

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

December 2023

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Christmas Eve Service Times

4:00pm

5:30pm

(Only service with Children's Message)

11:00pm

OCC Update

Staff Gifts Due December 10th

**Church Family (Off Year)
Christmas December 25th**

Reminder there will be no morning worship services on Christmas Eve.

**MMC Single Board
November 21, 2023
Wesley Hall 6:00 p.m**

Present: Kathy Dolan, Bruce Nodurft, Shirley Davis, Lori Snyder, Bill Scanlan, Wayne Birkenholz, Charlie Dighton, Jean Gross, Mark Reth.

Kathy called the meeting to order and then followed with scripture from Hebrews 10: 23-25 "Let us hold unswerving to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." To willfully skip corporate worship is to reject God's instruction and thereby hinder our own spiritual growth as well as the growth of fellow believers.

Prayers for those who are facing serious health issues were lifted up along with a prayer for guidance by Wayne.

Finance: Bruce presented the current finance report which shows that our income for October was \$20,457 and our expenses amounted to \$20,237. Giving is down from last year by \$18,430. The cash on hand in the Brick-by-Brick fund is \$41,417 including a donation of \$200 for October with no expenses incurred. The Brick-by-Brick YTD expenses are \$95,373. Commitments initially given but not honored amount to \$35,000. Bruce is awaiting a check from the state for lost monetary items amounting to over \$200 in the church's name. He also shared the balance sheets of 02 accounts (designated funds), the 03 accounts (trustees funds) and the 04 accounts (endowments) Bruce shared the endowment history of our church. Two endowments are owned by the church and one is not.

Trustees: Charlie presented the trustee report. He said Lynch Roofing recently made a roof adjustment which will help with drainage. The Wesley Hall floor will be cleaned and waxed on two Saturdays in December with help from the congregation and proper care guidance from Palmer Hardware. Clarence Slife toured the church with the insurance carrier and shared several suggestions with the trustees.

Missions: Wayne reported the November Mission of the Month is Stead Family Center Extenuating Circumstances Fund. December will be the Stead Family Center Toy Tree Drive. The Toy Tree will be announced on December 3rd. Our soup supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 in Wesley Hall. Sign up sheets will be posted for food donations and kitchen help in January. A silent auction and chili cook-off will happen during the soup supper. Funds collected will go towards Waypoint Services which provides services for battered women and victims of domestic violence in Delaware county. Advertising options for the supper were considered. Tina mentioned that Second Helpings funds are running low and we could possibly use some undesignated funds to help with that need.

Staff Parish: Shirley mentioned that at their most recent meeting staff salaries were discussed for next year so that the budget can be compiled by finance. Job descriptions for custodians and our administrative secretary are being updated. Job evaluations will happen in January.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori shared the new name badge sample with the group. Sign up sheets are available and the cost is \$4.50 plus tax.

Action Item: Motion by Charlie, seconded by Shirley to approve the 2024 budget as recommended by finance in the amount of \$272,735 which includes 2.5% of giving for apportionments. After discussion the motion carried. The budget can always be amended as needed.

It was decided to continue with NCLL our legal counsel for another year at the rate of \$1000 for the year. They were instrumental in helping us with the legal matters involved in the disaffiliation and are available for any advice we might need in the future.

We are planning on having a membership drive in January for those interested in joining the Manchester Methodist Church.

Our next meeting will be December 19 at 6:00 p.m. 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 October 31, 2023

01 General Fund

Income for October: \$20,457

Expenses for October: \$20,237

Balance for October: +**\$220**

Expenses year-to-date: \$196,296

Income year-to-date: \$192,024

Balance year-to-date: -**\$4,272**

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on October 31, 2023: \$41,417
(\$200 in donations in October; no expenses)

Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses: \$95,373

SERVING OUR CHURCH

December 3rd

8:30

Candle Lighters: The Reth Family
Scripture: Meghan Mensen
Communion: Mark & Kaci Reth & Meghan Mensen

10:30

Candle Lighters: The Bardgette Family
Scripture: Wayne Birkenholz
Children's Sermon: Travis Mensen
Communion: Wayne Birkenholz & Scanlan's

December 10th

8:30

Candle Lighters: The Mensen Family
Scripture: Marilyn Feldmann
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann & Stephanie Stocks

10:30

Candle Lighters: The Milroy Family
Scripture: Janine Stellick
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

December 17th

8:30

Candle Lighters: Jill Kunde & Wesley Helle
Scripture: Meghan Mensen
Communion: Meghan Mensen & Alaina Turner

10:30

Candle Lighters: The LeClere Family
Scripture: Jean Gross
Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

December 24th

4:00PM

Candle Lighters: Bill & Donna Scanlan
Scripture: TBD
Communion: TBD

5:30PM

Candle Lighters: The Milroy Family
Scripture: Rita Woods
Children's Sermon: Kristin Milroy
Communion: Kristin & Sam Milroy, Travis Hough

11:00PM

Candle Lighters: Mark & Kaci Reth
Scripture: Julie porter
Communion: Hannah Clemen & Nicholas Stocks

December 31st

Contemporary Service

8:30

Communion: Jeff Larsen & Terry Larson

10:30

Children's Sermon: Zach Rogers

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



November 15, 2023

Dear Church Family,

The Christmas season is once again upon us! In the tradition of this church family, we hope to present a gift to the pastor and staff members. If you are interested in taking part in this project, please leave your contribution in the Sunday collection plate or mail it to the main church office. Please make checks payable to: **MANCHESTER METHODIST CHURCH SPPRC** and **note gifts in the memo.**

Manchester Methodist Church

ATTN: SPPRC

413 East Butler Street

Manchester, IA 52057

Please be sure all gifts are in by Sunday, December 10th so they may be presented at the 8:30am service on Sunday, December 17th.

This is sent to you in the spirit of the Christmas Season and it is the hope of the SPPRC that you will accept it in the true spirit of Christmas.

Sincerely,
Shirley Davis
SPPRC Chairperson



Christmas Eve Service Times

4:00pm

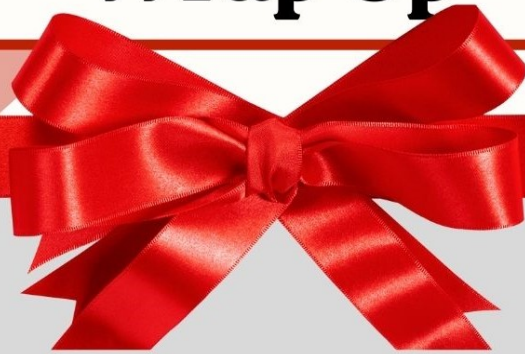
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2023 Operation Christmas Child Wrap Up



Packing Party:

848 boxes

Drop Off Location:

2,088 boxes (New record!)

Central Drop Off Location:

13,145 boxes



Praise & Prayers

- Praise God for the nice weather during National Collection Week!
- Praise God for willing and hard-working volunteers who served at our Central Drop Off!
- Pray for the children in Mexico who will be receiving our shoeboxes. Pray for their hearts to be opened to hearing the Gospel.
- Pray for the National Leadership Teams as they make plans to strategically reach the children at the outreach events with these Gospel Opportunities.

OCC Packing Party!

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party was held at church on November 18th. Those who volunteered packed 848 shoeboxes in less than 1 1/2 hours! WOW! The shoeboxes from church (along with thousands of others) left Manchester and headed to the processing center in Denver, CO. They will be sent to children around the world who will hear the gospel of Jesus when they receive their shoebox gift! Thank you to our OCC director Stephanie Stocks and everyone who has helped with this ministry! God Bless!



Church Family (Off Year) Christmas

Deb and I are going to host an "Off Year Christmas" dinner and fun event on Christmas Day 12/25/2023 at 2:00 PM in Wesley Hall. This is for those of us whose outlaws (I mean In-laws) of our children have stolen them for the holiday and we are on our own. Deb and I will provide the Ham and rolls, others can bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Peace,
Pastor Phil

Dinner at 2:00pm
White Elephant Gift Exchange to follow

If you plan to attend please let Kat in the office know as soon as possible so we can get a head count.

kat@manchestermethodistchurch.org or 563-927-4439

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Rules:

- 1. Each player brings one wrapped gift to contribute to a common pool**
 - No more than one \$15 gift, per person, that you wouldn't mind getting yourself.
- 2. Players draw numbers to determine what order they will go in.**
- 3. Players sit in a circle or line where they can see the gift pile.**
- 4. The player with the number 1 selects a gift from the pool and opens it.** (Make sure everyone can see the gift)
- 5. The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pool or steal a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen in this way can do the same**
 - choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
 - A present can only be stolen once per turn, which means players who have a gift stolen from them have to wait to get it back. After three swaps, the turn automatically comes to an end (otherwise things could drag on for a *long* time).
- 6. After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. Anyone whose gift is stolen may steal from someone else (as long as that person hasn't been stolen from yet). When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.**



Vicki Spellerberg12/03
 Clifford Swanson12/03
 Les Carlson.....12/05
 Julia Hopkins.....12/06
 Michael Wade12/06
 Lori Clemen.....12/08
 Mark Philgreen12/08
 Drake Rogers.....12/09
 David Gaskill.....12/24
 Linda Kerton12/28
 Travis Mensen12/29
 Kat Rogers.....12/31
 Phil Rogers.....12/31
 Kathy Waterman.....12/31

Verle & Donna Hankins 12/24

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
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	
Louise Reth	

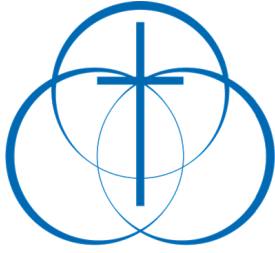
The Meadows
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

John Tyrrell	109
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December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
First Service 8:30AM Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM-10:20AM Second Service 10:30AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	December 20th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/Small Groups	December Mission: Stead Family Toy Tree			
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings			Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm			
						1	2 8:00PM Community Meeting
3	4 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	5	6 WOW	7	8	9 8:00PM Community Meeting	
10	11 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	12	13 WOW	14	15	16 8:00PM Community Meeting	
17	18 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	19	20 Chimes Deadline	21	22	23 8:00PM Community Meeting	
24 31	25 Church Family Off Year Christmas Party 2pm	26	27 WOW	28	29	30 8:00PM Community Meeting	



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

*“Glory to God in the highest. And on
Earth peace, Good will toward men.”*
~Luke 2:14

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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

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Thank you!