

November 15, 2023

Dates to Remember

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 19, 2023 – Hangout Youth Thanksgiving in Hendersonville 5pm-7pm
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 10, 2023 – Kingdom Kids Christmas Program
December 11, 2023 – Angel Tree Gifts Due Back
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 21, 2023 – Blue Christmas Service – 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
December 24, 2023- Christmas Eve, Carols, Communion & Candlelight Service – 5pm - Sanctuary
December 25 & 26, 2023 – Church Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
January 1, 2024 – Church Office Closed – New Year Holiday
January 4, 2024 – MFMC CLC – Return to school
January 7, 2024 – Final Day for Teddy Bear Tree Collection

Good Samaritan. Good Samaritan is needing volunteers for Monday, November 27th. If you would like to volunteer, please call Nellie Leonard at 931-409-4490.

Remember the Parlor & Youth Sunday School in your kindness.

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Investing for Time and Eternity

“ . . . store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt. 6:20-21

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KINGDOM KIDS

Greetings Everyone! Kingdom Kids had 22 kids attend classes this past Wednesday evening! We discussed Matthew 16:25 – “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.” In our lesson, we learned that Jesus gathers twelve disciples, who left everything behind to follow Him. They left behind their old lives at once, and they immediately began to follow Jesus. And Jesus calls us to do the same. Tell Jesus you believe in Him. Ask him to forgive you of all your sins. Ask Him to make you a new creation. Then, begin to follow Him. Study God’s Word, pray to Him like you are talking to your best friend, and carry the good news of Jesus out into the world. Seedbed Kids Lesson Five

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!
I’d like to take some time this week to answer some of your questions about Angel Tree. Several have asked about bags. You can now find bags for your Angel Tree gifts near the tree. Some have asked what items to buy. Personally, I usually get shoes, socks, underwear, an outfit or two, a coat or jacket, and the preferred item of the child. Another frequently asked question is about the cost of an Angel should you choose to send in money and have the shopping done for you. I suggest \$125-\$150 per Angel to be able to purchase all the items listed above. Our Angels come from Manchester Head Start and our youth and children whose families need the help.
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MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello church Family!
We have a busy week ahead. This week we are learning all about Harvest/Thanksgiving. We are also busy practicing for our Christmas Musical. The children have also been having fun learning how to play the handbells with Mrs. Kimla. I know you will enjoy seeing them play at our musical. Please make plans to attend on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm.
Don’t forget we are collecting canned vegetables, fruit, meat, and boxed food for the Storehouse Food Pantry November 1- 30. They are really in need of these items for the month of December. Please help us with these donations. The food box is in the main hallway near the church offices.
If you planned to attend our Thanksgiving lunch please arrive at noon on Friday, November 17, 2023. Renee from The Mercantile will be preparing our meal. It will be a sweet time with our preschool families and a great time of fellowship.
Please keep our preschool ministry in your prayers as we teach, love and care for the children.

Be the Light!
Mrs. Angie
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Hang Out Event...From Previous Column

Next Sunday Hangout Youth will travel to Hendersonville UMC to share a Thanksgiving meal with their youth group. We will be taking drinks and some desserts. We will leave from the back parking lot at 3:30 and will return around 8:30.
Check Facebook for our other important dates!
See ya Sunday!
Ami Shedd
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From the Pastor’s Desk ...
Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ!

A big hallelujah and thank you to the Lord for brother Mike Giffin filling the pulpit and delivering the message at both services on Sunday, November 12th. Thanks be to God for his servant and the blessing of the message!

Acts 13 Echo. Acts 13:6-12 records Paul’s confrontation with Elymas the Jewish sorcerer and false prophet. Verse 9 states that Paul was “filled with the Holy Spirit”. The question for us today is: ‘am I, and how would I know if I am filled with the Holy Spirit?’ Not just sealed, but empowered by the Holy Spirit as was Paul. If we are going to successfully carry out the will of God and confront the Elymas’s of the world we’d better be, but how do you know if we are? Looking at Acts 13 and reviewing Paul’s sermon in the synagogue in verses 16-41 note how almost all the verbs reference what God has, is, or will do. The center of Paul’s story was God’s story, not himself, his family, his fellow traveling champions – etc. but God. The question is - is God the subject of all the verbs of your life, is God’s story the center of your story or has God been ousted? It is hard to be ‘Spirit’ filled and empowered when God story isn’t our story.

PROTAGONIST: Stepping Into the Story of Advent. Please join us for this year’s four-week Advent study as we see how Jesus steps in and becomes the protagonist in the redemptive story being written for humanity. The study begins Wednesday Nov 29 at 11 a.m. in RM 219 or each Sunday starting on Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please, if you plan to participate let us know– by emailing or call the Church office at: manchesterfirstmethodistchurch@gmail.com or 931-728-4624. In addition, an individual devotional study book is available that currently goes along with the Daily Wakeup Call starting December 1st – January 6 (with group order discounts). If you’d like to purchase this devotional contact the office NLT Friday, November 17 to be a part of the group order discount.

Christmas Parade: Were All In! Are You? Don’t forget to sign up at the welcome center.

Jesus has a place for you to use your gifts and graces in his service in the local church: So tell us what’s on your heart by emailing us at manchesterfirstmethodistchurch@gmail.com A list of current church leaders, committees, and working groups are located on the bulletin board behind the Welcome Desk for your information.

Catechism: Question #8. Is the Son God?

Answer: Yes. The Son is eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. (Luke 10:22; John 1:1, 14, 18; 8:12; 10:30; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:15, 19; 2:9; Heb. 1:1-5.)

Please Note all the wonderful opportunities on our schedule for November and December to Glorify God and extend His love to all.

Pray for the Awakening. Share the Good News!
Stephen

Christmas Parade/Church Family, now is the time to get our name out in the community and to let them know about Jesus! We have the opportunity to share our church, our Jesus, and our love during the holiday season. A Christmas float will allow for anyone to participate, whether it’s sharing ideas, helping to decorate, helping with costumes, helping to build a scene, handing out candy, handing out Christmas cards, talking with strangers and bringing them joy, walking among friends, sitting silently on a float, being a prayer warrior, or riding in a warm church van! The signup sheets will be posted at the Welcome Center. Let’s join together and spread the word of Jesus to our community. If you have any questions, please call Nicole Holland 931-454-7752 work or after 5 pm 931-273-1689 cell phone.

Christmas Parade is November 25, 2023, 6:30 pm
Float Line and Judging begins at 5 pm

Float Workdays to put the float together underneath the carport (where van and bus are currently parked)
Monday, November 20
Tuesday, November 21
Wednesday, November 22

Items needed are décor for the float, lights, etc., and costumes!



Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank everyone for the gifts, the kind words and the love and support from everyone concerning my brother John. This church is truly made up of many angels. I love you all.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Alford



This is the last week to get your shoeboxes in !!! Supplies are available in the welcome center. Please return your shoeboxes to the church before November 19th where they will be blessed and taken to the collection center. Thank you for helping a child have a Merry Christmas!

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending	
Attendance:	Nov 12
Sunday School	35
8:55 Service	50
10:55 Service	65
Facebook Live	126

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving	
Total of	Nov 12
Sunday School	75.00
Coffee Time	20.00
Missions	430.00
Youth	50.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	8,957.00
YTD Offering	379,026.00
YTD Required	460,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-80,974.00

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church

Building Checker
Week of November 12 Troy Rose
Week of November 19 Butch Niederhauser

Altar Guild
November JaNelle Burt
December Sue Wakeman & Debra Thorington

Counters
November Frank Langham & Richard Dix
December Richard Dix & Lois Thormaehlen

Kitchen Monitors
November Nellie Leonard
December Trish Anderson

Door Greeters
November 19 Bud & Pam Riddle
Brenda Fibelkorn & Carolyn Norfleet
November 26 Bud & Pam Riddle
Brenda Fibelkorn & Carolyn Norfleet

Coffee Time
November 19 Mike Giffin
November 26 Mike Giffin

Communion
December Julie Giffin
Preparer Ami & Elizabeth Shedd
Servers 8:25 Mike & Julie Giffin
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, Richard Eddings, Joe Ray, 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 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. 15, 2023 – Nov. 21, 2023

Nov 15	Dusti Brooks
Nov 15	Faye Wells
Nov 19	Brooke Hazen

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 Call to Prayer. The Prayer Steering Committee of the Global Methodist Church has initiated a Call to Prayer for everyone to stop at noon (in their time zone) to pray the Lord’s Prayer. If you are committed to do this, please let us know. Also, suggest noting this on your calendar and on your cell phone calendar with a daily reminder.

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.

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)