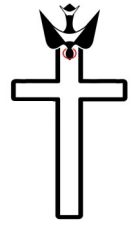


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The Chimes ~ March 2025



MARCH 5ASH WEDNESDAY
APRIL 13PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 20EASTER SUNDAY

Preparing
Our Hearts
for Lent

On Wednesday, March 5th we will hold our Ash Wednesday
Worship Service at 6:30 P.M. Plan to join us as we begin
our journey through the season of Lent.



Vacation Bible School Team Leader(s) Needed!!



We are searching for a volunteer (or volunteers) to lead or co-lead the Vacation Bible School team this year. Summer vacation for our school children - and time for VBS - will be here before we know it!

There are plentiful resources for you to use to plan & coordinate this event that the children in our congregation and our community look forward to every summer. If this is something that you are feeling inspired to take on, please contact Pastor Phil or Lynne in the office before the end of March.

A note from Pastor Phil...

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

- Proverbs 12:22

Is it just me or does it seem that life has become more maddening? I recognize that I may fall into the grouchy old man desiring the “good old days” category, but does it appear that our technological and societal progression have brought us to a greater life and community? In the last 5 years we have experienced together a contentious election cycle, a pandemic, disaffiliation, participating in starting a new denomination, another contentious election cycle, and now everyone views themselves as an intellectual in social media decrying others thoughts and opinions because they are mean spirited, uninformed, whatever wing, nazi, hatemongers...I want to tap out. Perhaps my bones are the dry bones of a crushed spirit. But is this my reality, or just a point of view I have chosen? Am I not equally able to choose a joyful outlook as well. Jesus has chosen me (and you) to be a part of this unique time from this unique place, one that seems impossibly difficult and full of discord, to proclaim the Good News for all to hear so that they may know, repent, and be saved.

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” - Matthew 9:35-38

This may seem to be one of the most difficult times in modern history to share the Good News. We live in this unique time where everyone has an opinion with an intolerance for any other opinion. How can we who only wish to preach the gospel with great passion and joy be heard above all the other “noise” in our world? The answer is not to try and speak louder, but instead to represent the quiet, gentle, and peaceful voice of God. It begins with relationships, and know in this unique time the world will not trust the message until the world trusts the messenger. Perhaps they cannot hear the voice of Jesus in a world full of selfish noise...but

can we reveal acceptance, love, and the promise of abundant grace of Jesus Christ to those who so desperately need it? Into this difficult time God has called me, and you, to serve as his witness to this generation. For me I will say “challenge accepted!”, and will know joy in my salvation and that I have been called into such a time as this.



Peace,
Pastor Phil

Bill & Donna Scanlan's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

We would like to invite everyone from our wonderful church family to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We will be having a reception in Wesley Hall at the church on Sunday afternoon, April 6th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. We would be honored to have you join us for our special celebration!!!

*Blessings,
Bill and Donna*



Manchester Methodist Church Single Board Reports for February 2025

Due to no in-person Single Board in February, the following reports were shared:

Finance: Bruce reported that January expenses were \$20,587 and the January contributions were \$16,521 leaving us with a shortfall in January of -\$4,066.

Trustees: No report...however, it is noted that the Pastor's and Lynne's offices are completed and they have moved to their new locations. Also, Finance is now in Pastor Phil's old office. Lynne's old office will become a cry room for parents with young children.

Christian Ed: Paul reported that there is a looming education staffing shortage and a need for teaching backups.

Missions: Wayne reported that a total of \$1,509 has been sent to "Convoy of Hope". These funds came from the soup supper donations, silent auction proceeds and donations to Missions during January. Rahab Ministries Board is in place and the goal is to place candidates in June. They are working to fill accountability teams. NCLL legal team has prepared contracts and applications. Paint by Neighbor discussion is in the works for this year's projects. Wayne would still like to power wash the tables and chairs in Wesley Hall.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported there was one funeral in January. Birthday and anniversary cards were sent. The February 13th Valentine's luncheon was postponed to February 27th due to the weather. We are going to prepare for 40 people.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori shared an update on the Pictorial Directories. We expect to see the final proof back from the printers this week. It will be reviewed just one last time, and then it will be sent off to the printers for our 200 copies.

Submitted as received by Jean Gross, Single Board Secretary.

Note: The church offices — Pastor's & Lynne's — are now located on the lower level of the building, at the north end just past the library.

All outside doors are typically going to be locked, unless there is an event in the building (i.e. - during Second Helpings, Clothing Closet hours, WIC, WOW, Sunday morning worship). If you have a key to the church, it will still open the alley door, but NOT the East door by the offices...the East door will always be locked, as it has been in the past. If you need to get into the building and the doors are locked, please call the office (563-927-4439) to be let in. Thank you for your cooperation!



ANNOUNCING!

Women's Ministry In The Upper Midwest

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" - Philippians 4:4 NIV

After many months of prayer, conversations with women all across the Global Methodist Church, and more prayer, the Transitional Leadership Council (TLC) of the Global Methodist Church approved on 12/13/24 a proposal for Women's Ministries. I am pleased to share this good news, and to invite all women to join in this new movement of God in the Upper Midwest Conference.

We've already taken some steps by leading break-outs at the Convening Conference in Watertown, and hosting Pastor Carla Johnson in our break-out at the Annual Conference in 2024. Of course, we are planning another gathering for 2025!

What would you like to do?

Each Conference has been permitted to select a name for our Women's Ministries. God has blessed us on this journey and He has much more in store for us. We chose **"Rejoice!"**

Stay tuned for more details. Our goals are to connect and resource Women's Ministries across the Upper Midwest GMC. We are eager to hear your questions, dreams, hopes, and success stories of women's ministries in your setting.

We'd love to hear from you!

Rejoice! Becky Heeren,
Upper Midwest Conference Coordinator for Global Methodist Women's Ministries
womensministry@uppermidwestgmc.org

SERVING OUR CHURCH

March 2nd

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Message: Terry Larson
Communion: Terry & Jeff Larson, Marilyn F.

10:30

Liturgist: Janine Stellick
Communion: Wayne Birkenholz & Janine S.

March 9th

8:30

Liturgist: Jeff Larsen
Children's Message: Jordan LeClere

10:30

Liturgist: Roger Mueller
Communion: Evan Maifeld, Paul Lyman

March 16th

8:30

Liturgist: Will Turner
Children's Message: Tom Fetter

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Pam Vap & Jean G.

March 23rd

8:30

Liturgist: Paul Lyman
Children's Message: Michael Stocks

10:30

Liturgist: Meghan Mensen
Communion: Roger White & Meghan M.

March 30th - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Message: Darla Gaskill

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Pam Vap & Evan Maifeld

MMC Serving Teams

If you would like to be part of one of the *Serving Our Church* teams, please contact the following people:

♦ Communion Servers, Liturgists, Scripture Readers, Children's Sermon:

Jeff Larsen @ 563-608-4036
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

♦ Door Greeters, Acolytes, & Ushers:

Lori Snyder @ 563-920-6692

♦ Tech Team/AV:

Ruth Voshell & Michael Stocks
mmctechteam@gmail.com

♦ Nursery Attendants:

Mary Jane Fetter @ 563-920-2006

♦ Fellowship Time Hosts:

Text Michelle Philgreen @ 563-920-1677
or sign up at the Welcome Desk

♦ Worship Music:

Beth Mueller & Lynne Rasmussen
elizabethannmueller@gmail.com,
admin@manchestermethodistchurch.org
or call the office @ 563-927-4439

♦ Church Office Assistants:

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Happy Birthday!

Walt Davis	3/2
Ken Newell	3/3
Karen Petlon	3/4
Mary Mangold.....	3/5
Ronnie Bachman	3/7
Jeff Larson	3/7
Bowe Vice.....	3/8
Michael Stocks	3/10
Blake O'Connell	3/11
Pastor Mike Druhl.....	3/12
Lila Joslyn	3/12
Jim Shover	3/13
Rex VanDyke	3/13
Nancy Bachman.....	3/19
Roger Mueller.....	3/20
Nick Mensen	3/28
Rex Rogers	3/28
Meghan Mensen	3/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bob & Glenda Betels3/12

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Please note: If you know of someone's birthday or anniversary that was inadvertently omitted from this list, please notify the church office so we can include them on the list next time!

RADIO SPONSORS & ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP

Please sign up on the calendar in the hallway to sponsor a Sunday radio broadcast or to share flowers for the altar. If they are for a special occasion or in memory or in honor of someone, please let Lynne in the office know (or just include it on the sign-up calendar).



March Radio Broadcasts:

All Sunday radio broadcasts in the month of March are dedicated to those seeking the Word of God brought to you by the Manchester Methodist Church (paid for by an anonymous donor).

March Altar Flowers:

March 2nd...Randy Waterman

All other March Sundays are currently open.

Good Neighbor Home Residents 105 McCarren Drive, Manchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM #</u>
Dorothy Hoffmann	
Barb O'Connell	116-N
Fred Phelps	
Louise Reth	210 Marietta's Place
Karen Slife	144-N
Delores Timmer	25-S

The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

Richard Belden	215
Peg Koeneke	112
Ellen Phelps	305

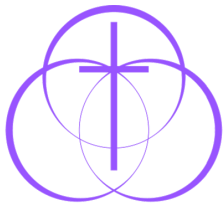
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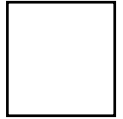
Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:

5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

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Return Service Requested

TO:

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday & Wednesday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday: Closed

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- ♦ **Sunday mornings in person at 8:30 & 10:30am**
- ♦ **Find us on YouTube to watch the Sun. 8:30am service**
- ♦ **Listen to KMCH 94.7 at 6:00pm on Sunday nights**
- ♦ **Wednesday evenings in person at 6:15pm**

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The Ministry Team at MMC includes:

Rev. Phil Rogers and the entire Congregation
Office Manager/Secretary: Lynne Rasmussen
Church Custodians: Dennis Porter and Dusty Ingles
Christian Education Director: Paul Lyman
Music Director: Beth Mueller
Missions Coordinator: Wayne Birkenholz

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