighbors, friends, etc. The one washcloth you include may be used by 10 people living with the child! The simple items you take for granted each day could make all the difference in this child’s life! Below are some ideas to get you started.

**Non-liquid Hygiene items** (These items will be shared by everyone living with the child. That could be 10-20 people!)

- o Toothbrush
- o Mild bar soap (leave in packaging & put in a plastic baggie; Ivory is a great choice because it floats)
- o Comb o Washcloth
- o Stick deodorant
- o Non-liquid lip balm
- o Adhesive bandages
- o Nail clippers & file

**School Supplies** (These could mean the difference in whether or not the child gets to attend school.)

- o Pens
- o Pencils (sharpen beforehand if possible) & sharpener
- o Crayons or markers
- o Paper (Steno notebooks fit well in shoeboxes)
- o Solar calculator
- o Scissors
- o Glue sticks

### Clothing/Accessories

- o Shirts (plain colors)
- o Pants
- o Shorts
- o Shoes
- o Socks
- o Underwear
- o Hats/mittens
- o Hair bows
- o Jewelry

### Suggested \$10 Shipping Donation

This covers the shipping cost to ensure your gift reaches the right child. You can give online (<https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/>) or use the donation envelope from the OCC pamphlet (please try not to use cash). Place your donation inside the box on top of the gifts or send directly to Samaritan’s Purse.

### Other

- o Flashlights & batteries (This could be lifesaving for children escaping war or domestic violence)
- o Sunglasses
- o Tools (no saws or pocketknives)
- o Duct tape o Sewing kit/fabric
- o Cups, bowls, empty water bottle
- o Fishing kit

**Toys/WOW item** (Focus on the practical but still include a few fun items)

- o Balls (even a deflated soccer ball with a hand pump)
- o Stuffed animal
- o Small cars o Yo-yos
- o Jump ropes
- o Harmonicas
- o Puzzles
- o Binoculars

### DO NOT INCLUDE:

- o Used/damaged items
- o War-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures, or any action figure holding a weapon)
- o Candy, chocolate or any type of food (could melt or spoil)
- o Toothpaste (won’t get through customs)
- o Liquids/lotions (containers can break ruining other items in the box)
- o Medications/vitamins
- o Breakable items (snow globes, glass containers, etc.)
- o Aerosol cans

### Drop Off Location

Bring your box(es) to:

Manchester Methodist Church  
413 E. Butler St. Manchester, IA 52057  
563-927-4439

Monday, November 13: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 14: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 15: 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 16: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 17: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, November 18: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, November 19: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Monday, November 20: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Saturday, November 18, 2023 | 9:00 AM  
Manchester Methodist Church  
413 E Butler St

Help us pack 1,000 shoeboxes with gifts like school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, & toys for children around the world so they can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information about OCC, visit  
[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ)

# OCC Music & Book Sale Fundraisers



# Sunday School Kickoff Family Fun Day in The Park!



**HAPPY**  
*Birthday*  
 - to -  
**YOU**

**HAPPY**  
*Anniversary*

Duane Philgreen.....10/02  
 Terri Philgreen.....10/05  
 Don Blong.....10/07  
 Travis Hough.....10/11  
 Rita Woods.....10/13  
 Florence Parrott.....10/13  
 Mary Mangold.....10/16  
 Mary Haigh.....10/18  
 James Kerton.....10/18

Tom & Mary Jane Fetter.....10/05  
 Michael & Joanne Wade.....10/06  
 Dennis & Julie Porter.....10/15  
 Tom & Connie Allyn.....10/21  
 Phil & Debbie Rogers.....10/24  
 James & Linda Kerton.....10/26

**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.



**Mark 4:26-29**

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

**Good Neighbor Home  
 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
John LeClere Sr.	
Barb O’Connell	
Karen Slife	#208
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	

**The Meadows  
 220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

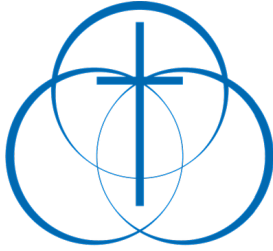
Louise Reth	
John Tyrrell	109



# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Services 8:30AM & 10:30	Second Helpings	October 25th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/ Small Groups	October Mission: OCC		
Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM- 10:20	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings		Clothing Closet Open  10:00pm to 2:00pm			
1	2 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	3	4 WOW	5	6	7 8:00PM Community Meeting
8	9 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	10	11 WOW	12 80+ Birthday Party	13	14 8:00PM Community Meeting
15 Sherman's Pumpkin Patch	16 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	17	18 WOW	19	20	21 8:00PM Community Meeting
22	23 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	24	25 Chimes Deadline	26	27	28 8:00PM Community Meeting
29	30 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	31				



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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,  
and 10:30 am. Visit our website  
[manchestermethodistchurch.org](http://manchestermethodistchurch.org)  
Or listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on  
Sunday Nights**



**And let us not grow  
weary of doing  
good, for in due  
season we will  
reap, if we do not  
give up.  
-Galatians 6:9**

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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

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Paul Lyman

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& Lynne Rasmussen

Bell Choir Director: Beth Mueller

Mission Coordinator:

Wayne Birkenholz

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Thank you!