



Manchester Methodist Church

# *The Chimes*

413 East Butler St.

## January 2024

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Office/Church closed Jan 1st  
Kat out of office Jan 2-5

**Confirmation Begins January 14th**

Missions Soup Supper & Silent Auction  
January 17th

**Help Second Helpings  
January 22nd**

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

It feels so weird to be writing the year 2024 already. As I review the year 2023 It has been exciting, and heart breaking. Our disaffiliation process was difficult, unnecessarily complicated, and opportunistically expensive. But we will never again need to worry about such foolishness again. Our new denomination, the Global Methodist Church, is significantly leaner financially, much more local church oriented, and Biblically sound. This has created a lingering feeling of unease for some, and I will admit for myself. Our church family is a welcoming congregation who sought to remain who we are, and there is no shame in that. The minority who felt we should move towards a new understanding of holiness based on cultural understanding feel disenfranchised. Some have left with our blessings, some remain but feel hurt, and some remain involved on the fringes still disgruntled. All are still our family. We care about all of our church family. I guess the question remains, how do we define our church family? For me it's anyone who has ever worshiped, missioned, participated in a Bible study, or one of our ministries. These are the people I count as my church family. Does that mean that I might count folks who attend other churches on Sunday as family? Yes it most certainly does. If I can enthusiastically accept the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, then I can accept people as family that belong to another church family as well. This is my unofficial understanding of family. As a church we also have our formal understanding of church family which is defined as membership. When we disaffiliated in June from the UMC we closed our membership books. We wanted to start fresh with a renewed purpose in membership as we prayerfully considered the vows of whoever our new denomination would be. In October the church chose to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church as the Wesleyan denomination that best fit our identity. So now we are prepared to go forth with our new church membership drive.

We will be sending out a letter, as well as establishing a link on our website, and posting on Facebook, and announcing during service, the process for new membership. The church will need to receive the information needed by all our family that wishes to join the congregation in membership by Sunday, February 4th. We will have our founding members share their intent and vows in the sanctuary, online, or even our radio congregation family, on February 11th as we worship together on Transfiguration Sunday.

Let us with excitement and faithful passion live into God's call revealed in Acts;

### **Acts 20:28**

*"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."*

Single Board did not meet in person this month.  
Stay tuned for next month's minutes!

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

*01 General Fund*

Expenses for November: \$18,475

Income for November: \$14,250

**Balance for November: -\$4,225**

Expenses year-to-date: \$214,771

Income year-to-date: \$206,274

**Balance year-to-date: -\$8,497**

*Brick-by-Brick Remodeling Project:*

**Cash in hand on November 30, 2023:**

**\$42,817** (\$1,400 in donations in November; no expenses)

**Brick-by-Brick Year-to-Date Expenses:**

**\$95,373**

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

# SERVING OUR CHURCH

January 7th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann  
Communion: Marilyn Feldmann & Duane Philgreen

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross  
Scripture: Julie Porter  
Children's Sermon: Darla Gaskill  
Communion: Jean Gross, Julie Porter & Janine Stellick

January 14th

8:30

Liturgist: Hannah Clemen  
Communion: Terry & Jeff Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Darla Gaskill  
Scripture: John Rasmussen  
Children's Sermon: Tom Fetter

January 21st

8:30

Liturgist: Paul Lyman  
Communion: Glenn Nystel & Travis Hough

10:30

Liturgist: Rita Woods  
Scripture: Roger Mueller  
Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

January 28th

Contemporary Service

8:30

Communion: The Nordurft's

10:30

Children's Sermon: Roy Vice

## **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



## Second Helpings Help

Second Helpings is in need of volunteers to help serve on Monday January 22nd. Also if you are willing to donate a salad, they need three large salads. If willing to help please contact Kat in the office.

No Second Helpings on the following dates:

January 1st

January 8th

January 15th



## Mark Your Calendars

Our annual Soup Supper, hosted by our Missions Team, will be on January 17th from 4:30-6:30. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be served. A chili cookoff and silent auction will also be held. Sign up sheets for ingredients and kitchen/serving/cleanup help are now on the Welcome Desk.

## Confirmation

Starts on Sunday January 14th  
during Sunday School. Confirmation Sunday will be on Mother's Day.  
If you'd like to sign up please let Kat know.

*...and the Father made his light  
to shine upon the world, and the light  
shined the Father's love, with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar;  
"You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you,  
"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!"*

*PRAYER*

*Lord Jesus, who died and rose for our sins,  
again triumphing over death and our enemies, grant  
us partakers of Your victory, that we may*

### Kat Out of Office January 2nd-5th

I will be out of the office next week and will be back January 8th. Please send all messages to my email [kat@manchestermethodistchurch.org](mailto:kat@manchestermethodistchurch.org) or leave them on the church voicemail 563-927-4439.

I will check them as soon as I get back.  
Happy New Year!

Kat

## *Clothing Closet Hours*

Mondays 4:30-5:30 usually open during  
Second Helpings

Wednesdays 10:00AM-2:00PM

And

5:00PM-6:30PM

First Thursday of the month 8:00AM-10:00AM

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***

*Manchester*

*United Methodist Church*

*413 E Butler St.*

*563-927-4439*

*\*5:30PM~Dinner*

*\*6:15PM~Worship*

*\*7:00PM*

*Youth Group*

*Small Groups*

*There Will Be Nursery Attendants For those with infants, toddlers and young children.*

***Everyone is welcome!***



- Sherry Goranson .....1/02
- Doris Lei .....1/02
- Ruth Chapman .....1/05
- Ron Gearhart .....1/05
- Brooklyn Wefel.....1/05
- Marilyn Feldmann.....1/06
- Everett Hough .....1/07
- Kristin Milroy.....1/12
- Gary Evarts .....1/17
- Joyce Harbaugh.....1/19
- Dave Gibbs .....1/20
- Jim Hopkins.....1/23
- Carol Kremer .....1/24
- Kaci Reth.....1/24
- Marlene Reth.....1/28
- Merle Mangold .....1/31

Thank you to everyone who helped  
 decorate our sanctuary during the  
 Christmas season by donating a poinsettia!  
 If you wish to take your  
 poinsettia home you may. They are in the  
 sanctuary. God Bless!  


**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	

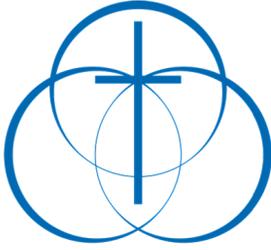
**The Meadows**  
**220 McCarren Drive, Manchester**

John Tyrrell	109
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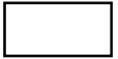
From: Joanne & Mike Wade	In Memory of Mike's Parents & The Hillier Family
From: Jean Gross & Family	In Memory of deceased family members and Duncan Gross
From: Diane Miller	In Memory of Dale & Opal Paris
From: Sam, Kristin, Aurora & Imogen Milroy	In Memory of Ken & Carolyn Milroy
From: Joyce Harbaugh	In Memory of Eugene & Kirk Harbaugh
From: Dennis & Julie Porter	In Memory of Dean Wefel, Kendall Strausser
From: Pastor Phil & Debbie Rogers	In Honor of Christmas
From: Marilyn Seelinger	In Memory of Mike Seelinger, Dr. Richard Waste & Dr. Christina Waste

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>First Service</b> <b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Second Helpings</b> <b>4:30-5:30</b>	<b>January 24th CHIMES DEADLINE</b>	<b>WOW</b> 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 K-4th Kids/Youth/Small Groups	<b>January Mission: Waypoint Services</b>		
<b>Fellowship &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>9:30AM-10:20AM</b>	<b>Clothing Closet Open</b> <b>4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings</b>		<b>Clothing Closet Open</b>  10:00pm to 2:00pm			
<b>Second Service</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	<b>1</b> No Second Helpings Church Closed Happy New Year	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> WOW	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00PM Community Meeting
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> No Second Helpings	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> WOW	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00PM Community Meeting
<b>14</b> Confirmation Begins	<b>15</b> No Second Helpings	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Missions Soup Supper 4:30-6:30 No WOW	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00PM Community Meeting
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Chimes Deadline	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00PM Community Meeting
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> WOW			



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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**

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.”*

*-Ephesians 4:32*



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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

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Thank you!