

November 22, 2023

Dates to Remember

Now – Dec 10, 2023 – Angel Tree Collection
Now – January 7, 2024 – Teddy Bear Tree Collection
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
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 10, 2023 – Kingdom Kids Christmas Program
December 10, 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 20, 2023 – Staff Meeting – 4:30 p.m. – Pastor Office
December 20, 2023 – Administrative Board Meeting/Charge Conference – 6:30 – Chapel
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



Chris Danford, husband of Billie Danford passed away on November 11, 2023. There are currently no funeral arrangements.

Good Samaritan (GS): (1) GS needs canned goods, mac & cheese, peanut butter and toilet paper, etc. Please drop off your items off in the box outside of the church office. (2) Also, **GS** needs volunteers for Monday, November 27th. If you would like to volunteer, please call Nellie Leonard at 931-409-4490.

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/d5kqj1H/prayer> or on the GMC website.

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 19 kids attend classes this past Wednesday evening! We discussed Matthew 5-7 and learned about the Sermon on the Mount given by Jesus. He taught his disciples truth that could change their lives. And since it is written in the Bible, we can learn the same things and it can change our lives too.

Let us pray: Jesus, thank You for teaching us truth through the Sermon on the Mount. Help us to apply that truth to our everyday lives. In Your name we pray, amen.

Seedbed Kids Lesson Five

NOTE: No Kingdom Kids classes on Wednesday the 22nd.

Nicole Holland
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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

On Sunday your Hangout Youth traveled to FUMC of Hendersonville for Friendsgiving Dinner. It was a fun time!

Please don’t forget our Angel Tree and Teddy Bear Tree located by the Welcome Center. Angel Tree gifts are due back on December 10. It has also come to my attention that the bags located by the Welcome Center for Angel Tree gifts are much smaller than normal. I’ll be getting more bags this week. I apologize. We’ll be taking stuffed animals for Isaiah 117 House through the holiday season.

Praying you have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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



MFMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello church family! It’s hard to believe it’s Thanksgiving week. I hope you all enjoy the holiday with your family. I just want to let you all know that I am so thankful to be leading our preschool ministry. It brings me so much joy to know that we are not only providing a safe environment for the children while their parents are working but to also know we are loving, caring, and teaching them about Jesus. As you know we are on break this week. Please pray that our teachers come back healthy and refreshed & that they enjoy their Thanksgiving with their families.

We had a wonderful turn out for our Thanksgiving lunch last Friday. Our church and preschool families enjoyed the wonderful meal. A big thank you to everyone who played a part in making our lunch a success. You are appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing our students back on Monday, November 27th. We will kick off our week back with All Things Gingerbread, handbell practice and practicing for our Christmas musical.

Please make plans now to attend our Christmas Musical “Oh what a Special Night”. Our musical will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 @ 6:00pm. We hope to see you all there.

Wishing you all a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Be the Light!
Mrs. Angie
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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.

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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ!

A Happy Thanksgiving to all! And praise be to God for His wonderful provisions throughout 2023. God’s generosity, mercy, and love is so abundant and apparent in the movement of his Spirit among us. We are indeed a blessed people and a sanctified people unto God living in His wonderful grace. May your life and home overflow with the praises of thanksgiving and the Joy of knowing Jesus Christ as not only Lord and Savior, but brother and friend. Amen.

Christmas Parade: Were All In! Float work from 3-7 PM this Mon-Wed at the church (or until done). Workers, Actors (participants), contributors needed. Please read Nicole’s article and reach out to her with your questions. Prayers please and sweat equity.

Stewardship: Our stewardship commitment campaign for 2024 is wrapping up this Coming Sunday, November 26th. Please be in prayer and deep discernment as you complete your pledge cards in preparation for turning them in this coming Sunday. God wants us to “be fruitful and multiply; to fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...” (Gen. 1:28) and to bear the type of spiritual fruit Galatians 5:2-23 talks about. Our main purpose for being on earth is to be stewards of God’s creation, to grow in God, and to function as God’s generous sons and daughters with our chief aim being to glorify God in all that we do and enjoy him forever. This includes glorifying God as Christian stewards by placing ourselves, our gifts, and talents and all our finances and resources under God’s control. As we do God will bless us accordingly and the entire church. God’s plan works and when applied will bless you and all God’s people.

Acts 14 Echo. Keep on baking and serving the Gospel Bread of Life. Jesus has already done all the heavy lifting on the Cross and assured the victory over death and sin in the resurrection. But so many people around us are spiritually starving and we are called to bake, serve, and offer the delightfully aromatic and delicious Bread of Life. In Acts 14 Paul consistently offered the Bread of Life to the people around him. Several people accepted and wanted more; but some of the people stoned him and left him for dead. But Paul, having suffered much and left for dead, got up and went right back at it. Until Christ comes again, like Paul God is calling us to continue baking, serving, and offering up the Bread of Life at every opportunity.

Pray for the Awakening. Share the Good News!
Stephen

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Memorials & Honorariums

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

Christmas Parade: Church Family, Materials, Décor, Lights, Volunteers, Costumes, Ideas are needed ASAP!!! The Christmas Parade is November 25, 2023, 6:30 pm - Float Line and Judging begins at 5 pm. *Float Workdays to assemble the float underneath the carport (where van and bus are currently parked) are Monday, Nov. 20, Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 22.* Now is the time to get our name out in the community and to let them know about Jesus! This is a great opportunity to share our Jesus, our church, 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 are 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.*

White Christmas Food Baskets. The Missions Committee is planning for our annual White Christmas food basket outreach for families in need in our community. We look forward to packing 120 food boxes at an estimated cost of \$30 per basket. We will be taking donations throughout November and December and appreciate your financial support. We also invite you to help assemble the food baskets on Friday, December 15 at 2 pm. The baskets will have the cold items added starting at 8 am on Saturday December 16, and outdoor pick up will start at 9 am. Please come join us for a time of fellowship as we share Christmas love with our community. If you know of a family in need, please assist them in going to our church website and registering on a user-friendly sign-up form. You may also call the church office, and Tammy will assist you. We thank you in advance for your monetary donations and your time to assist with this longstanding church tradition of outreach each Christmas season! The Missions Committee

Hebrews 10:23-25, Faithfully Attending	
Attendance:	Nov 19
Sunday School	37
8:55 Service	45
10:55 Service	65
Facebook Live	99

2 Corinthians 9:7, Cheerfully Giving	
Total of	Nov 19
Sunday School	50.00
Coffee Time	18.00
Missions	730.00
Youth	110.00
Flower Fund	18.00
CLC	467.00
Pastor Discretionary	500.00
Memorials to Gen Fund	25.00
White Christmas Food Baskets	1,380.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	9,330.00
YTD Offering	388,356.00
YTD Required	470,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-81,644.00

Acts 6, Actively Serving Christ and Church	
Building Checker	
Week of November 19	Butch Niederhauser
Week of November 26	John Richardson

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 26	Bud & Pam Riddle
December 3	Brenda Fibelkorn & Carolyn Norfleet
	Nicole Holland & Jonathan Shedd
	Ed & June Holland

Coffee Time	
November 26	Mike Giffin
December 3	Teri Christian

Communion	
December	
Preparer	Julie Giffin
Servers 8:25	Ami & Elizabeth Shedd
Servers 10:55	Mike & Julie Giffin
	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, Chris & Dora Barbee– Missionaries in Thailand. 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: Nov. 22, 2023 – Nov. 28, 2023	
Nov 24	Wade Stevenson
Nov 25	Holly Jones
Nov 27	Doris Hendrix
Nov 28	Chrissy Henley
Nov 28	Donna Welch

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.



It is poinsettia ordering time. If you would like to give a poinsettia for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, envelopes are in the pews, or you may see Tammy in the church office by December 4, 2023. They will be \$6.00 each. You may pay at the time you place your order.

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)

SPAM. Reports are coming to the office that our “call all messages” from the church have been identified as *SPAM calls or text messages*. To prevent that, please save the ‘call all number’, “833-808-9192” and the church number “931-728-4625” on your cell phone as a ‘new contact’ to avoid this issue in the future. However, if you have a land-line phone identifying the church messages as *SPAM* please contact your provider to change the designation.