

March 15, 2023

Midweek Visitor

Dates to Remember

Wednesday Night Bible Study – Lenten Study, “Jesus in the Wild” – 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Parlor
March 17 & 18, 2023 – Church Cleanup & Cleanout 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
March 21, 2023 – SPRC Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Room 219
March 24, 2023 – FUMC – CLC Spaghetti Fundraiser Benefiting the Pate Family 5:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
March 27-March 31 – CLC Spring Break
April 2, 2023 – Combined Palm Sunday Service – 10:55 a.m. following the Children’s Easter Play at 10:00 a.m.
April 2, 2023 – Children’s Ministry Easter Play – 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary
April 2, 2023 – Children’s Ministry Easter Egg Hunt (rain Date April 8th) 2:30 p.m. – FUMC – Meet at the Fellowship Hall
April 2, 2023 – Administrative Council Meeting/ Town Hall/Covered Dish/Potluck – Immediately after the 110:55 a.m. service – Fellowship Hall
April 3, 2023 – Worship Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. - Parlor
April 3 -April 6, 2023 – Ecumenical Services – Noon – First Presbyterian Church
April 7, 2023 – Good Friday CLC & Church Office Closed
April 4, 2023 (Tuesday)- Last Lenten Bible Study 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.- Parlor
April 5, 2023 – Healing Service – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel
April 6, 2023 – Holy Communion Service – 5:30 p.m. – Sanctuary
April 7, 2023 – Stations of the Cross – 5:30 p.m. – Starts Outside
April 7, 2023 – Noon Service – Stations of the Cross- St. Bede’s Episcopal Church
April 7, 2023 – Good Friday CLC & Church Office Closed
April 9, 2023 - Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m. – Outside in Front of the Church
April 9, 2023 - Sunrise Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall
May 4, 2023 – National Day of Prayer 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. – Manchester Square at the Historic Courthouse
May 7, 2023 - Senior Sunday

Miriam House Banquet will be held March 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Door will open at 5:00 p.m. The banquet will be held at 147 Hospitality Blvd., Manchester, TN 37355. Tickets are \$60.00 each or a table of 10 for \$500.00 please purchase tickets using the QR code below.



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)

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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Grace & Peace to all in this Lenten Season,

Your Spiritual Business Card and IF. As a disciple of Jesus your Holy Father has given you a spiritual business card that trumps all others. On that card it has your new name, son or daughter of God, whom He loves; and with whom He is well pleased. Our mission and purpose is to live in such a way that our lives reflect our new name that calls us to live into being like Jesus our Savior. However, as the accuser tried to trick Jesus in the wilderness in Luke 4: 3, 7 & 9, so the accuser will try to trick you and defeat you into doubting your relationship with God and abandoning your mission and purpose. Often this starts with an IF question. “Every day, we hear some version of that IF word dancing in our own heads, putting a question mark between us and our blessing as the beloved of God—often to get us inwardly deciding once again if God is good, if we are precious, if we matter, and if we will ever find joy in this life” (-Dan Wilt-). When God comes to you with an IF, listen, God’s IF is intended for your good and to lead you into a unrealized future (2 Chronicles 7:14). When the accuser comes to you with an IF, immediately challenge the IF of the enemy just like Jesus did in Luke 4:3, 7 & 9. Else the accuser will lead you into an alternate unrealized future to destroy you. The IF/Then suggestion of the accuser may seem innocent enough, but it is not. You must take immediate action, as Jesus did from the heart to disempower the temptation by answering the suggestion of the accuser with a “Word-saturated answer”.

To God Be the Glory!
Stephen



A NOTE FROM DANA...

When I was growing up in the 1960’s, HEALTH was a required subject in school. Who remembers grade-school classes in hygiene?! This is where we learned the importance of brushing our teeth, cleaning our fingernails, and washing our hands and faces. And there was usually some degree of first aid taught there too!

Isn’t it strange, however that no one ever taught us about “mental hygiene?” There were classes to help us deal with physical injury, but not too many class offerings that would teach us how to foster good mental or emotional stability. (Some of us, of course, got this at HOME!)

I am sure that bruised feelings far outnumber black eyes! But thankfully, it’s never too late to learn. So here are six simple prescriptions I came across recently for maintaining mental and emotional health:

- 1: Assert yourself. Nobody responds to what you DID NOT say!
- 2.Be teachable! Someone said, “the ignorance you will not admit will catch up with you!”
- 3. Find confidants. Good friends will double your joys and divide your sorrows!
- 4. Contribute something. People who tend to be takers usually tend to end up empty-handed!
- 5. Live today. Anyone can be strong for 24 hours!
- 6. Trust Christ completely. He is our “strength and shield!” Psalm 28:7

Grace and Peace,
Dana

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!
Our youth group is changing, and we have several kids who are struggling with things like addiction that kids shouldn't have to deal with. Sunday night I had two students that didn't want to go home. Please keep these students in your prayers, and pray for wisdom for myself and my volunteers as we do our best to serve these students and show them Jesus.

If our youth house were complete, I would open it in the afternoons so that students would have a safe place to come in the afternoons to work on homework and hang out in a supervised setting. If Ms. Nicole Holland and I continue to work on the house in our spare time, I'm not sure when we'll get the youth house open, so we need your help. The following items on the list must be done as soon as possible.

- Finish painting
- Replace flooring in kitchen, dining room, back entryway, and garage.
- Hang ceiling fans, and replace 2 light fixtures (6 fans and 1 light have already been purchased)
- Ground outlets in the office and 3 in the living room

Once these items are completed, and we have internet, we will be able to begin moving in. There will still be work to be done but this will get us in the door. If you would like to donate your time or your money to the youth house, please let me know.

See You Sunday,
Ami Shedd
manchestermumchangoutyouth@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS

This week in Kingdom Kids we continued discussing the Miracles of Jesus. I am continually amazed by these kids and their ability to connect with Jesus in a meaningful way. Last week we talked about Jesus calming the storm and this week we talked about the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000. I wish you could have heard the questions and comments heard in class about this miracle. And in our church children's message we talked about letting our lights shine. It's so easy to turn that light off but let's remember to shine bright church!

We continue to have so much support from our small group of volunteers and of course, the YOUTH. Mrs. Ami is so flexible and easy to work with and we appreciate everyone so much. Without our volunteers we wouldn't have a children's ministry. Please keep our children in your prayers. These children are dealing with so many issues, losses and obstacles. While most of us are blessed with a safe and stable home environment, not all our children are so fortunate. Consider ways you can connect with our ministry. Recently, Ms. Kimla and Mr. Roger asked if they could do a hand bell ministry. Now we have a whole group of musicians. Rest assured, no matter your talent, we will find a way for you to connect in mine or Mrs. Ami's ministry!

We have moved our Easter Egg hunt from April 1st to the 2nd and will be having the egg hunt at 2:30 p.m. after church on Sunday the 2nd. Please bring donations of Easter Candy and prizes to church when you come until the Egg hunt. WE NEED YOU to have a successful egg hunt. Also, on the 2nd is our Easter



KINGDOM KIDS

Play and we are EXCITED! Make plans to join us as you won't want to miss the cuteness overload! Until then, I will see you in Church!

In Christ,
Jessica Jernigan
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March 15, 2023: Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce/Tomatoes/Cheese/Sour Cream/etc., Fruit Salad, Dessert: Homemade Brownie
March 22, 2023: Hamburger/Bun, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle, French Fries, **Dessert:** Ice Cream
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 have lots of things happening around FUMC-CLC. First, I want to remind you that FUMC-CLC is in the running for Manchester's Finest Childcare Provider. The teachers and I are so very excited and feel honored to have been nominated. Online voting started March 13th. Please follow this link to vote https://www.manchestertimes.com/site/forms/mt_finest/mt_finest_2023_vote_cloned-20230227142810/. Ballots will also be in the Manchester Times on March 15th. We would appreciate your vote. Remember to vote daily.

As you all have heard by now that FUMC-CLC is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction for one of our preschool families. We want to be a blessing to this family, and everyone involved. Please make plans to attend Friday, March 24 from 5:00pm-8:00pm. We will also need lots of extra hands. If you would like to volunteer, please call Mrs. Angie at 931-728-8283 or stop by her office. Most of all please keep this family in your prayers.

Please remember the preschool ministry and all the ministries of the church in your prayers.

Be the Light!
Angie Gann
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Memorials & Honorarium

A gift was given to Good Samaritan in memory of Bettye Roberson by the Sunshine Fellowship.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Phyllis Dix by the Fellowship Class.

A gift was given to Youth in memory of Fay Parks by Mark and Susan Yother.

I Will Support My Church with My Presence	
Attendance:	Mar 12
Sunday School	29
8:25 Service	58
10:55 Service	112
Facebook Live	120

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
Total of	Mar 12
Sunday School	51.00
Missions	380.00
Mem. Gen Fund	25.00
Coffee Time	18.00
Youth	365.00
Communion Rail	20.00
Good Sam	25.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	8,120.00
YTD Offering	114,551.00
YTD Required	110,000.00
(+/-) Difference	4,551.00

I Will Support My Church with My Service

Building Checker	
Week of March 12	Jim Thorington
Week of March 19	Daniel Porter

Altar Guild	
March	Kaye Smoyak
April	Ben & Ann Spaulding

Counters	
March	Mike Anderson & Claus Thormaehlen
April	Jay Trussler & Frank Langham

Kitchen Monitors	
March	Lois Thormaehlen
April	Patty Roberts

Door Greeters	
March 19	Jim & Debra Thorington Betty & Jerry Watkins
March 26	Jim & Debra Thorington Kimla & Roger Weeks

Coffee Time	
March 19	The Fibelkorn's
March 26	The Fibelkorn's

Communion	
April	
Preparer	Trish Porter
Server's 8:25	Ami Shedd & Deborah Blanton
Server's 10:55	Jim & Debra Thorington Kaye Tracy & Mike Anderson

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!

Member Prayer Concerns

God's World & Our Nation
All in the military service and their families
Dorothy Bon
Linda Maxwell
Our latest military member Derek Scott

(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 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.



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

Mar 16	Stephen Kimble
Mar 17	Vernon Sherrill
Mar 20	Luke Beachboard
Mar 21	Nell English

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.

Church Cleanup & Cleanout will be held on Friday, Friday, March 17th and Saturday March 18th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

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.

Thank you, Church Family, for your amazing outpouring of love and gifts for Francisca!! The baby shower was a huge success, and she was overwhelmed and thrilled!! You showed up and showed out and the Sunshine and Sallie O'Neal Fellowships appreciate your love and support.