

January 10, 2024Midweek Evangelist

Dates to Remember
January 10, 2024 – Bible Study – 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Room 219
January 15, 2024 – MFMC CLC No School – MLK Day
January 15, 2024 – Sallie O’Neal Fellowship – 6:30 p.m. – Home of Susan Truesdale
January 17, 2024 – Staff Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – Pastor Office
January 23, 2024 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
January 29, 2024 – CPR Classes – 5:00 p.m. – Room TBD
February 6, 2024 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
February 10, 2024 – MidSouth Region Conference (tentative) – 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. – Gladeville MC – Mt. Juliet TN
February 19, 2024 – Office Closed & MFMC CLC Closed – President’s Day
February 20, 2024 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

The Sallie O’Neal Fellowship will have our first meeting of the new year at the home of Susan Truesdale on Monday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. A New beginning! Come join us!

ORGANIST & PIANIST POSTITON. MFMC has positions open for an organist & pianist. If you are interested in applying for these positions or know someone who is resumés can be submitted to the church office.

GMC Prayer Call: Please join the people of the GMC in prayer by subscribing to the monthly prayer guide located at:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/d5kgj1H/prayer> or on the GMC website.

The next Bible Study will begin on Wednesday January 10, 2024, in Room 219 at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

GMC Call to Prayer: Please join the entirety of the GMC in praying the Lord’s Prayer daily at Noon/12:00 P.M.

Gifts to Jesus: Yes, today, tomorrow and every day is the right time to cheerfully give by contributing to the general or designated offering; and by supporting an existing ministry or starting a new one. (2 Cor. 9:6-11)

Remember the Parlor & Youth Sunday School in your kindness.


The most important aspect of serving the Lord is simply making ourselves available.

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2).

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Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers.
Pastor, Rev. Stephen M. Lee // Lay Leader Jim Thorington
Church Office Phone Number: 931-728-4624
January 10, 2024



Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

Hangout is back in action. In the spirit of New Year’s this week we looked at a new way to do your devotion called the J.E.S.U.S. Challenge. I’m really excited about it. Each letter in Jesus’ name has something you do. J stands for journal. E is experience. S is scripture. U is understand, and the final S is say. We walked through it together, and the students got binders to take home and help them with it.

Through the month of January, you have the opportunity to adopt a Hangout Youth! Just go to the Welcome Center after service, sign your name beside a number from 1-30, and you can adopt a youth for a \$100 per month pledge. You’ll get bi-monthly letters from your youth and will have the opportunity to sponsor them for Angel Tree or be their prayer partner for BigStuf. It’s a great way to get to know a youth and have a chance to mentor them.

See ya Sunday!
Ami Shedd
hangoutyouth.mfmc@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS

Kingdom Kids will return Wednesday, January 10, 2024!

Nicole Holland
mfmckingdomkids@gmail.com



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello Church family! We enjoyed welcoming back our preschool students and we had so much fun kicking off the new year with them. It’s going to be an exciting year for our preschool ministry.

This week’s theme is Our Human Body and Keep your Body Moving! We have lots of fun things planned for the students. Our letter this week is Rr, our color is blue, shape is diamond, numbers 1-30. Our new Bible verse this month is Hebrews 13:8- Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Stay tuned for exciting things happening with our preschool ministry. Please continue to pray for our staff as we teach, love and care for the children.

Be the Light!
Mrs. Angie
MFMC.CLC@gmail.com
(931)728-8283

Committees. Committee Chairs please schedule a meeting in January to confirm or elect all committee chairs and for planning purposes for 2024.

Parking Lot Changes. Your trustees have installed speed bumps in the church parking lot to ensure pedestrian safety by slowing down traffic and deterring drivers who use our parking lot as a pass-through street.
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CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES – Nicole Holland has scheduled a CPR and First Aid class on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Nicole or the church office before Monday, January 15th. The price for the classes is CPR with First Aid \$50.00 and CPR only \$30.00. Payment due the night of class.



From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Think About It: Proverbs 22:1 says, *A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.*

American Revolutionary patriot John Paul Jones is credit with having said, I have not yet begun to fight, however did he say that? On Sep 23, 1779, the Sea Battle of *Flamborough Head* raged for hours off the coast of England. The English Captain of the Serapis, Richard Pearson, sensing victory asked Captain Jones if he was prepared to give up the fight and surrender his ship, Jones, according to most accounts, replied, "I have not yet begun to fight." But did you know that those words came from an interview with Commodore Richard Dale, Jones’ 1st Lieutenant, 46 years after the battle. Most immediate accounts after the battle record Jones' words as, "I may sink, but I'm d...ed if I'll strike [surrender]" . Another eyewitness, Ensign Nathaniel Fanning, later recalled Jones' words as, "Ay, ay, we'll do that [that is, haul down the pendant of Bonhomme Richard] when we can fight no longer, but we shall see yours come down first; for you must know, that Yankees do not haul down their colors till they are fairly beaten." Regardless of the exact words spoken by John Paul Jones, at the critical moment during the sea battle CAPT Jones refused to surrender and won an impressive victory on September 23, 1779 (1).

As the story of John Paul Jones illustrates, people rarely recall the exact same facts of any event. None-the-less, while the recollections of the witnesses of what CAPT Jones said differed---all three witnesses recalled Jones’ strong character highlighted by his resolute will and absolute determination to win during the crisis of battle.

Action: In keeping with Proverbs 22:1 we are to safeguard our name. The name that counts most is the name given to us by God the Father on the day we turned over our life to Jesus and place our trust in him. As it says in John 1:12-13, *he came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of blood, nor of the desire or will of man, but born of God.* Our new name is Child of God and therefore as sons and daughters of the Living God we represent the integrity and character of the Living God to the world. Such a name is beyond value. Like John Paul Jones during his epic sea battle we must stand fast in the Lord and safeguard our God given name so now and always everyone will recall the honorable child of God you were and give God glory because of it.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, in the intensity of daily life may we guard the name You have given us so everyone will give You all the glory. In Christ, Amen.

(1) Source: "Did Jones Actually Say, 'I have not yet begun to fight'?" "in E. Gordon Bowen-Hassell, Dennis M. Conrad, and Mark L. Hayes." ("Jones Jp Did - United States Navy") Sea Raiders of the American Revolution: The Continental Navy in European Waters. (Washington, DC: Naval Historical Center, 2003): 47.

Pray for the Awakening. Share the Good News!
Let us make 2024 a banner year of glorifying our Lord and Savior. Stephen

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Hymnal Fund in memory of Matilda Locke by Mike & Karla Childs.

Gifts were given to the General fund in Memory of Matilda Locke, Ellen Young and Mike Niederhauser by Bud & Pam Riddle.

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Ellen Young and Matilda Locke by the Upper Room Sunday School Class.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Mike Niederhauser by Jack & Kay Smoyak, David & Reecie Campbell, and Rush & Belinda Bricken.

A gift was given to the Pastor Discretionary Fund in memory of Mike Niederhauser by David & Reecie Campbell.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Matilda Locke by Janie & John Casey.

A gift was given to Good Samaritan in memory of Ellen Young by Nellie Leonard.

A gift was given to the Parlor Fund in memory of Matilda Locke by Freddie & Brenda Fibelkorn.

A gift was given to the Hymnal Fund in memory of Mike Niederhauser by Freddie & Brenda Fibelkorn.

Gifts were given to Missions in memory of Matilda Lock and Mike Niederhauser by Charles & Patty Roberts.

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Mike Niederhauser, Matilda Locke and Ellen Young by Allison & Eric Beachboard & Family.

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Ellen Young and Matilda Locke by Mark & Kelly Meltzer and Topsy Layne.

A gift was given to the Youth Fund in memory of Mike Niederhauser by Mark & Susan Yother.

A gift was given to the Hymnal Fund in honor of Marie Kimble by Mike & Karla Childs.

A note of thanks from the Locke Family:

Dear ladies all,
Heartfelt thanks to all of
you wonderful ladies of
First United Methodist Church
for the over-the-top breakfast
dinner you so graciously
served our family after my
mom's memorial service last
Friday.
Your friendship, love, and
support to our family is so
greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Janie, Melissa,
Billy, Sandy

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending	
Attendance:	Jan 7
Sunday School	31
8:55 Service	42
10:55 Service	70
Facebook Live	186

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving	
Total of	
	Jan 7
Sunday School	31.00
Coffee Time	14.00
Missions	1,050.00
Hymnal	150.00
Memorials to General Fund	725.00
Paarlor Fund	100.00
Youth	100.00
Pastor Discretionary	220.00
Good Samaritan	25.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	12,529.00
YTD Offering	12,529.00
YTD Required	10,000.00
(+/-) Difference	+2,529.00

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church	
Building Checker	
Week of January 7	Freddie Fibelkorn
Week of January 14	Mike Giffin

Altar Guild	
January	Karla Childs & Wanda Stedry
February	Lois Thormaehlen & Brenda Fibelkorn

Counters	
January	Virginia McKee & Doris Hendrix
February	Richard Dix & Mike Giffin

Kitchen Monitors	
January	Trish Anderson

Door Greeters	
January 14, 2024	Wade & Ann Stevenson Dennis & Brenda Bryan
January 21, 2024	Wade & Ann Stevenson Elizabeth Shedd & June Holland

Coffee Time	
January 14	The Shedds
January 21	The Shedds

Communion	
February	
Preparer	TBD
Servers 8:25	
Servers 10:55	

May God bless you to overflowing for your willing and cheerful service to Jesus and MFMC!

Member Prayer Concerns: God’s World & Our Nation, All in the military service and their families, Stan McHann, Richard Eddings, Joe Ray, Mary Rounds, Carol Shahan, Florencio & Maria Guzman – Missionaries in Mexico .
Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list. Submitted prayer requests are transferred to our prayer team after 30 days.
Submit prayer requests at www.manchesterfirst.org
Place your curser on the “Home” tab. There you will scroll down to “PRAYER REQUESTS.” Fill out the form and submit it and our staff will pray for you. This is available 24/7. Of course, the church staff is available during the day at 931-728-4624 to talk with you when you have prayer request.

Church Family Birthdays: Jan. 10, 2024 – Jan. 16, 2024	
Jan 10	Tyler Thornton
Jan 11	Maggie Smith
Jan 13	Jack Beachboard
Jan 13	Stan Jarrell
Jan 14	Paul Huffman III

If you have a birthday during the above listed time and it does not appear above, please call the church office and a note will be made in PowerChurch and listed on next week’s birthday.

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A note of thanks from Isaiah 117 :

Thank you is a simple phrase - but it is meant to say that we appreciate your donation more than you can imagine.
Sincerely -
Susan M. Johnson