

November 1, 2023

Dates to Remember

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 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  
December 5, 2023 – MFMC-CLC Christmas Musical & Cookies with Santa 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall  
December 5, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 380 Room 219  
December 6, 2023 – Staff Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – Pastor Office  
December 12, 2023 – Girl Scout Troop 380 – 5:30 – Fellowship Hall  
December 15, 2023 – White Christmas Packaging – 2:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall  
December 16, 2023 - White Christmas Basket Giveaway – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall  
December 18, 2023 – Sallie O’Neal Fellowship – 6:00 p.m. – Debra Thorington Home  
December 18, 2023- January 3, 2024 – MFMC CLC Christmas Break  
December 25 & 26, 2023 – Church Office Closed – Christmas Holiday



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.

**Christmas Parade:** Please join us Sunday, Nov 5, at 9:40 am in the fellowship hall for a work group & information session for MFMC’s Christmas parade entry. The parade is on Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.  
**Remember the Parlor & Youth Sunday School in your kindness.**

Midweek Evangelist

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10).

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*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 around 30 kids attend Fall Festival this past Wednesday evening! The Youth served us pizza, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream. Then everyone went upstairs to enjoy the fun activities in the classrooms. There was putt putt golf, pumpkin painting contest, face painting, cake walk, bowling, dart boardgame, and lots more! The children left with bags of goodies and huge smiles on their faces!  
We would like to say, “Thank you for the donations of pumpkins and food. Thank you for giving your time to our program. Thank you for coming to our event and showing your support.”

Nicole Holland  
[mfmckingdomkids@gmail.com](mailto:mfmckingdomkids@gmail.com)



Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!  
Hangout had another busy week! We served Kingdom Kids dinner at their Fall Festival on Wednesday, and on Sunday we attended service, ate at the potluck, hosted Bingo, and watched a movie. We would like to thank all of you who stayed to play Bingo with us, we hope you had as much fun as we did!! We hope to have more Bingo games in the future!  
Hangout will be meeting again on Sunday at our regular time (5:30-7:30), and we would love to have you come hangout with us while we hang out with Jesus!  
See ya Sunday!  
Ami Shedd  
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MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello church family! We have a busy week in store for our preschool ministry. Coffee County Bank has invited all the students over to Trick or Treat & we have Halloween Parties in our classrooms. Lots of fun activities and lots of learning to do. Chapel Time has been a BIG hit with Pastor Stephen. The students are enjoying it so much. Our PreK 1&2 classes are enjoying learning how to play the handbells with Mrs. Kimla. They will be performing in our Christmas Musical in December. You will want to make plans to come.  
We would like to invite our church family to join us for our Annual MFMC-CLC Thanksgiving Lunch on Friday, November 17, 2023 @ 12:00pm. Please RSVP by calling our church secretary @ 931-728-4624 by Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be no charge for lunch. We will have a donation box if you’d like to give towards the cost of the food. We hope to see you there.  
MFMC-CLC is doing a food drive for the Storehouse Food Pantry. The Storehouse Food Pantry is located right here in Manchester. They supply food boxes to those in need every Thursday from 10am-12pm. Canned vegetables, fruit & meat along with boxed food will be accepted. The food collection box will be in the preschool hallway next to the church offices. Thank you in advance for helping us to collect food for this organization.  
Please mark your calendars to attend our Christmas Musical on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. I know you will enjoy seeing our sweet students perform. We hope to see you all there. Please keep the preschool ministry in your prayers as we teach, love and care for the students.

Be the Light!  
Mrs. Angie  
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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ!

**A Note of Gratitude.** On behalf of Deborah and I thank you so much church family for the pastor appreciation month recognitions on this past Sunday including the flowers, thumb ‘print’, and for the many supportive cards we’ve received this month.

**Children’s Ministry.** Congratulations again to Nichole and all the Children’s ministry volunteers for their very successful Fall Harvest event this past Wednesday.

**Christmas Parade:** Please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, Nov 5, at 9:40 am for a work group & information session for MFMC’s Christmas parade entry. The parade is on Saturday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.

Time to Select Your Church Leaders for 2024.

The nominations committee will be meeting on Tues. Nov. 7 @ 5:30 p.m. Please help us out, are you looking for a leadership role in the church? Or just want to be a part of a committee or working group? Let us know what your desires are by emailing us at

[manchesterfirstmethodistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterfirstmethodistchurch@gmail.com) or noting it on the Welcome Card and dropping it in the offering plate. A list of current church leaders and committees are located on the bulletin board behind the Welcome Desk.

**Acts 11, Echo:** <sup>27</sup> During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) (NIV)

In the face of a predicted famine of food and water the fledgling Christian church immediately rallied to help. In v29, the disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. How? In v30 this they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. In other words, they worked through the structure and people available to them: petitioning God to lead them in their effort through the Holy Spirit, by working through the body of Christ, and using the structures of the world they were a part of.

Famines are not only caused by the lack of food and water – famines also come because people turn their back on God, creating a spiritual famine. What are the signs? Evil is celebrated, Truth is relative, the Word of God is not taught and put into practice, and often there is a marked decline in the practice of Christianity.

How shall we respond when we become aware of a spiritual famine? Just like the early church with a bold faith that remembers it is both Jesus who is empowering us and who is working through us – that this same Jesus call us to:

- celebrate what is Godly and expose evil for what it is,
- fearlessly speak God’s Truth to power to expose the lie that truth is relative,

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Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Pastor Discretionary Fund in memory of Dave & Dabney Owens by Maggie Beck.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of John Alford by Pat & Joane Cassady.

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**MFMC CLC THANKSGIVING MEAL WILL ONLY BE HELD ONE DAY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO ATTEND! LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12 PM. PLEASE RSVP THE CHURCH SECRETARY AT 931-728-4624. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**GMC Call to Prayer.** The Prayer Steering Committee of the Global Methodist Church has initiated a Call to Prayer of every member of a Global Methodist Church. They are calling for everyone to stop at noon (in whatever time zone they are in) to pray the Lord’s Prayer. As this is done throughout the world there will be people praying at different times according to their time zone but as we unite ourselves in praying this familiar prayer, we will know that there will be many others praying with us as well as before us and after we pray. We will pray together as one that “Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...”

If you are committed to do this, please let us know. Also, suggest writing this in your calendar and on your cell phone calendar with a daily reminder.

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- study the Word of God and put it into practice,
- & share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

The spiritual famine of today is on display in the host of social troubles that are proliferating: our national 33 trillion-dollar deficit, the raging fentanyl crisis claiming more than 150,000 American lives, the open borders and resultant unchecked exploitation and trafficking of alien children, and the desecration of the value of life.

But don’t lose hope, because Jesus is for us - we like the early church can take a stand for God and Jesus will fight the fight and He will not be defeated.

**Catechism:** *We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

**Question #6** of 6. How does God rule heaven and earth?  
**Answer:** God rules with gracious regard for the well-being and salvation of all, to the glory of his name. (Please read: Exod. 34:6; Ps. 104:31, 116:5; Joel 2:13; Mic. 7:18-20; John 3:16; Eph. 2:4-7; 2 Pet. 3:9; CoF I)

Pray for the Awakening. Share the Good News!  
Stephen

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Oct 29</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>8:55 Service</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>10:55 Service</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>00</b>

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving

<b>Total of</b>	<b>Oct 29</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>8.00</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>2024 Live Stream</b>	<b>80.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>625.00</b>
<b>Pastor Discretionary</b>	<b>820.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Good Samaritan</b>	<b>185.00</b>
<b>Memorials to Gen Fund</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Weekly Required</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>6,904.00</b>
<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>355,948.00</b>
<b>YTD Required</b>	<b>440,000.00</b>
<b>(+/-) Difference</b>	<b>-84,052.00</b>

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church

<b>Building Checker</b>	
Week of October 29	Gary Nester
Week of November 5	Doug Green

<b>Altar Guild</b>	
November	JaNelle Burt
December	Sue Wakeman & Debra Thorington

<b>Counters</b>	
November	Frank Langham & Richard Dix
December	Richard Dix & Lois Thormaehlen

<b>Kitchen Monitors</b>	
November	Nellie Leonard
December	Trish Anderson

<b>Door Greeters</b>	
November 5	Teri Christian
	Dennis & Brenda Bryan
November 12	Teri Christian
	Dennis & Brenda Bryan

<b>Coffee Time</b>	
November 5	The Thorington’s
November 12	The Thorington’s

<b>Communion</b>	
November	
Preparer	Jonathan Shedd
Servers 8:25	Deborah Blanton & Karla Childs
Servers 10:55	June Holland & Kaye Tracy
	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, Dean & Stephanie Babcock – Missionaries in Malawi. 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](http://www.manchesterfirst.org) Place your cursor 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: Nov. 1, 2023 – Nov. 7, 2023

Nov 2	Richard Dix
Nov 4	Leo Marple
Nov 6	Eric Beachboard
Nov 6	Elizabeth Ann Moretti
Nov 7	Faye Huffman
Nov 7	Angie Gann

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.

**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.

**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.

**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)