

Manchester Methodist Church

The Chimes

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday March 24th 8:30AM & 10:30AM

Holy Wednesday March 27th 6:30PM

Maundy Thursday March 28th 7:00PM

Good Friday March 29th 7:00PM

Easter Sunday March 31st 8:30AM & 10:30 AM

Easter Lilies

On The Way to The Cross Lenten Bible Study



A note from Pastor Phil...

*4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
-Isaiah 53:4-6*

Isaiah 53 details the prophecy of the suffering, death, and resurrection of the anointed one of God, the Messiah. But what does this mean? Oftentimes scripture, especially the Old Testament can be hard to understand. I think this scripture is pretty plain language and easy to understand though.

The Messiah received the punishment of the wrath of God that humanity deserved. Not just some, not even some more than others, all of humanity is guilty of sin and deserving of God's wrath. But God's anointed Messiah intervenes for us and bore the suffering due to the iniquity of man. But humanity did not reveal gratitude for this redeeming grace, instead they cried "crucify" as if the Messiah was deserving of this punishment, though the Messiah was without sin. The Messiah was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and in final death paid the price of sin in full, shared His Own righteousness with us, so that we could be at peace with God. because of the human condition the stain of sin on our righteousness is made clean, washed in the blood of the Messiah's sacrifice... And in this way, the only possible way, we are now at peace with God in judgment. Though we have turned away from God, God's Messiah has accepted all our brokenness so that we may be redeemed and forgiven.

This is a wonderful prophecy of good news! Yet it is also a tragic story of humanity's inability to remain faithful to God and uphold God's perfect Law. In our human condition humanity is broken and stained in filth. So God's Messiah, Redeemer, Savior, comes to do that which we can not do for ourselves, and in perfect sacrifice builds the pathway forward to be acceptable before God.

But in the unconditional perfect love of God this alone is not enough. Read these words as the prophecy continues in verse 11:

*11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
-Isaiah 43:11*

God's Messiah will bear the iniquities of God's people for all time. Being the Light of Life the Messiah will overcome the grave and live for all eternity. Because of this humanity has the invitation and ability to remain in relationship with God forever.

All this was prophesied 750-800 years before the suffering, death, and resurrection of God's Messiah, Jesus, the Savior of all who choose to accept and believe. God made sure to tell us in prophecy so that when it happened we will know that our salvation was always God's plan and desire. God loves us that much.

2000 years later, even though we do not like to admit it, we still cry crucify praying that in death is our salvation, and in resurrection our eternal promise. We still need a Savior.

In this time of Lent we are to prepare our hearts and minds to acknowledge the cost of our sin, and in thanksgiving praise God's Messiah, Jesus Christ, for delivering us beyond our brokenness to live free at peace with God. Let us be faithful in our worship and, though it may be hard, walk this Journey of salvation with Jesus and in prayers of thanksgiving that His love is enough to save even us from the wrath of God we deserve. In maturity of faith let us experience every moment of sorrow, shame, arrest, pain, suffering, death, so that we are truly prepared in joy to appreciate the grace received and the promise of eternity.

Holy begins Sunday March 24th with Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday March 31st. We will have special worship services on Wednesday March 27th at 6:30, Maundy Thursday March 28th, and Good Friday March 29th both at 7:00. There will be a meal on Wednesday starting at 5:30.

I hope that we will all join in fullness as a church family to worship together in the special Lenten services.

MMC Single Board
January 30, 2024
6:00 p.m. - Wesley Hall

Present: Carlie Dighton, Pastor Phil, Bruce Nodurft, Mark Reth, Beth Mueller, Jean Gross, Sherry Goranson, Kathy Dolan, Shirley Davis.

Mark opened the meeting with scripture from Ephesians 6: 10-11, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Mark reminded us that during these turbulent times we need to remain diligent when it comes to spiritual matters and remain strong in our faith. Prayers and praises were lifted up followed by a prayer for guidance from Pastor Phil.

Finance: Bruce gave the year end financial report. With December contributions we ended the year with a small surplus. Giving in 2023 was down approximately \$20,000 from the previous year. The actual expenses for last year were \$236,276 and the actual income was \$236,521. The Brick-by-Brick campaign contributions in December were \$4800 bringing that total to \$47,617 after \$95,373 in expenses for 2023.

Trustees: Charlie reported the Trustees will be deciding where to proceed next with building improvements. Remodeling the back entryway to make it handicapped accessible is one possibility along with moving the offices to the east wing.

Worship: New banners are coming for Easter and the staging in the sanctuary has been improved to make it more stable.

Christian Ed.: There are four students in confirmation who will be confirmed on Mother's Day. Paul Lyman and Kristin Milroy are teaching the class.

Missions: Wayne reported that \$1100 was raised from the soup supper and those funds have been sent to Waypoint. Three employees from this women's shelter were at the soup supper to express their thanks and to tell us about their mission. The mission team will be looking for candidates for their Paint by Neighbor endeavor this summer.

Reaching and Receiving: New name badges are in the works and there has been some consideration of a new Pictorial Directory for our church.

Congregational Care: A Valentine's Day light luncheon is being planned for noon. Roger Mueller will share some music with us.

Mark shared an *Articles of Dissolution* that needs to be completed for the Iowa Secretary of State. This form was filled out and signed by the board leadership and will be sent along with a five dollar filing fee to the Secretary of State. This is the final act in our dissolution from the Manchester United Methodist Church affiliation.

Pastor has written a Lenten Devotional booklet that will be available soon. He is encouraging small groups to meet during Lent for some light discussion on the material. Those interested in guiding a small group or hosting one can let the office know.

Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Secretary

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

March 3rd

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks

Communion: Stephanie Stocks & Duane Philgreen

10:30

Liturgist: Julie Porter

Children's Sermon: Paul Lyman

Communion: Julie Porter, Janine Stellick & Wayne Birkenholz

March 10th

8:30

Liturgist: Evan Mayfield

Communion: Evan Mayfield & Travis Hough

10:30

Liturgist: John Rasmussen

Children's Sermon: Jordan LeClere

March 17th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen

Communion: Terry & Jeff Larson

10:30

Liturgist: Heather Vice

Children's Sermon: Roy Vice

March 24th

8:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen

Communion: Meghan Mensen & Jill Kunde

10:30

Liturgist: Rita Woods

Children's Sermon: Michael Stocks

March 31st Easter Sunday

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann

Communion: Marilyn Feldmann & Travis Hough

10:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller

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



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Don't forget to pick up this year's Lenten Study book and sign up for a small group in the Narthex after service. Take a copy for yourself and give one to someone else.



This Month's Sunday Usher Schedule

<u>8:30 Service</u>			
3-Mar	Randy	Glenn	
10-Mar	Randy	Dennis	
17-Mar	Randy	Travis	
24-Mar	Randy	Evan	Tim
31-Mar	Randy	Evan	Glenn
<u>10:30 Service</u>			
3-Mar	Lori	Tim	
10-Mar	Lori	Tim	
17-Mar	Lori	Bill Scanlon	
24-Mar	Wayne B	Bill Scanlon	Lori
31-Mar	Wayne B	Tim	Lori

Easter Lilies

Please help us celebrate Easter by decorating the sanctuary with lilies.

Cost \$10.00

Orders are due to the office by Sunday March 10th. Please make checks out to MMC.

Contact Kat with questions at kat@manchestermethodistchurch.org



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NAME: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

Valentine's Day Celebration





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



UPCOMING EVENTS

BRUNCH

March 24 between services

BAKE SALE

None in March due to Easter

HOMEMADE & HOMEGROWN SALE

Saturday, May 18

2024 GOALS

CHURCH WIDE

1,000 quality boxes

DROP OFF

2,200 boxes

PACKING PARTY DONATIONS

MARCH

- Winter Clearance
- Socks
- Underwear

Check out the Amazon storefront for more options:

<https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild>

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for outreach events and The Greatest Journey classes starting in countries that have already received shoeboxes.
- Pray against the spiritual warfare that targets OCC staff and volunteers, their families, and new believers. Pray they will remain strong and courageous in the face of opposition.
- Pray for our local volunteers as we continue planning for the packing and collection of quality shoeboxes during the 2024 collection season.
- Pray for God's guidance in knowing how He is calling YOU to participate in OCC this year!

Happy Birthday

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Karen Petlon..... 3/04
 Mary Mangold.....3/05
 Ronnie Bachman.....3/07
 Jeff Larson.....3/07
 Michael Stocks.....3/10
 Lila Joslyn 3/12
 Nancy Bachman.....3/19
 Roger Mueller.....3/20
 Nicholas Mensen.....3/28
 Rex Rogers.....3/28
 Meghan Mensen.....3/29

Bob & Glenda Betels 3/12

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>
Barb O'Connell	116-N
John LeClere Sr.	133-N
Louise Reth	210 Mariettas
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S
Joe Vap	108
Bill Welcher	15-S

The Meadows

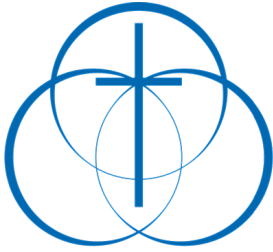
220 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Fred & Ellen Phelps	305
John Tyrrell	109

His
 Mercy
 endures
 forever
 PSALM 136:1

MARCH

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 Clothing Closet Open 4:30-5:30 During Second Helpings	March 27th CHIMES DEADLINE	WOW 5:30 Dinner 6:15 Worship 7:00 Youth/Small Groups Clothing Closet Open 10:00pm to 2:00pm	March Mission: Heifer International	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 Trustees Mtg	15	16 8:00PM Community Meeting
17	18 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	19	20 WOW	21	22	23 8:00PM Community Meeting
24 Palm Sunday 	25 Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 4:30-5:30	26 Chimes Deadline	27 Holy Wednesday 	28 Maundy Thursday 	29 Good Friday 	30 8:00PM Community Meeting
31 Easter Sunday 						



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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

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He is
not here,
He has
Risen!
Luke 24:6

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!