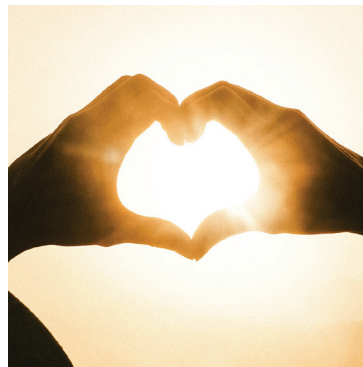


# Look Up!

## GO BEYOND

2020



## A MESSAGE FROM REV. ANDY BRYAN



Generosity is a characteristic of faithful followers of Jesus. A giving, generous spirit is a natural response to the generous gifts we have received from God.

Think about it. God has given us life itself. We are alive, we breathe, we sense the world around us; all of that is given freely to us by the Creator. God has given us the gift of salvation. We know grace, we are set free from sin, we are forgiven, we are invited into abundant and everlasting life, all offered freely, given as a gift by the Savior.

When you think about it, how can we NOT express our gratitude for all of that?

This year, as we seek financial support for the ministry of Christ through Manchester UMC, I pray our gratitude continually "overflows with many thanksgivings to God," with generous outpourings of our time, our talent, and our treasure.

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is stylized, starting with a large 'A' and 'B' that are connected, followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that ends in a small hook.

--Rev. Andy Bryan

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GO BEYOND

There's so much more to be seen when we **Look up!** New horizons, amazing vistas, and God's dreams for the kingdom. Led by God's vision for peace, justice, and healing, Manchester United Methodist Church is a community committed to **Go Beyond** our walls to do Christ's work.



## 1 Corinthians 15:58 The Message (MSG)

<sup>58</sup> With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

## THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

As people of God, we take the long view. You could say we have 2020 vision! Every day is an opportunity to share the love and eternal hope of Christ with an eye on the future. Please help ensure your church continues its work, both today and tomorrow by making a one-year (2020) pledge to support the ministries and capital projects of Manchester UMC. Urge your friends to join this great cause for Christ as well!

## LOOK UP!

*Look Up!* is a one-year generosity initiative that begins in January 2020 and runs through December 2020.

### Manchester UMC's Generosity Goals:

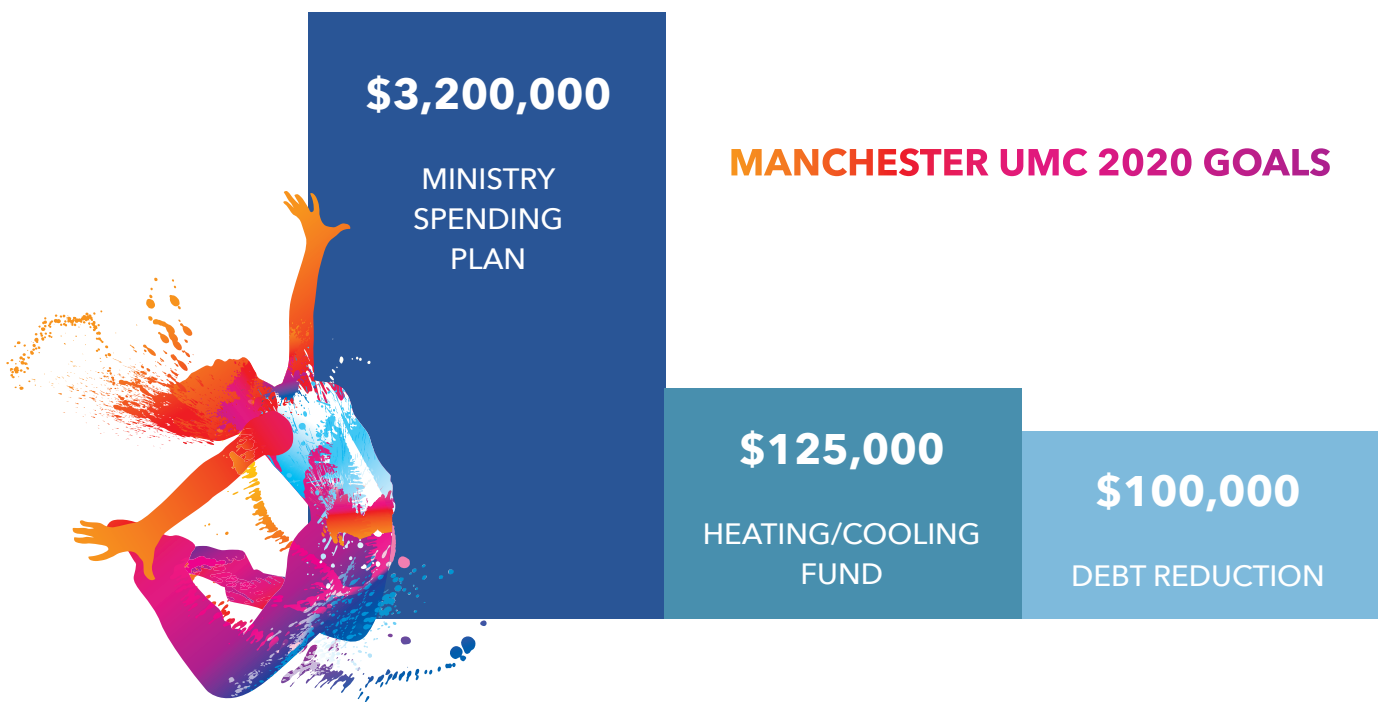
1. Fully fund our one-year ministry spending plan for **\$3.2 Million**.
2. Reduce our Debt by **\$100,000**.  
Our mortgage balance as of 8/31/19 is \$1.04 Million.
3. Grow a fund for replacement of our Heating/Cooling System by **\$125,000**.  
The total estimated replacement cost is \$1.5 to \$2.0 Million.

### Your Faith ... God's Vision

Thank you for returning your commitment card today in support of God's vision for tomorrow! Your faithful support is grounded in our shared vision of a better tomorrow in Christ.

Together, we Go Beyond the 'culture of more' to embrace the culture of God by:

- Praying for God's leading
- Worshiping our Generous God
- Studying for Biblical Wisdom
- Planning for Church & Community Transformation Through Christ



## HOW TO PLEDGE TO LOOK UP! AND GO BEYOND IN 2020

Use the Worksheet below and keep it for your records. To make your pledge, return the enclosed Commitment Card, or visit [www.manchesterumc.org/Look-Up](http://www.manchesterumc.org/Look-Up)

### MINISTRY PLEDGE

This is a one-year pledge that starts January, 2020.

I/We pledge to make a sacrificial gift to support the 2020 ministry for Christ at Manchester UMC in the amount of:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly/monthly/annually  
(circle one)

### CAPITAL PROJECTS PLEDGE

I/We would like to support our capital projects in the amounts of:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly/monthly/annually (circle one)  
for Debt Reduction,

and/or:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly/monthly/annually (circle one)  
for Heating/Cooling Fund

Name(s)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email Address



## VISION MADE REALITY SINCE OCTOBER 2018:

- Over 15,000 people in our community were served by our missions and outreach efforts.
- Over 6,000 people attended Christmas and Easter services.
- Over 1,500 people attended Fall Festival, Christmas Children's Festival, Easter Eggstravaganza, and Vacation Bible School, impacting spiritual growth for years to come.
- Nearly 1,000 people were touched through new events like Ash & Dash, Veteran's Mental Health Panel, Mother-To-Mother Gathering, Show Me Democracy Panel.
- Over 700 people have taken a next step on their faith journey by participating in a Manchester UMC ministry for the first time.
- Our new website tallied 148,000 visitors in the last year.
- Mobile users now outnumber desktop users; we are reaching people wherever they are.
- A newly renovated Youth Center was completed to allow a range of group activities in one location for those in grades 6-12.
- Facebook Live Streaming has been viewed 255,000 minutes since last year, expanding our worship reach nationally; it also added 614 page followers.



## GO BEYOND

By 2021, Manchester United Methodist Church plans to make an even greater impact.

### OUR 2021 GOALS:

**WORSHIP:** Our average attendance will increase to at least 1,350 from 1,236.

**MISSION:** We will resource 3,000 people within Parkway, Rockwood, and Valley Park school districts.

**DISCIPLESHIP:** We will have clear and simple pathways/bridges to help 1,000 people at Manchester UMC take a next step on their faith journey.

**YOUTH:** 120 youth will be actively engaged at Manchester UMC each week, up from 55.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** 500 young adults between the ages of 25 and 35 will have had a first-time experience with Manchester UMC.

**FINANCIAL:** \$500,000 will have been raised for Phase 1 of the HVAC projects, and \$400,000 will have been raised to pay down our mortgage. Gifts pledged/received for HVAC/mortgage as of 8/31/19:

HVAC:	\$170,809
Mortgage:	\$153,431
TOTAL:	\$324,240

## THANK YOU!

*Thank you for your support of Christ's work for the transformation of church and community through Manchester United Methodist Church.*





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