

March 22, 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 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.
March 28, 2023 – Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00a.m. - Parlor
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 11:05 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

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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First United Methodist Church

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

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813

Senior Pastor, Rev. Stephen Lee

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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Grace & Peace to all in this Lenten Season,

Gratitude. Thank you to everyone involved in the last two periods of cleaning and maintaining the church and parsonage facilities. As you can tell both facilities inside and out are looking far more welcoming and organized.

It Is Written. As Dan Wilt points out, “If we don’t address temptation directly, firmly, and with Christ honoring resolve—we will succumb to the evil one’s false promises again and again”. To be victorious we need to squirrel-away the word of God in our hearts so in the time of temptation we can say like Jesus did, “It is written” and counter-attack the temptation of the accuser with the power and promise of God’s holy word.

Community. I look forward to seeing each of you at the benefit spaghetti supper this coming Friday and at the various other scheduled activities of the Church as we live out calling to lead ours to Christ, make disciples of all believers, and do all the good we can whenever we can.

To God Be the Glory!
Stephen

FUMC-CLC was nominated as Manchester’s Finest Childcare Provider. Mrs. Angie was also nominated for Manchester’s Finest Boss. students. 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/. and the mail in ballot was available in the Manchester Times on March 15. Please remember to vote each day.



A NOTE FROM DANA...

“I WILL RISE”

Our sanctuary choir has been very busy preparing the Easter/Resurrection musical “I WILL RISE,” to be presented on Easter Sunday morning, April 9th during the 10:55 service of worship.

“I Will Rise” is a celebration of the redemptive work of Jesus and skillfully written by a team of prolific songwriters and arrangers, including Mike Speck, Cliff Duren, Wayne Haun, Chris McDonald and Stan Whitmire. The presentation features a video component complete with the words to all of the songs and, of course features the great Chris Tomlin song by the same title.

I hope you will plan to attend this service, not only to support our choir, but also to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of His return!

Grace and Peace,
Dana



March 22, 2023: Hamburger/Bun, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle, French Fries, **Dessert:** Ice Cream
March 29, 2022: Spring Break /No Meal
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

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

Youth house update: Electrical is going to be completed soon, and we'll begin working on flooring. Painting is almost done! That's enough to get us in the door! I'm afraid that our group has already become too large to be able to fit them all in the dining room to eat though! This is a great problem! We'll continue to eat in the fellowship hall and walk over once we have everything ready.

There is no Hangout next week (Not Sunday. Not Wednesday.) I will be out of town for Spring Break. Youth Sunday School is covered though, and the students will be stuffing goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt. All the eggs have already been put together, so as soon as bags are ready, we're ready for the Hunt! On April 2, the youth need to be at church ready to decorate at 1:00.

Easter is right around the corner, and that means we're getting ready for our Sunrise Breakfast! Students need to be at church at 6:15 that morning, so that we can cook have breakfast ready once Sunrise Service is over.

I'll see you next Sunday!
Ami Shedd
manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com



KINGDOM KIDS

Just talking about the miracles of Jesus gets me excited! Waiting for the miracles in my own life; not so much! It's hard to "wait upon the Lord". Yet that's what He has asked us to do! Ww have continued talking about how to apply the miracles Jesus performed to our lives today! This week we move to talk about the Cross in Kingdom Kids.

We are super excited about the Easter celebration to come! We hope you will join us on Palm Sunday! It's a big day for the entire church but we will have loads of activities for the Children as we have hand bells, a play and our Easter Egg Hunt! I can't wait to see you in Church!

In Christ,
Jessica Jernigan
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FUMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Hello Church Family,

Our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction benefiting the Pate Family is fast approaching and we need your help.

Charles Pate is fighting cancer and chemo is no longer an effective option. He and his wife Josie have two beautiful daughters and the youngest is in our preschool.

Our Church is providing dessert for the event. We need cookies or brownies. Please place 2 cookies or 1 brownie in a zip-lock bag and drop off in the Fellowship Hall no later than Thursday, 12 noon.

If you would like to Volunteer to help with our event, please call the church office or reach out to Angie or Lois.

Please plan to join us March 24 in the Fellowship Hall anytime from 5pm to 8pm. Bring your checkbook! We have great Silent Auction items. You can RSVP with your dine in or carry out orders on our Church Website where there are additional details about our event.

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help by donating your time and silent auction items. We appreciate your support of our Preschool Ministry as we reach out to this family in need.

We look forward to seeing you Friday night!

Be the Light!
Angie Gann
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Memorials & Honorarium

A gift was given to the Pastor Discretionary Fund in memory of Annie Guy Wisely by Lori Van Ness.

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Phyllis Dix by Linda Rollins.

A gift was given to the Youth House in honor of Ami Shedd by Julie Giffin.

The Sunshine Fellowship will meet Tuesday March 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

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:	Mar 19
Sunday School	49
8:25 Service	40
10:55 Service	89
Facebook Live	142

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
Total of	Mar 19
Sunday School	34.00
Missions	280.00
Mem. Gen Fund	25.00
Coffee Time	14.00
Youth	1,153.00
Good Sam	185.00
Children's Ministry	33.00
Pate Benefit	100.00
Pastor Discretionary	40.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	5,089.00
YTD Offering	119,640.00
YTD Required	120,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-360.00

I Will Support My Church with My Service

Building Checker	
Week of March 19	Daniel Porter
Week of March 26	Jack Smoyak

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 26	Jim & Debra Thorington Kimla & Roger Weeks
April 2	Wade & Ann Stevenson Kimla & Roger Weeks

Coffee Time	
March 26	The Fibelkorn's
April 2	The Shedd's/Youth

Communion	
April	Julie Giffin
Preparer	Ami Shedd & Deborah Blanton
Server's 8:25	Jim & Debra Thorington
Server's 10:55	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 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.



Mar. 22– Mar. 28, 2023, Church Family Birthdays

Mar 22	Megan Fibelkorn
Mar 22	Natalie Fibelkorn
Mar 23	Rachel Brown
Mar 23	Craig Johnson
Mar 23	Billie McEwen
Mar 24	Jimmy White
Mar 24	Deborah Lee
Mar 26	Dana Brooks
Mar 27	Lee Stevenson
Mar 27	Jonathan Shedd

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.

FUMC-CLC SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held Friday March 24th from 5:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. all proceeds will be donated to the Charles Pate Family. Mr. Pate was diagnosed in March of 2022 with Platinum Refractory Germ Cell Tumor. Unfortunately, chemo is no longer an option. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. The meal includes Spaghetti, garlic bread, drink and dessert. To go boxes will be available. A silent auction will also be held. Donations will be accepted.