

October 18, 2023

Dates to Remember

Wednesday's – Acts Study- 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. -Room 219

October 18, 2023 - Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

October 19, 2023 – BTB Ministries Banquet 6:00 p.m. 110
College St Normandy TN

October 24, 2023 - Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00 a.m. – Parlor

October 24, 2023 - Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

October 25, 2023 – Fall Festival 5:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

October 29, 2023 – All Saint's Sunday

November 1, 2023 – Staff Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – Pastor
Office

November 5, 2023 – TIME CHANGE DON'T FORGET
TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK BEFORE YOU GO TO
BED!!

November 7, 2023 - Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

November 13, 2023- Sallie O'Neal & Sunshine Fellowship –
6:30 p.m.- White Elephant Auction – Home of Deborah Lee

November 16 & 17, 2023 – MFMC CLC Thanksgiving
Lunch – Fellowship Hall

November 18, 2023 – MidTN Laity Gathering

November 19, 2023 – CCMA Thanksgiving Service – 4:00
p.m. – St. Bede's

November 20-24, 2023 – MFMC CLC Thanksgiving Break
No School

November 23 & 24, 2023 - Church Office Closed –
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25, 2023 – MFMC float in the Christmas parade
(Possibility)

November 28, 2023 - Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

5th Sunday. Prepare your Hearts and Minds for a great
combined worship service on Sunday, Oct. 29th followed by
MFMC's legendary cover dish/potluck fellowship
immediately after worship. Don't forget, Youth Ministries will
be sponsoring a Bingo fundraiser.

Sunshine Fellowship The guest speaker will be Laura
Hernandez. Laura along with her husband Enrique are
missionaries from Monterey, Mexico. If you would like to
hear Mrs. Hernandez's program, please plan to join us on
October 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor.

Fall Harvest. Children's Ministry – You are invited to join
us for games, pumpkin painting, prizes and fun for all ages on
Wednesday, Oct. 25th from 5pm to 7 pm in the fellowship hall.

Christmas Parade. The Manchester Christmas parade is
coming Nov. 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We're
going to get involved. Registration begins Nov. 1st. We need
volunteers to help and participate. Step through the threshold
and let us know your all in:

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Remember the Parlor in your kindness.

Midweek Evangelist

God uses money as a testimony
in the lives of his people.

“But seek first his kingdom and his
righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well”
(Matt. 6:33).



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Serving God and the people of Manchester since 1813

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers.

Pastor, Rev. Stephen M. Lee // Lay Leader Jim Thorington

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KINGDOM KIDS

Greetings Everyone! Kingdom Kids had a special
guest on Wednesday night! He had long hair, a beard,
wore a rustic robe made of camel hair, a leather belt, and
sandals! He was carrying locusts and honey, too. Yes,
John the Baptist made an appearance, and the kids loved it!
John the Baptist was a Nazarite, someone who took a vow
and promised to be set apart **for God**. He never cut his
hair and never drank wine. John listened to the call of God
on his life and obeyed. John the Baptist loved Jesus and
understood he was the messenger preparing the way for
someone greater than himself. John was very humble,
baptized many people including Jesus.

*Please join us for our Fall Festival October 25th 5 pm
until 7 pm Fellowship Hall. There will be food, games,
pumpkin painting contest, prizes, and fun for all ages!
Bring your entire family and all your friends, too! We
are prepping for our Fall Festival activities, and we
would love your help. We are needing donations of
small pumpkins. There will be a box labeled small
pumpkins underneath the Fellowship Hall window.*

Nicole Holland

mfmckingdomkids@gmail.com



Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

We had the best time Hanging out at the Cookout on
Saturday! If you didn't make it, you missed a good time!

This week in Sunday School we finished our series called
Scarred for Good: Discovering the Goodness of God in
Your Story and we started writing our own stories that we
will share next week before we decide what we want to
study next. At Hangout Sunday night we talked about the
Samaritan woman that Jesus met at the well. He knew
everything she had done and yet he chose to speak to her
and offer her living water that would keep her from ever
thirsting again. As hard as we try to wear masks that hide
who we truly are that's not possible with God. He knows
the good, the bad, and the ugly, everything she had done
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and yet he chose to speak to her and offer her living
water that would keep her from ever thirsting again.
As hard as we try to wear masks that hide who we
truly are that's not possible with God. He knows the
good, the bad, and the ugly, and not only does He
love us anyway, but He sent His son to die for us so
that we can live in eternity with Him!

We hope you will join us for BINGO on October
29th after the potluck lunch! BINGO cards will be
\$5 a piece, and there will be prizes!!!

Important Dates:

October 25- We're helping with Kingdom Kids'
Harvest Festival from 5-7

October 29- BINGO fundraiser after the potluck

See you Sunday!

Ami Shedd

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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Grace & Peace,
The Community Grill. Wow! MFMC really pulled together for an outstanding event. What a great time of fellowship! Again, praise God for the opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and for all the brothers and sisters who supported and worked so hard to bring all pieces together for the benefit of all. Please take time to view the pictures posted on our Church Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/51412681539>

Who Are You Lord? “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. ⁶ “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” Acts 9:5-6 9 (NIV)

Have you ever experienced one of those unexpected moments where you felt an intense feeling of peace or maybe awe come over you?
Likely, you had a religious experience brought on by the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life. It’s easy to dismiss these moments as anything else but what they are. Our western culture teaches us to explain such moments in purely rational terms.

However, you may also fear accepting these instants as signs of the divine call. If you accept them as a prompting of God, you might have to accept that God wants to be in a two-way interaction with you, which frightens many people. It certainly was frightening for Saul, when Jesus communicated with him directly and Saul asked the question, “Who are you, Lord?”

Fear is a regular experience—as recorded in the Bible and experienced by modern-day believers. Becoming aware that God is close to you can be startling. Accepting that God wants to actively communicate with us is something that many of us would rather avoid. Fear is a natural reaction to the divine, to the movement of the Holy Spirit as Jesus moves among us and calls us like Saul to get up and go and do as Jesus directs.

So, such spiritual moments are often dismissed—not out of doubt that they are not real, but out of fear that they are real and will require us having to respond and go and do as Jesus directs. [And yes, Jesus is calling. But are you going to answer?]

Fall Harvest: Wed. Oct. 25 at 5:00 p.m. – Let’s support this! See you there.

5th Sunday: Sunday, Oct 29 – Praise the Lord and ask a friend to join you for the Joint Service at 10:55, All Saints observance, super delicious Fellowship Meal, and Bingo.

Catechism, Question of the Week: Part 4. Statement: *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*
Question #4 of 6. How is God Almighty?
Answer: God is infinite in power, wisdom, justice, goodness, and love.
(Please study these biblical scriptures: Job 12:13; 42:2; Ps. 89:14; 107:1; Isa. 55:9; Jer. 32:17; Matt. 19:26; Luke 1:37, 18:7; Rom. 5:8, 11:33-36, 16:27; 1 John 4:7-16; CoF I.)

Pray for the Awakening,
Stephen

Midweek Evangelist



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello all! We had a great week last week with Community Helpers. The students enjoyed several visitors from our community. Our new Bible verse this month is “To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under Heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1.

Just a reminder that the preschool ministry will have several opportunities for you to volunteer in the next couple of months. We will have our annual Thanksgiving Lunch for our church and preschool families in November and our Christmas Musical and Cookies and Milk with Santa will be in December. We could use several volunteers for both events. Please look for dates and more information in the upcoming church bulletins and newsletters. I hope you all have a blessed week.

Be the Light!
Mrs. Angie
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It is time for Samaritan’s Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper boxes and brochures at the welcome center. Please bring shoeboxes to the church by November 19th. They will be blessed on the altar November 19th before they are taken to the collection center. Thank you for your participation.

Good Samaritan needs the church to step up and collect items such as canned goods, mac & cheese, peanut butter and toilet paper. Drop your items off in the box outside of the church office.

Thank you,
Nellie Leonard

Community Grill. Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we had food items left over. After feeding our Youth and providing for our Kingdom Kids Fall Harvest Festival needs, we placed remaining hamburgers and hotdogs in the freezer for future use. For perishable items, we shared with others including a delivery to Good Samaritan.



MFMC extends our condolence to Bonnie Alford and family on the passing of Bonnie’s brother John Robert Alford on Sunday, October 15, 2023. There are no arrangements at this time.

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending	
Attendance:	Oct 15
Sunday School	39
8:55 Service	44
10:55 Service	71
Facebook Live	88

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving	
Total of	Oct 15
Sunday School	76.00
Coffee Time	27.00
Missions	250.00
Van	800.00
Evangelism/Community Grill	100.00
CLC	5,000.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	5,553.00
YTD Offering	342,209.00
YTD Required	420,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-77,791.00

***Current Hymnal Fund Balance \$1,050.00**

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church

Building Checker	
Week of October 15	John Richardson
Week of October 22	Richard Dix

Altar Guild	
October	Joane Cassady & Kay Pratt
November	JaNelle Burt

Counters	
October	Butch Neiderhauser & Virginia McKee
November	Frank Langham & Richard Dix

Kitchen Monitors	
October	Brenda Fibelkorn
November	Nellie Leonard

Door Greeters	
October 22	Richard & Susan Wakeman Kaye Tracy & Mike Giffin
October 29	5 th Sunday Topsy Layne & Kelly Meltzer

Coffee Time	
October 22	The Shedd’s
October 29	The Shedd’s

Communion	
November	Jonathan Shedd
Preparer	Deborah Blanton & Karla Childs
Servers 8:25	June Holland & Kaye Tracy
Servers 10:55	Mike Anderson & Freddie Fibelkorn

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, Marine Recruit Cody Jones, Richard Eddings, Ben & Jenny Reyes – Missionaries in Latin America.
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: Oct. 18, 2023 – Oct. 24, 2023

Oct 22	Brigitte Hendren
Oct 23	Sarah Shedd
Oct 23	June Holland
Oct 24	Bobbie Barclay

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.

All Saint’s Remembrances: Sunday, Oct. 29 is set as All Saint’s Sunday. Please call the church office to provide corrections or additions to the list of persons to be remembered: Charlie Jackson, Jimmie Bell, Jonathan Victory, Bettye Roberson, Phyllis Dix, Jeanette Taylor, Don Rounds, Dorothy Bon, Linda Maxwell, John Michael Jones, Debbie Moffitt, Barry Srofe and Chad Conatser.

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.

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)