

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

413 East Butler St.

November 2023

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November 5th All Saints Day

November 13-20 OCC drop off week

November 18 OCC Packing Party

November 22nd No WOW

November 23 Church/Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving



A note from Pastor Phil...

They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." -John 4:42

The story of Jesus meeting with the Samaritan Woman at the well is well known. Being a Samaritan Jesus as a good Jew should not have even talked to her. But Jesus not only talked to her, but invited her to drink "Living Water" so that her spirit would never thirst for the knowledge of God's love and acceptance ever again... Jesus accomplished this by revealing to her that He knows of her sin, and in grace the invitation is for her, especially for her. Jesus did not dismiss her sin, Jesus forgave her sin. In her acknowledgement and confession, she knew mercy, grace, and acceptance. This is what Scripture teaches us, and this is what we believe.

This month we shall continue to reflect on who we are, and what we believe as the Family of God- The Bride of Christ- known as Manchester Methodist Church, a member of Global Methodist Church.

We believe in the sanctity and eternal worth of all God's creation revealed in all of humanity. We believe that everyone deserves a safe place to sleep, clothing, food to eat and clean water to drink is required for all in God's eternal glory.

We believe that in Jesus' name we can live together in harmony, with violence, war, and death... If only we focused on God's nature and character and not on the nature and character of the human condition.

We believe that our world desperately needs not for us to speak for God, but to allow God to speak through us as we seek peace and unity in this world. God has spoken, in His Word for all to bear witness... We believe that God is big enough to speak for Himself, we need not "re-interpret."

We believe that Jesus has called us, and the Holy Spirit compels us to go forth into the world and seek those known as the Least, Lost, and Hopeless. And we are to invite them to come and see, experience the presence of God in our sanctuary... To find their rest as the Holy Spirit washes away the stain of the world and encourages them in faith so that they shall know they are at peace with God... And then to send them forth to Go and Tell of God's goodness and grace so that others may know and believe.

This is who we are, and what we believe. Amen

**MMC Single Board
October 17, 2023
Wesley Hall 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Beth Mueller, Kathy Dolan, Charlie Dighton, Lori Snyder, Wayne Birkenholz, Pastor Phil, Shirley Davis, Bill Scanlan, Mark Reth, Jean Gross.

Mark called the meeting to order and then followed with scripture from Ecclesiastes 4: 4-7. This scripture reminds us that tranquility can not be found chasing after the wind which is meaningless, but peace can be found only in God. Prayers were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Mark.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori reported that a smaller crowd than usual was at Sherman's Pumpkin Patch this year, possibly due to the cooler weather or other commitments.

Finance: Expenses year-to-date have totaled \$176,058 and Income year-to-date is \$171,567 leaving us with a deficit of \$-4,491. Cash on hand for the Brick-by-Brick for remodeling is \$41,217 with \$600 donations in September and \$5,456 in expenses. Bruce would like board members to have their budget needs to him by the end of October

Trustees: Doorstops have been installed in the men's bathrooms. The balcony light switch is not working properly and needs to be checked out. The new signage for the church is being prepared. We have signed documents that show we now own all church property. Cole Beckman will be doing snow removal again this winter. The new budget for the trustees was worked on. The Wesley Hall flooring will be refinished in December.

Worship: Beth Mueller is our new worship chair. She will be working on the 2024 budget needs for worship.

Christian Ed.: Paul and Zach will be teaching the confirmation class in the spring and they are working on the curriculum for that. Classes will be held on Sundays and will last for 12-16 weeks.

Missions: Wayne mentioned that Wednesday January 17 will be the soup supper/chili cook-off from 4:30-6:30. Missions voted to give \$150 donation to Pay it Forward. The Mission Team has designated Missions of the month for January through June of 2024.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported the 80th birthday party was another huge success with a special thank you to Beth and Roger Mueller for entertainment and Pastor Phil for a little Bible humor. Cards, calls and visits continue to happen.

SPRC: Shirley said Staff Parish is working on updating job descriptions for the janitors and Administrative Assistant. Staff evaluations will be held this fall for all staff.

Our next meeting will be November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross, Secretary

**Financial Report as of
September 30, 2023**

01 General Fund

Expenses for September:	\$19,438
Income for September:	\$14,371
Balance for August:	-\$5,067

Expenses year-to-date:	\$176,058
Income year-to-date:	\$171,567
Balance year-to-date:	-\$4,491

Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:

Cash in hand on September 30, 2023: \$41,217
(\$600 in donations in September & \$5,456 in expenses.)

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

SERVING OUR CHURCH

November 5th

All Saints Day

8:30

Liturgist: Carol Dighton

Communion: Nordurft's & Scanlan's

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross

Scripture: Roger Mueller

Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

Communion: Jean Gross, John Rasmussen, Roy Vice & Mark Reth

November 12th

8:30

Liturgist: Jill Kunde

Communion: Jill Kunde & Terry Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Rita Woods

Scripture: Connie Allyn

Children's Sermon: Travis Mensen

November 19th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann

Communion: Marilyn Feldmann & Stephanie Stocks

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick

Scripture: Meghan Mensen

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

November 26th

Contemporary Service

8:30

Communion: Kristin Milroy & Paul Lyman

10:30

Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

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





All Saints Day

*We invite you to join us on
November 5th 2023 to honor those we
have lost in the last year.*

*Worship Services are at
8:30AM and 10:30AM*

*If you have any questions
please call the office:*

(563) 927-4439

Berdina Carradus

James “Jim” Louis DeKeyser

Arlene Thelma Jones

James “Jim” Olinger



Mary Ellen Richter

Nell “Jean” Taylor

Lyle “Doug” Douglas Voelker

Operation Christmas Child Newsletter

Prayer Requests

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- Pray for the health and safety of the volunteers working at our Drop Off Location.
 - Pray that both younger and older generations will engage in packing shoeboxes with a sense of urgency and purpose.
 - Pray for God's traveling mercies for all those transporting shoeboxes to the Drop Off locations and Processing Centers.
 - Pray for God's guidance and abundance in finding all the necessary items to fill 1,000 **quality** shoeboxes at our packing party.
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2023 Goals

Packing Party:
1,000 quality boxes

Drop Off Location:
1,836 boxes

Volunteers Needed

Work a 2-hour shift at our
Central Drop Off Location
November 13-20, 2023

Mon, Fri, Sat: 9-11 a.m.,
Tues, Thurs: 1-3 p.m., Wed.: 4-6 p.m.,
Sun.: 12-2 p.m.

Packing Party
Nov. 18th @ 9 a.m.

November request:
Prayer &
Personal Notes

Volunteers needed to help
with set-up Thursday and
the party Saturday.

Contact Stephanie to sign-up for any of these volunteer opportunities:
563-920-1570 or mstocks@iowatelecom.net



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

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.

Drop Off Location

Bring your box(es) to:
Manchester Methodist Church
413 E. Butler St. Manchester, IA 52057
563-927-4439

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

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.

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>

Soles4Souls collects lightly used and new shoes to distribute to those in need all over the world. We were able to fill 14 boxes. Thank you to everyone who donated to this ministry!



IMPORTANT SCRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Manchester Methodist Church Scrip program is coming to an end! Effective **December 31, 2023**.

What this means for you:

- No further orders will be placed, we will only be selling from current inventory.
- Once an item sells out, it is gone forever, so buy early!
- Think ahead to Christmas! Buy those Christmas gift cards now to ensure availability!
- The RaiseRight app will still be available for you to purchase through until 12/31/2023.

RaiseRight App



Our Church Code

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Youth Work Day

Helping those in our community and having a little fun!



Please join us for
Delhi Methodist Church's

Fall Dinner

**Turkey and all the fixin's,
mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, dressing,
squash & pies.**

DINNER IS CARRY OUT ONLY

Free Will Offering

Saturday, November 4th

4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

304 Market Street

Thank you Congregational Care Team for hosting the 80ish Birthday Party!





Ellen Nystel11/05
 Mike Reth11/05
 Lisa Hough.....11/07
 Dwight Phillips.....11/08
 Erin Mensen.....11/11
 Bill Welcher.....11/22
 James Hough11/24

Roger & Tammy White.....11/15
 Mike & Regina Reth.....11/28
 Ron & Janine Stellick.....11/30

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>
John LeClere Sr.	
Barb O'Connell	
Karen Slife	#208
Delores Timmer	
Joe Vap	
Bill Welcher	

The Meadows

220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

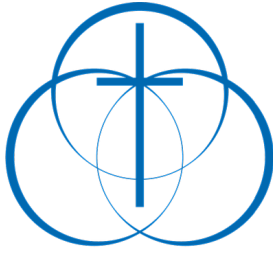
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“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

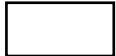
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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Services 8:30AM & 10:30 Fellowship & Sunday School 9:30AM-10:20AM	Second Helpings 4:30-5:30	November 21st CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4thKids/Youth/Small Groups	November Mission: OCC		
	Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second			Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm		
			1 WOW	2	3	4 8:00PM Community Meeting
5 All Saints Sunday	6 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	7	8 WOW	9	10	11 8:00PM Community Meeting
12	13  OCC Drop off week	14  OCC Drop off week	15  WOW	16  OCC Drop off week	17  OCC Drop off week	18  OCC Drop off week
19  OCC Drop off week	20  OCC Drop off week	21 Chimes Deadline	22 No WOW	23 	24	25 8:00PM Community Meeting
26	27 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	28	29 WOW	30		



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Manchester, IA 52057-1612



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**

THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

The MMC Chimes
Official Newsletter of the
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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.

Prepared, printed and prepped-to-mail
at MMC.

Please forward any new addresses to
the church at

413 E. Butler or call 563-927-4439

Thank you!