

March 8, 2023

Midweek Visitor

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Our calling, is our sonship and daughterhood—not the tasks we do or the talents we have. We must get this right to succeed as Jesus did in the great spiritual battle we are all involved in.

To God Be the Glory!  
Stephen

Dates to Remember

Wednesday Night Bible Study – Lenten Study, “Jesus in the Wild” – 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Parlor

March 6, 2023 – Administrative Board Meeting – Fellowship Hall – 6:00 p.m.

March 17 & 18, 2023 – Church Cleanup & Cleanout 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 1, 2023 – Children’s Ministry Easter Egg Hunt (rain Date April 8<sup>th</sup>) Time & Location TBD

April 3 -April 6, 2023 – Ecumenical Services – Noon – First Presbyterian Church

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 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 7, 2023 - Senior Sunday

To our church family, (Baby Shower Invitation)

Life Choices has started a new program this year by asking churches, clubs, etc. to give baby showers for their clients. The Sunshine & Sallie O’Neal Fellowships have joined together and will be giving a baby shower for Francisca. We would like to invite you, our church family, to join with us in this endeavor. It will be Sunday, March 12, 4-5:30, in the Parlor. This is her first baby (a girl), and she will need everything a newborn could need. She does have a car seat and a crib/mattress. Below is a list of items for your choosing. If you cannot attend the shower but would like to purchase a gift, please leave the gift in the office with Tammy by Friday, March 10th. Thank you for your participation in this ministry with us! We pray Francisca will feel like one of our own and experience the amazing love of Jesus!

Baby items to choose from; receiving blankets, crib sheets, mattress protector, burp cloths, diapers, baby wipes, bath tub, bath towels, wash cloths, baby soap, clothes, onesies, socks, pacifiers, bibs, changing pad, poppy nursing pillow, thermometer, syringe, baby Tylenol, baby clippers/scissors, highchair, bouncer, diaper rash cream, changing table, baby carrier, toys, books, diaper bag, baby monitor, car window shade, night light, sound machine, baby sleep sack, etc. You may have ideas of your own, these are just suggestions. Again, thank you so much for your support in this ministry!!

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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From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Grace & Peace to all,

Sunday, March 12 Day Light Savings Time Begins: So please remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening, March 11.

Email Scam Alert. An unknown scammer recently sent an email entitled, “Rev. Stephen Lee <Churchonline4real00086@gmail.com>” to all church staff requesting their help and the email included MFUMC logo (this is not my email). Likely this same scammer recently tried this same approach using another staff members name and bogus email address. Should you receive an email addressed as above delete it and if you receive other questionable emails from the church staff, please contact the sender and verify before opening any attachments or responding to the sender’s requests - and don’t get scammed.

What’s On Your Business Card. Based on our journey in the wild with Jesus through Luke 4:1-14 and his baptism in Luke 3:21-22 and insights from Dan Wilt’s accompanying series “In the Wild” we know that each of us has been given a spiritual business card. Most business cards say what you do, what your about and, what your contact information is. Even if we do not have a paper or electronic business card, we still have one. We know it by heart, we pull it out when someone asks what we do or who we are. When you and I live in the belovedness of God the only business card needed is the one with Your Name, and, below it, Beloved Son, or Beloved Daughter.

Being a beloved son or daughter who desires nothing greater than being like Jesus is the defining definition of who you are, what you desire, and what your mission is. When you own the name God has given you and live from it you are full of the Holy Spirit and ready to do, or not to do, anything that pleases the Father. God did not call you or I to put a ministry on our spiritual business card or to regard any platform as essential to our fulfillment or well-being. We know as a beloved son or daughter that God has named and claimed us, declared his love for you and me, is well pleased with us, and touched us and filled us full of the Holy Spirit not based on platforms or any particular ministry achievements, but rather based on our relation to God through Jesus,1 John 4:15–19. In fact, all God wants is the name He has given us on that card, so God can say, “(insert your name), I need you here now,” or “(insert your name), I need you to move from your current spot,” and we quickly obey.

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A NOTE FROM DANA...

In Luke 10, Jesus has an “encounter” with a person who the Bible says was “an expert in the law.” During the course of that conversation Jesus was asked the question “WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?” Good question!

Your “neighbor” means someone near. The fact is, God has put all kinds of folk near to us who have needs! For us to show love and generosity to such people shows that we understand Jesus’ commandment to “love our neighbor as ourselves.” When Jesus told the parable of the good Samaritan, he was saying that, really, we need to separate true religion from the selfish religion that we oftentimes practice!

We complicate our faith when we think of it as distant and difficult. When, in fact, it is NEAR-as near as a neighbor in need! If we focus our love and generosity on folks who are in need, God will meet our own needs in return! May we continue to live a Holy Lent!

Grace and Peace,  
Dana

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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.



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.

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!  
We are doing something different! We are breaking down the Sermon on the Mount to figure out how we are called to live. On Sundays, we are doing small groups and on Wednesdays, we will do some small groups and some together.

Our group has grown fast, and like Jessica said Sunday morning we have enough to cover as long as no one gets sick or goes out of town. If you can help, even if it’s on a rotating basis, we’d love to have you!  
If you know of any graduating high school seniors, please pass those names on to me. I will send out forms before spring break to begin getting the slide show and all the other preparation done.

I currently have 7 spots left for BigStuf, if you want to go, please let me know and get me your deposit (\$25). The total per camper is \$125. That will be due before we leave on June 12.  
Important Dates:  
March 18- work day 8-4:30  
March 26 & 29- No Hangout  
April 9- Sunrise Breakfast fundraiser- No Hangout  
May 7- Senior Sunday

See You Sunday,  
Ami Shedd  
[manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com)



KINGDOM KIDS

The season of Lent is in full swing. And now that the new has worn off the “digging in” what we promised to do may be getting more difficult. Come on, it’s hard to give up things or add new things! Change comes hard for most of us. We are creatures of habit and isn’t that the whole point of Lent? Choosing something that brings us closer to God? To prepare us to serve Him more fully and wholly. As the days roll on, I want you to know I am very proud of you. I’m proud of you for digging in, digging down and leaning into Christ. This season is a beautiful thing. And beautiful things rarely come without some sacrifice. I hope this season brings you true joy.  
We are talking about the miracle of Jesus in Kingdom Kids. This week we talked about the miracle of Jesus calming the storm. And what a miracle that was. What storm can you ask God to calm for you this week? Remember, He is the storm calmer, the peace maker, and the only way to true Love. If you’ve tried doing a lot on your own, as I am regularly guilty of, why not try doing it God’s way today? I promise it’s better. Until then, I’ll see you in Church!

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

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**March 8, 2023:** Fried Chicken/Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans **Dessert:** Peach Cobbler  
**March 15, 2023:** Beef Tacos, Shredded Lettuce/Tomatoes/Cheese/Sour Cream/etc., Fruit Salad, Dessert: Homemade Brownie  
**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

The sun is shining, and it makes me so happy that spring is almost here!  
I am so excited to share with you that FUMC-CLC was nominated as Manchester’s Finest Childcare Provider. I was also nominated for Manchester’s Finest Boss. The staff and I feel honored to have been nominated. Our job goes way beyond just providing childcare to our families and students. We truly love what we do and build strong relationships with these families and students that will last for years to come. The online voting will begin on Monday, March 13 and the mail in ballot will be available in the Manchester Times on March 15. Please remember to vote each day.

I wanted to thank ALL the church members that volunteered to read to our preschool students last week. The students enjoyed you coming so much. Thank you again for taking time out of your day. I hope you enjoyed it as much as the students.

We only have a little less than three months before school will be out for the summer. We have several activities coming up that we would love to have you volunteer to help us out. We have our Easter egg hunt here at preschool in April , Muffins for Mom in May, and our end of the year Carnival in May as well as our PreK Graduation. If you’d like to find out how you could help us, please contact me at 931-728-8283 or stop by my office.

Be the Light!  
Angie Gann  
[fumc.clc@gmail.com](mailto:fumc.clc@gmail.com)

Memorials & Honorarium

Gifts were given to the General Fund in memory of Phyllis Dix by Pam Riddle, Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club, Evelyn Farrell and Larry & Valerie Pitman.

A gift was given to Missions in memory of Phyllis Dix by Max & Judy Hester.

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

**Good Samaritan** is needing volunteers for Monday, March 20, 2023. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nellie Leonard at 931-409-4490.

I Will Support My Church with My Presence	
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Mar 5</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>8:25 Service</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>10:55 Service</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>108</b>

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
<b>Total of</b>	<b>Mar 5</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>57.00</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>1,505.00</b>
<b>Mem. Gen Fund</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Isaiah House</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Coffee Time</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>4,959.00</b>
<b>Pastor Discretionary</b>	<b>6.00</b>
<b>Good Sam</b>	<b>370.00</b>
<b>Weekly Required</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>10,492.00</b>
<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>106,431.00</b>
<b>YTD Required</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
<b>(+/-) Difference</b>	<b>6,431.00</b>

I Will Support My Church with My Service

<b>Building Checker</b>	
Week of March 5	Mike Anderson
Week of March 12	Jim Thorington

<b>Altar Guild</b>	
March	Kaye Smoyak
April	Ben & Ann Spaulding

<b>Counters</b>	
March	Mike Anderson & Claus Thormaehlen
April	Jay Trussler & Frank Langham

<b>Kitchen Monitors</b>	
March	Lois Thormaehlen
April	Patty Roberts

<b>Door Greeters</b>	
March 12	JaNelle Burt & Trish Porter
	Betty & Jerry Watkins
March 19	Jim & Debra Thorington
	Betty & Jerry Watkins

<b>Coffee Time</b>	
March 12	Teri Christian
March 19	The Fibelkorn’s

<b>Communion</b>	
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  
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](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.



Mar. 8 – Mar. 14, 2023, Church Family Birthdays

Mar 8	Stephen Kimble
Mar 8	Vernon Sherrill
Mar 11	Luke Beachboard
Mar 11	Nell English
Mar 11	Stan McHann
Mar 12	Dowe Jones
Mar 13	Deborah Bayer
Mar 13	Michael Giffin
Mar 13	Kim Hoover
Mar 13	Lynn Jarrell
Mar 13	Kaiser Hill
Mar 14	Sara Marshall

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 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.