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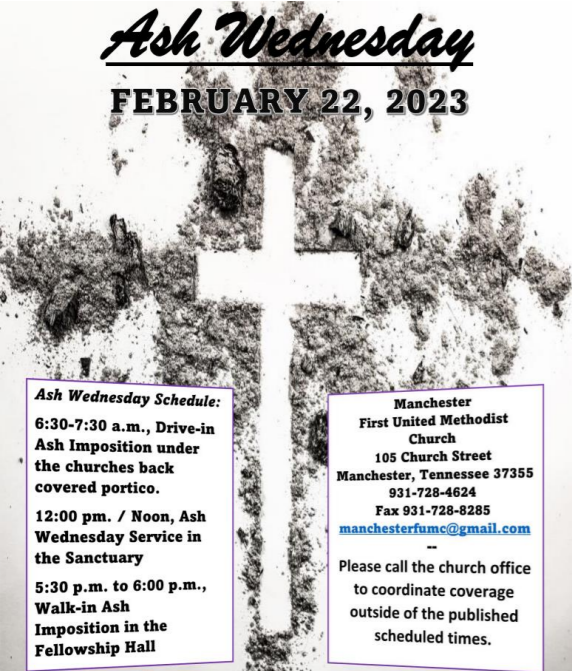
- Not later than Sunday, February 12, please ensure your ID matches the professing membership roll located in the church office M-F and on the visitor’s desk on Sunday. Will be providing an update professing members roll to the Stones River District office on Monday, February 13.
- Sunday, February 12 is the last day a person may join Manchester First United Methodist Church and vote on February 27.
- For disaffiliation information please check out the multiple resources posted on our website in the “Town Hall” folder located at <https://www.manchesterfirst.org/>
- Please ask for a ride to come vote as needed and make sure to offer a ride to come vote to anyone you think may need one.
- A copy of the Stones River District Superintendent’s notification letter and sample ballot is located on our website.
- Special disaffiliation focus/study groups are meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday and at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays led respectively by our Lay Leader, Jim Thorington, and our Admin. Council Chair, Mike Giffin.
- Now is the time to voice any questions or concerns you may have related to disaffiliation or the potential future affiliation process.

To God Be the Glory!
Stephen

Thank You Message:

Dear Church Family,
We want to convey our deepest gratitude for the many expressions of love you have shown to us through Phyllis’ passing. Your thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, texts, calls, food brought to the house, and presence at her memorial service have sustained us as we have walked this road. The meal provided after the service was also appreciated.

With Love in Christ,
Richard, Denise, Steven & Family



Money is one of God’s gifts to people.

“Moreover, When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work...this is a gift of God.”(Ecclesiastes 5:19)



From the Pastor’s Desk ...

A very gracious and happy Valentine’s Day to all on February 14th!

LENT: The Lenten season is fast approaching starting with Ash Wednesday, February 22. *Please see our Ash Wednesday Flyer for opportunities for ash imposition and Service.* But what is Lent? Lent is a bi-directional season or at least it should be. That isn’t how we usually experience the season, however. Too often, we see the Lenten journey simply as an inward self-reflecting journey asking, “How is it with your soul?” But that isn’t the whole of Lenten. In addition to asking how is it with your soul, we must also ask, “How goes your soul?” or how does your faith in Jesus impact your community, church, and family? These two sides of Lenten should not be separated as we always need to both look inwardly and live outwardly. Do not delay, get ready for the great Lenten journey!

Patristic Quote: Macarius of Egypt (300 – 391CE) “If you are stirred to anger when you want to reprove someone, you are gratifying your own passions. Do not lose yourself in order to save another.”

Polar Plunge 2023: Freezin' for a Reason! Come and join hundreds of brave individuals on Sunday, February 26th, and support Special Olympics Tennessee athletes by taking a chilly dip into the pool at the Manchester Recreation Center. The costume contest and Polar Plunge begins at 1:30pm.

If you’d like to donate any amount towards this charity, we have the following “plungers” from our church participating: Mark Yother, Deborah Lee, and Stephen Lee.

Go to <https://www.classy.org/event/manchester-polar-plunge-2023/e442216> click on “donate now”, on the next page after you select your donation amount you can elect to type in any of the names listed above. Your donation will help over 18,000 individuals in Tennessee with intellectual disabilities to train and compete in sports giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and their communities.

Disaffiliation Vote:

- Monday, February 27, professing members register and pick up their voting ballot from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. At 6:00 p.m. the Stones River District Superintended will call the Church Conference to order.

The Midweek Visitor

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

February 15, 2023

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A NOTE FROM DANA...

When Robert Louis Stevenson was a boy, he once remarked to his mother, "Momma, you can't be good without praying." "How do you know, Robert?" she asked. "Because I've tried!" he answered. This recalls a story about another little fellow -- one who had been sent to his room because he had been bad. A short time later he came out and said to his mother, "I've been thinking about what I did, and I said a prayer." "That's fine," she said, "if you ask God to make you good, He will help you." "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me be good," replied the boy. *"I asked Him to help you put up with me!"*

Sometimes, I feel the need to ask God to put up with ME! And you know, He does!

Grace and Peace,
Dana

Memorials & Honorariums

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Phyllis Dix and Frank Theaderman by Pat & Joane Cassady.

Gifts were given to Missions in memory of Phyllis Dix and Bettye Roberson by Claus & Lois Thormaehlen.

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Phyllis Dix by Edward Henley, Faye Huffman, William & Patti Brison, Craig & Amy Sadler, Rich & Sue Wakeman, Michael & Karla Childs, Jimmy & Nancy White, Wayne & Dorothy Murphy, Russell & Sherry Galloway and Jim & Debra Thorington.

A gift was given to Missions in memory of Phyllis Dix by Frank Langham.

Per our District Superintendent: Bishop McAlilly will hold a bible study with Stones River District clergy and laity on Thursday, February 16, at 6pm, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37130. You are cordially invited to attend.

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Chili Cookoff. Also, congratulations to our chili champions Mike Giffin and Kimla Weeks! We raised just over \$600 which puts our fundraising total to \$12,861. We’re getting there!

Don’t forget we are doing our calendar fundraiser through the month of February. You can find youth at the Welcome Center before and after Sunday services. You can also pick up a box of Girl Scout cookies for your donation!

If you know of a graduating senior, please let me know so I can include them in our Senior Sunday plans. We will be celebrating our seniors on May 7.

Important dates:

- Feb 19- No Hangout
- Mar 26- No Hangout
- Mar 29- No Hangout
- April 9- Easter Sunrise Breakfast/No Hangout
- May 7- Senior Sunday

See You Sunday,
Ami Shedd
manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com



Kingdom Kids

The month of our lessons on LOVE continues. We had a busy week in Kingdom Kids this past week, but what week isn’t? Mrs. Julie hosted the volunteers at her home for a lesson planning session. She fed everyone a delicious taco bar and was ever the beautiful and gracious hostess. She had party favors and it was just BEAUTIFUL! Mrs. Pam and I had to miss due to sickness. Anyone who has been around me this week has noticed I have a bit of a cold that is hanging on for dear life! 😊 Also, I wanted to give a shout out to the Youth for their amazing Chili Cook off! WHAT A FUN EVENT!!!! The Youth Crew is fabulous and fed the kids and hung out with us for our event immediately after theirs on Saturday night! We had a great turnout, and a few parents had a few moments to themselves to have a date or a few quiet moments! As we continue our lesson on Love, my question is this: What will love do to your life this week? Can’t wait to see you in church.

In Christ,
Jessica Jernigan
kingdomkidsmanchester@gmail.com

The Sallie O’Neal Fellowship will have their February meeting on Monday the 20th, 6:30 pm at the home of Susan Truesdale. Jenny Childs, Karla’s daughter in-law, will present our program about her and her family’s experience in Nairobi, Africa! It will be very interesting, and all ladies are welcome.



February 15, 2023: Spaghetti/French Bread, Tossed Salad with Asst Dressings, **Dessert:** Banana Pudding
February 22, 2023: Homemade Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Chips, **Dessert:** Yellow Cake / Chocolate Icing
Meals will begin at 5:30. Please your RSVP is needed by Tuesday prior to each meal by calling the church office at 931-728-4624.



FUMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

We’ve all have heard, “Be KIND, LOVE your neighbor.” It’s no secret we all have a lot going on in life. We are busy with family, jobs, running here and there but are we so busy that we aren’t aware of others. Are we so busy that we forget to show love and kindness? I really try each day to be more kind and to be more aware of others & not just be caught up in myself. I think, even when we think we are a kind person, we can probably still be better at it in some way. The fact is, we are all human. Humans aren’t wired to be selfless. But GOD is. He is LOVE, He is selfless, and it is only by His grace that we can LOVE this way. LOVE suffers long and is KIND, LOVE does not envy; LOVE does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things. LOVE never fails. I Corinthians 13:4-8 My challenge to myself and to you is to be KIND. LOVE your neighbors. After all, you are a child of God. He LOVES you. He wants us to LOVE ourselves and LOVE our neighbors the same way.

FUMC-CLC is still needing substitute teachers for this year. We will also be hiring for next school year. If you know of anyone or you are interested, please let me know. You can reach me at 931-728-8283 or email me at fumc.clc@gmail.com and you can always stop by the preschool office.

We have our Read Across America week coming up February 27th – March 3rd. We would love to have some of our church members come and read to our students. Please let me know if you’d like to sign up. Thinking ahead to May we will host our end of the year carnival for our students. We need volunteers to help work the games and pass out prizes. If you’d like to help in any way, please let me know. Our preschool graduation is set for Thursday, May 25th. Please make plans to attend. The students have worked hard this year and they will be sharing a glimpse of what all they have learned. It will really warm your hearts.

As always, please keep the preschool ministry in your prayers as we teach, love and care for the students. As well as all the ministries of our church.

Be the Light!
Angie Gann
fumc.clc@gmail.com

Gifts to Jesus: It is never too late to give a gift to Jesus by turning in your pledge or talent cards to the church office or through the general offering, or designated giving or volunteering or starting a new ministry or supporting an existing one.

I Will Support My Church with My Presence	
Attendance:	Feb 12
Sunday School	61
8:25 Service	33
10:55 Service	87
Facebook Live	108

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
Total of	Feb 12
Sunday School	51.00
Missions	390.00
Mem. Gen Fund	895.00
Coffee Time	19.00
Music	30.00
Youth	485.00
Standing Stone	10.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	8,957.00
YTD Offering	67,840.00
YTD Required	70,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-2,160.00

I Will Support My Church with My Service

Building Checker	
Week of February 12	Justin Bryan
Week of February 19	Marlin Hoover
Altar Guild	
February	Lois Thormaehlen
March	Kaye Smoyak
Counters	
February	Richard Dix & Mike Giffin
March	Mike Anderson & Claus Thormaehlen
Kitchen Monitors	
February	Topsy Layne
March	Lois Thormaehlen
Door Greeters	
February 19	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian Chris & Nicole West
February 26	Deborah Blanton & Teri Christian Allison & Bryan Stacy
Coffee Time	
February 19	Mike Childs
February 26	Mike Childs
Communion	
March	
Preparer	Jonathan Shedd
Server’s 8:25	Jonathan & Elizabeth Shedd
Server’s 10:55	June Holland, Mike Giffin & Freddie Fibelkorn

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!

Member Prayer Concerns

God’s World & Our Nation	
All in the military service and their families	
	Barbara Cagle
	Ryan Moorehead
	Dorothy Bon
	Linda Maxwell

(Prayer requests are transferred to our prayer team that are older than 30 days)

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 and place your curser 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.



Feb. 15– Feb. 21, 2023 Church Family Birthdays

Feb 15	Richard Wakeman
Feb 18	Mary Rounds
Feb 20	Irene Sain
Feb 21	Regina Bradford

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.

Dates to Remember

Sunday’s now until February 26, 2023 – New Bible Study -
10:00 A. M. Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Night’s now until February 22, 2023 –
New Wednesday Night Bible Study – Parlor
February 20, 2023 – Sallie O’Neal Fellowship –
Truesdale Home -6:30 p.m.
February 27, 2023- Church Conference for the purposes of voting on whether to disaffiliate from the UMC .
March 6, 2023 – Administrative Board Meeting –
Fellowship Hall – 6:00 p.m.
April 9, 2023 - Sunrise Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
May 7, 2023 - Senior Sunday