

April 12, 2023

Midweek Visitor

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Further, I hope you’ll eagerly anticipate and join me as we walk through Romans each Sunday, beginning April 30<sup>th</sup> through August. I am looking forward to teaming with fellow pastors weekly across the country to glean all we can from the book of Romans’ wisdom and application to Christian discipleship and life in 2023 and beyond. I look forward to traveling with you along the Roman Road!

To God Be the Glory!  
Stephen

Dates to Remember

- April 16, 2023 – Trustee Meeting – 4:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
- April 17, 2023 – Sally O’Neal Fellowship – 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
- April 25, 2023 – Sunshine Fellowship – 10:00a.m. – Parlor
- April 28, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – Harden/Bryan Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- April 29, 2023 – 5:30 p.m. – Harden/Bryan Wedding - Sanctuary
- 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
- May 11-12, 2023 – 7:00-8:30 a.m. – Muffins with Mom – Fellowship Hall
- May 22, 23 & 24, 2023 – CLC Carnival – Fellowship Hall
- May 25, 2023 – CLC Graduation 6:00 p.m. – Sanctuary



- April 12, 2023: Chicken Tenders/Dinner Roll, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, **Dessert:** Strawberry Shortcake
- April 19, 2023: Sloppy Joe/Bun, French Fries, Fresh Fruit, Dessert: Cookies
- Meals will begin at 5:30. Please RSVP by Tuesday prior to each meal by calling the church office at 931-728-4624.

We are personally accountable to God for  
How we use the money he has entrusted to us.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

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Grace & Peace, it’s Eastertide!

**Eastertide.** Eastertide begins the day after Easter Sunday as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus all the way through the 50 days to Pentecost Sunday. Eastertide or the Easter season is meant to be a joyful feast (celebration) and a special festival season for the church.

May I recommend for your personal daily celebration to just say out loud and with great emphasis, *Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ is coming again!* Doesn’t it feel good to just proclaim these great Easter truths?! How often should you repeat saying these celebration truths? Why not try to do so when you awake, eat, prepare to slumber, face a challenge, or celebrate a blessing. We are Easter people. We continue to proclaim these great truths every day, everywhere, all the time, and in all worship services throughout the season of Eastertide, and yes on every Sunday of the year. Why, because each Sunday is a continuance of that first glorious Easter Sunday when Jesus arose victorious forever. Remember, *Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ is coming again!* Feel the holy joy and power in those eternal truths as you let the living **Word** embrace you completely. Lord, let it be!

**Thank You Church.** What a glorious Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday Celebration, thank you each for all the work behind the scenes and the participation of all God’s children that so richly blessed the whole Church and glorified God.

**Romans.** Please don’t miss the opportunity to participate in daily meditation and study of the book of Romans beginning April 17– August 2023. The mediation authored by Seedbed is available free by email or podcast. Go to [Welcome to Seedbed! - Seedbed](#) or <https://seedbed.com/> to sign up for the daily meditation. Additionally, a “*Romans: A Wake-Up Call Journal*” that goes along with the series is available for purchase on the same website if you so desire.

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**First United Methodist Church**

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

**April 12, 2023**

**Serving the people of Manchester since 1813**

**Senior Pastor, Rev. Stephen Lee**

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A NOTE FROM DANA...

This just might be a “guy” thing, but now that I’m a little older, I tend to get stressed more easily when things don’t go exactly as I planned! This past Sunday was “one of those days!” I won’t bore you with details but there were a number of little things that were going wrong on Easter day. Not the least of which was we experienced issues with our presentation computer in the sanctuary, so I had to run down to the office to get my personal laptop to use. It worked. I am grateful to BRANDON KEELING for his help back at the media table while this was happening!

Just before late service I walked into the back of the sanctuary and was greeted by one of our faithful men who obviously saw the “deer-in-the-headlight” look on my face. He came up to me and said, “just breathe!” There was something about his demeanor which calmed me down immediately. I know that was the Spirit of Christ!

Just about then I was reminded about the true meaning of Easter. The Passion and Suffering and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering and trial is transformed through faith into life and hope. And that these Sunday morning glitches are extremely minute in comparison to the great suffering endured by Jesus for our Salvation. Hmmm...imagine that- a “RESURRECTION MOMENT ON EASTER SUNDAY!”

Grace and Peace,  
Dana

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!  
I hope you enjoyed your Easter as much as I did! It’s always a great day to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Thank you to all who came out and supported our Sunrise Breakfast. We made just over \$1,000! We appreciate your support.

Hangout is back on schedule after not meeting Sunday. We will meet on Sundays and Wednesdays for the rest of the month.

Seniors should have received their Senior Sunday information in the mail. That is due back on April 21. It can be handed to me or turned in to the church office. If you have a senior graduating from college, please send me that information, and we will also recognize them.

I need about 12 more prayer partners in addition to those who said they would volunteer to do so on their volunteer pledge this year. Please let me know if you would like to be a prayer partner or would like more information. We will have a total of 35 people going to BigStuf this year!

- Important Dates:
- May 7- Senior Sunday
  - June 2-3- Lock- In
  - June 11- BigStuf Parent Meeting
  - Prayer Partner Meet and Greet
  - June 12-16- BigStuf

See you Sunday!  
Ami Shedd  
[manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com)



KINGDOM KIDS

“1-2-3, Jesus Is ALIVE! 1-2-3... He died for me and you. But on DAY Three, Jesus Rose again! Oh, Jesus is ALIVE!”  
We loved seeing the Youth on Sunday for the Sunrise breakfast and oh, what a sermon Pastor preached for Sunrise, and both regular services! And if you missed the Worship team and then the Choir and their “I Will Rise” program, then you MUST go listen to it! It was fabulous! Our sweet kiddos got fed breakfast and had a blast getting to know the Matt Turner song, 123, Jesus IS ALIVE!  
And just in case you hadn’t heard, HE IS ALIVE! HE HAS RISEN! Hallelujah! I’m still on a high from this beautiful celebration and I hope you are too! I hope you go tell everyone you know and even those you don’t! Go tell the world and until then I’ll see you in Church!  
Pssst... HE IS RISEN!

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



FUMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Forever, He is glorified,  
Forever, He is lifted high,  
Forever He is risen,  
He is alive!

What a beautiful Easter Sunday. I hope everyone spent the day worshipping with their church family and enjoyed time with their family.

It’s hard to believe that we only have a little over a month of preschool before summer break. We have completed registration for our returning students and just have a few openings left for the fall. We will have all openings filled by the end of the week from our waitlist.

We have a few events happening before the end of the year. If you’d like to volunteer to help our preschool ministry, please stop by the church office. We have Muffins with Mom, the end of the year Carnival and PreK Graduation.

FUMC-CLC will be hiring for the fall. We will have three full time positions available. Please reach out if you are interested or know of someone who would like to find out more about the positions for the fall.

Please continue to pray for all the ministries of our church including our preschool ministry as we teach, love and care for the children.

Be the Light!  
Angie Gann  
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Memorials & Honorarium

A gift was given to the Parlor Fund in honor of Charles Roberts by the New Life Class.

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**Sally O’Neal Fellowship** - All ladies are invited to attend the April monthly meeting of our Sallie O’Neal Fellowship, Monday, April 17, 6:30 pm. We are meeting in the church fellowship hall where Trish Anderson will be our hostess and Marie Kimble will provide the program. We always look forward to our fellowship time and hope you can come join us.

**LADIES**, you are invited to an 8-week exploration of *Wildfire: A Study on Life in the Holy Spirit*. Rica McCoy invites us to THRIVE as God meets us wherever we are on our faith journey. This Bible-based DVD study will be introduced on Easter Sunday, with the first lesson April 16. Join the Mary and Martha class in room 216 at 10 A.M. as we prepare for Pentecost. For more information, call Karla Childs at 723-4192.

I Will Support My Church with My Presence	
<u>Attendance:</u>	<b>Apr 9</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>6:30 Service</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>8:25 Service</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>10:55 Service</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>232</b>

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
<b>Total of</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>77.00</b>
<b>Missions</b>	<b>730.00</b>
<b>Youth</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Parlor Fund</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Pate Benefit</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Isaiah House</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Pastor Discretionary</b>	<b>135.00</b>
<b>Family Fund</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>Weekly Required</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>8,955.00</b>
<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>144,492.00</b>
<b>YTD Required</b>	<b>150,000.00</b>
<b>(+/-) Difference</b>	<b>-5,508.00</b>

<u>I Will Support My Church with My Service</u>	
<b>Building Checker</b>	
Week of April 9	Mike Childs
Week of April 23	Roger Weeks
<b>Altar Guild</b>	
April	Ben & Ann Spaulding
May	Brenda Bryan

<b>Counters</b>	
April	Jay Trussler & Frank Langham
May	Richard Dix & Virginia McKee

<b>Kitchen Monitors</b>	
April	Patty Roberts
May	Pam Riddle

<b>Door Greeters</b>	
April 16	Deborah Blanton & Jonathan Shedd
	John & Shandra Richardson
April 23	Deborah Blanton & Jonathan Shedd
	Julie & Mike Giffin

<b>Coffee Time</b>	
April 16	Topsy Layne
April 23	Topsy Layne
<b>Communion</b>	
May	
Preparer	Deborah Blanton
Servers 8:25	Karla Childs & Jonathan Shedd
Servers 10:55	Mike & Julie Giffin
	Freddie Fibelkorn & June Holland

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](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.



Apr. 12 – Apr. 18, 2023, Church Family Birthdays

Apr 13	Matilda Locke
Apr 13	Nancy Huddleston
Apr 14	Reesa Brown
Apr 15	Judy Brown
Apr 15	Addison Carter
Apr 15	Charlotte Panter
Apr 16	Maggie Beck
Apr 17	Virginia McKee
Apr 18	Nancy Daniel

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.

**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.