

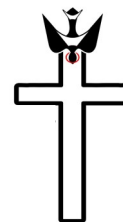


Manchester Methodist Church

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The Chimes ~ April 2025

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:



April 13, Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

April 16, Holy Wednesday..... 7:00 P.M.

April 17, Maundy Thursday..... 7:00 P.M.

April 18, Good Friday..... 7:00 P.M.

April 20, Easter Sunday..... 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.

Palm Sunday Brunch

OCC will be hosting a brunch between services on Palm Sunday, April 13th. All proceeds will go to OCC shipping expenses. A free will offering will be taken. Contact Jean Gross with any questions.



Seeking Volunteers to Assist with Funeral Lunches

The funeral lunch team is looking for more volunteers to assist with set-up for funeral lunches. Contact Joanne Wade (563-608-1500) for more details!

SAVE THE DATE:

The 3rd Annual

“Homemade & Homegrown Sale”

will be on Friday, May 16th

from noon until 6:00 p.m.

(at the Sherman's - 308 S. Wayne St.)



A note from Pastor Phil...

**And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up,
he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, - Luke 9:51 KJV**



Jesus had, once again, just detailed the fate awaiting Him when He arrived in Jerusalem. Immediately after, Jesus “steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.”

LENTEN JOURNEY

We have been traveling together through the lens of Matthew on our Lenten journey of preparation to experience the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the final teachings, the celebration of foot washing and the Last Supper, the arrest, suffering and death, and the celebration of resurrection.

Once again this year we will experience the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, April 13th at both the 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. worship services.

This year on Holy Wednesday, April 16th, we shall add a new very special service at 7:00 P.M. focused on Jesus' final teachings in the temple leading up to the Passover Feast.

On April 17th at 7:00 P.M. we will experience Jesus washing the Disciples' feet, serving the Last Supper, praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal, and finally, Jesus' arrest.

Friday, April 18th at 7:00 P.M. will be a powerful experience of Jesus' shame, suffering, and death for the sake of grace for all of humanity.

Sunday, April 20th at both 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. we will celebrate that the tomb is empty - He is Risen! Come and share in our overwhelming joy at the empty tomb, and the awe of the significance of this miracle! The cross promises grace for sin so we can stand at peace with God in judgment. Jesus' resurrection promises eternal life in praise and presence with our Redeemer and Savior.

Let us finish this journey to the cross together...and along our way, gather all those we find who are known as the least and the lost.



Peace,
Pastor Phil



Manchester Methodist Church Single Board Minutes for March 18, 2025

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

Pastor Phil opened the meeting with prayer. He gave a recent report on his new granddaughter's eye surgery and said everyone is doing well and heading home soon. Prayers were lifted up for those facing challenges.

Finance: Actual income as of the end of February was \$33,440 and actual expenses were \$38,082 giving us a deficit as of -\$4,642 for this year. Bruce shared a report on our "Brick by Brick" campaign. 65% of the monies pledged from 73 commitments for church remodeling has been paid for a total amount of \$148,500. Of this money approximately \$20,700 remains after some projects were completed. We are still receiving a monthly donation from an individual for this project. The office remodels amounted to roughly \$33,750. Security cameras need to be installed yet.

Trustees: Papers are being drawn up for the team that will be managing Rahab House. The church will still own the property. The crying room will soon be ready for use. The old desk will be removed and a changing table will be available as well as a couple of rockers. Curtains will be purchased for the windows. The room will be completed for minimal or no cost. **"No Animals"** signs have been posted at the church entrances. Only official service dogs are allowed on Church property. Someone will be fixing the elevator phone so that calls can be made in case of emergency. The wall sanctuary lights over the choir will be replaced with LED lighting. Bids are being taken for the south entrance ramp. This will entail an aluminum ramp, concrete work, replacement of the exterior door, and removal of the interior door. Two contractors are being contacted for bids. The toilet in the nursery is being fixed.

Christian Ed.: Paul said that no one is stepping up to chair VBS so we will probably look at other options such as the community Bible School at the fairgrounds. We should have 3 or 4 confirmation students next year.

Missions: A check for \$1000 is being sent to Dirt Roads Network to support Zach Kingery's church planting efforts. Several donations have been made for the continuance of the KMCH radio broadcasts on Sunday night. "Paint by Neighbor" will continue to watch for candidates to consider including some from our congregation who might need spring yard/landscaping cleanup in April. They will remain open to accommodating such requests. Julie Porter has indicated she will again be the lead for the 2025 Ice Cream Social which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30.

Congregational Care: Sherry reported that they served 20 from our congregation at the Valentine's Dinner. With the team, Pastor Phil, Lynne, Beth, and the speaker, we served approximately 33. On Saturday, March 22 we will be meeting at the Delhi Methodist Church for a Congregational Care District Conference. Along with other churches we will be giving a presentation on what our team does for Congregational Care, after which there will be table talks and sharing. Six members of our team of 9 are planning to attend.

Reaching and Receiving: Lori mentioned the church directory is at the printers and it is hoped we will have our copies by Easter.

Our next meeting will be April 15 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Gross, Single Board Secretary

OFFICES RELOCATED

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 during the week, unless there is an event in the building (i.e. - Second Helpings, Clothing Closet, WIC, Wednesday night & Sunday morning worship). If you have a key to the church, it will still open the alley door, but NOT the East door on Wayne St. by the offices...that 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. You may also come to the East door if you just need to make a quick stop to visit with Pastor Phil or Lynne about something...there will soon be a Ring doorbell/camera installed by that door that will alert Lynne when someone is outside, and she can let you in. Thank you so much for your patience & cooperation during this process!

Conversational English Gatherings for New Manchester Residents

Over the course of 2024 and 2025, XL Specialized Trailers has recruited more than 40 families to relocate here for manufacturing jobs. These families are from Puerto Rico, a US territory, so they are US citizens. Most speak Spanish and are learning English as part of their jobs. They are projecting to hire another 30 this year.

It's exciting for our community to have so many new people moving here, and we want to welcome them to our town. Conversational English Gatherings offer a casual way for us to help them practice speaking English and build connections. We meet every other Sunday night at 6:00pm at the Manchester Methodist Church. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 6th.

You don't need to speak Spanish to participate, as we are assisting them in practicing their English speaking skills. All that is required is for individuals to attend and be friendly and welcoming.

For more information, you can also reference this article that was in the Manchester Press:
https://www.manchesterpress.com/news/group-hopes-to-support-new-families-while-breaking-down-language-barriers/article_4d7010d2-d4f8-11ef-ac4

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*



SERVING OUR CHURCH

April 6th

8:30

Liturgist: Stephanie Stocks
Children's Message: Roy Vice
Communion: Stephanie Stocks,
Heather & Roy Vice

10:30

Liturgist: Jean Gross
Communion: Jean G. & Janine Stellick

April 13th

8:30

Liturgist: Jordan LeClere
Children's Message: Tom Fetter

10:30

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

**HAPPY
EASTER**

April 20th

8:30

Liturgist: Marilyn Feldmann
Children's Message: Kristin Milroy

10:30

Liturgist: Paul Lyman
Communion: Paul L. & Pam Vap

April 27th - Contemporary Service

8:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Children's Message: Michael Stocks

10:30

Liturgist: Praise Band member
Communion: Roger White &
Dustin Kirkpatrick

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!

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Cheryl Syren | 4/2 |
| Norma Vande Vegte..... | 4/3 |
| Betty Brauer | 4/4 |
| Julie Porter | 4/7 |
| Barb Davis | 4/8 |
| Carol Dighton | 4/12 |
| Carolyn Melody | 4/12 |
| Jerry Andregg | 4/18 |
| Gary Feldmann | 4/18 |
| Donna Hankins | 4/20 |
| Matt Kerton | 4/20 |
| Marge Wolter | 4/20 |
| Steve Huegel | 4/21 |
| Cindy Birkenholz..... | 4/22 |
| Gary Spellerberg..... | 4/29 |

Happy Anniversary!

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| Gary & Kathy Evarts..... | 4/4 |
| Bill & Donna Scanlan | 4/5 |
| Sam & Kristin Milroy..... | 4/12 |
| Jim & Julia Hopkins..... | 4/24 |
| Chris & Mary Jo Larsen..... | 4/25 |

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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 (\$75/Sunday), 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 include it on the sign-up sheet).



April Radio Broadcasts:

- April 6..... Bill & Donna Scanlan, in honor of their 50th anniversary on the 5th
 April 13.... Colin & Cassie Bishop, in honor of Cayden's 1st birthday
 April 20.... Wayne & Cindy Birkenholz
 April 27.... Pam Vap, in loving memory of Joe

April Altar Flowers:

All April 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 |





The Meadows Residents 200 McCarren Drive, Manchester

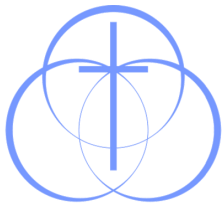
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| Richard Belden | 215 |
| Peg Koeneke | 112 |
| Ellen Phelps | 305 |

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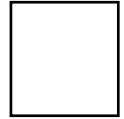


Worship On Wednesday (WOW) Schedule:
5:30 Dinner ~ 6:15 Worship ~ 7:00 Youth Group & Small Groups meet

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  | 1 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Community meeting in conf. room | 2 9am-4pm WIC Clothing Closet 5:30pm WOW | 3 8-10am Clothing Closet 7-8:30pm Scouts in Comm. Rm. | 4 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket | 5 8:00pm Community mtgs. in parlor & conf. room | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 8:30am Worship 9:30am Sun. Sch. Fellowship, Choir 10:30am Worship 2-4pm Scanlans' anniv. open house 6-7pm WH in use | 7 4:30 - 5:30pm Second Helpings & Clothing Closet 6:30-8pm Scouts/Comm. rm. | 8 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group 7:00pm Community meeting in conf. room | 9 9am-4pm WIC Clothing Closet 5:30pm WOW | 10 10:30am GNH & Meadows Communion 7-8:30pm Scouts in Comm. Rm. | 11 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket | 12 8:00pm Community mtgs. in parlor & conf. room | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>  8:30am Worship 9:30am Sunday School Fellowship Time Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Worship | 14 4:30 - 5:30pm Second Helpings & Clothing Closet | 15 9:30-11:30am Sewing Group 6:00pm Single Board 7:00pm Community mtg. conf. rm. | 16 10am-2pm Clothing Closet 6:00pm <i>Holy Wednesday Worship (no meal)</i> | 17 7-8:30pm Scouts in Comm. Rm. 7:00pm <i>Maundy Thursday Worship</i> | 18 9:30-10:30am Sippers meet @Bread Basket 7:00pm <i>Good Friday Worship</i> | 19 8:00pm Community mtgs. in parlor & conf. room | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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

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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