

November 17, 2021



**Thanksgiving Lunch with the FUMC-CLC**

The FUMC-Christian Learning Center is hosting Thanksgiving Lunch for our Preschool Students, Student's Families, and our Church Family. Lunch will be served Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19 between 11-12:30. If you have RSVP'd, we look forward to seeing you there. There is no charge for the lunch. Donations to help cover the cost are greatly appreciated. We are thankful for the blessing of our FUMC – Christian Learning Center Staff and Families. Please come and have lunch with our awesome FUMC – Christian Learning Center Students.



It is poinsettia ordering time. If you would like to give a poinsettia for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please see Tammy in the church office by December 2, 2021. They will be \$7.00 each. You may pay at the time you place your order.

**Good Samaritan Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer for Good Samaritan, please contact Anita Turner at 931-728-2358. The Good Samaritan Volunteers for November are: **November 22, 2021:** Marie Kimble, JaNelle Burt, Elaine McKelvey, and Jim & Debra Thorington. **November 29, 2021:** JaNelle Burt, Kathy Bailey, Elaine McKelvey, Mike & Karla Childs, and Jim & Debra Thorington.



It is time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper boxes and brochures at the ramp entrance under the coat rack. Please bring shoeboxes to the church by November 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be blessed on the altar November 21st before they are taken to the collection center. Thank you for your participation.

**Midweek Visitor**

When there is a need for people to serve the lord, we are to ask God to provide those people.

"... the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Luke 10:2).

*The Midweek Visitor*

**First United Methodist Church**

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

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**Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall T. Brown**

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**From the Pastor's Desk**

**Mark your calendar's**

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m. Christian Learning Center will have Thanksgiving Lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. Called Charge Conference for the purpose of authorizing the Trustee's to have the authority to fill out the forms as it relates to Boy Scouts of America regarding their bankruptcy restructuring plans.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> No Wednesday Night Activities.

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Office will be Closed for Thanksgiving. If you have anything for the Sunday Bulletin, please have it turned in to Tammy by noon on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent.

December 1<sup>st</sup> is the Blue Christmas service 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Cantata. We will have one Service at 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> we will have the Christmas Eve Communion Service 7:00 p.m.

Watch out for other events and programs they may occur.

Sincerely  
Randy



**A NOTE FROM DANA...**

In an article in *Today in the Word*, this story appeared. Early African converts to Christianity were earnest and regular in private devotions. Each one reportedly had a separate spot in the thicket where he would pour out his heart to God. Over time the paths to these places became well worn. As a result, if one of these believers began to neglect prayer, it was soon apparent to the others. They would kindly remind the negligent one, "*Brother, the grass grows on your path.*"

In I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Paul tells the church to Rejoice always, "pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." "Praying without ceasing means that we pray repeatedly and often! In fact, it means we live constantly in an attitude of prayer!

Our problem is that, sometimes, we substitute prayer for obedience! God never intended prayer to be a delay factor for our faith to be put into action. Let us keep praying, even if it seems God does not answer. Keep praying so that grass will not soon grow on our path!

Grace and Peace,  
Dana

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**Hang Out Event**

This week, in Sunday School, we started a new study called “Your Time Is Now” by Jonathan Evans. Jonathan is the son of Dr. Tony Evans and is the Chaplin for the Dallas Cowboys football team. I love to listen to speakers like Jonathan who seem to have a fire in them and are excited about what they are trying to get across. Almost as if they might burst if they don’t get the message out fast enough. Jonathan talked about Joshua and how he had followed in the shadow of Moses. He didn’t have to worry about the day-to-day operations of leading a massive group of people through the wilderness because he knew that God was talking to Moses. This was Joshua’s time to shine, and he wasted no time. He didn’t try to continue to ride on the coattails of Moses. He made his faith his own and grew himself in his faith and in his ability to lead the Israelites. We are called to do the same. Children and teens ride on the coattails of the faith of their parents. I know I did when I was young and as adults, we tend to want others to spoon-feed us what we need to know. God is calling us too so much more. He wants us to be responsible for our own faith and listen and be prepared to do what He calls us to do to further His kingdom.

At Hangout Sunday night, we are backing up and rewatching the first episode of The Chosen. It’s been so long since we started it, I don’t want to do the lesson that goes with it until we watch it again.

Wednesday night at Hangout, we will be continuing our study on who we are in Christ as we read through the Gospels.

Lots going on in the church this time of year. The Angel Tree and the Teddy Bear Tree are both up and ready for you. Please prayerfully consider your participation in these events as you go through your holiday season. Your faithfulness to give to these ministries of the church is always such a blessing to me. I truly appreciate it. If you have any questions at all about either one, feel free to email me or text me. Honestly, I can probably answer a text faster during the week.

Hangout will not be meeting on November 24 or 28 due to Thanksgiving.

Be Blessed,  
Ami Shedd  
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**KINGDOM KIDS**

This week we are talking about the Israelites and the complaining that was done after their rescue from slavery in Egypt. It’s easy to think that we don’t do the same things as it seems so clear how much God did for them. However, I know in my own life that God has definitely rescued me from slavery and parted the red sea and yet I still complain and don’t trust for him to be my provider. When he has always been my Jehovah Jireh! Something in our curriculum really stood out for me and I’m sharing it below with you this week. It’s our children’s exercise but I’m using it for both ME and my daughter this week! This is the last week before Thanksgiving! I’m So very THANKFUL for such a wonderful church family and for our sweet and wonderful children!

Here is the children’s exercise this week: Even if you’re having a hard time right now, there are so many good things in your life that you may be missing out on. In fact, sometimes it’s hard to see those things, so we must be intentional about noticing them and thanking God for them. Today, take a prayer walk around where you live. If your parent says it’s okay, you can walk outside as well as inside. Intentionally notice all the things that are good where you live. You might notice your family, your full fridge, clothes in your closet, your friend next door playing basketball. As you notice each of these things, thank God for them. You can get also really specific— like, thanking God for your mom’s job that paid for that new bedspread or for bringing your family to this neighborhood where you met your best friend. Whatever you do, don’t miss out on what you have now!

I’ll see you in Church!

In Christ,  
Jessica  
[kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com](mailto:kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com)

*Memorials & Honorariums*

Gifts were given by Pat & Joane Cassady in memory of Vivian Henley to the projector fund and in memory of Charlie Goad to the general fund.

**I Will Support My Church With My Presence**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Nov 14</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>8:25 Service</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>10:55 Service</b>	<b>76</b>
<b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>130</b>

**I Will Support My Church With My Gifts**

	<b>Total of</b>	<b>Nov 14</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>		<b>53.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>		<b>400.00</b>
<b>Missions</b>		<b>175.00</b>
<b>Coffee Time</b>		<b>15.00</b>
<b>Family Fund</b>		<b>25.00</b>
<b>Projector Fund</b>		<b>900.00</b>
<b>Memorials to General Fund</b>		<b>25.00</b>
<b>Good Samaritan</b>		<b>500.00</b>
<b>Poinsettias</b>		<b>7.00</b>
<b>Weekly Required</b>		<b>9,204.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>		<b>5,679.00</b>
<b>YTD Offering</b>		<b>398,171.00</b>
<b>YTD Required</b>		<b>423,384.00</b>
<b>(+/-) Difference</b>		<b>-25,213.00</b>

**I Will Support My Church With My Service**

**Building Checker**  
Week of November 14 Freddie Fibelkorn  
Week of November 21 Butch Niederhauser

**Altar Guild**  
November Anita Turner & JaNelle Burt  
December Brenda Bryan

**Counters**  
November Frank Langham & Max Hester  
December Richard Dix & Lois Thormaehlen

**Kitchen Monitors**  
November Nellie Leonard  
December Pam Brooks

**Door Greeters**  
November 21 Susan & Rich Wakeman  
John & Shandra Richardson  
November 28 Susan & Rich Wakeman  
John & Shandra Richardson

**Coffee Time**  
November 21 Jim & Debra Thorington  
November 28 Mike Childs

**Communion**  
December  
Preparer Jonathon Shedd  
Servers’ 1<sup>st</sup> Service Karla Childs & Elizabeth Shedd  
Servers’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Ken Kimble

**Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!**

**Member Prayer Concerns**

God’s World & Our Nation  
All in the military service and their families  
Bernice Thornton Jerry Freeze  
Bob Truesdale Ed Turner  
Mason Phillips Evans Baird  
Sandy Matlock Billie Danford  
Matilda Locke Chris Danford  
Dorothy Bon Mary & Don Rounds  
Mr. Ed & Mrs. Sue Yother

**Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list even though they may not be listed above.**

**Please let the church office know when you would like your name removed from the prayer listing.**

**Prayer Request**

Simply go to [www.manchesterfirst.org](http://www.manchesterfirst.org) and place your cursor on the “Home” tab. There you will scroll down to “PRAYER REQUESTS.” Fill out the form and submit your prayer requests 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.



**Nov 17–Nov 23, 2021 Church Family Birthdays**

Nov 19	Brooke Hazen
Nov 21	Paul Thornton

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



**November 17**  
Chicken Tenders/Dinner Rolls  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Homemade Brownie  
**November 24**  
Thanksgiving Break