

April 19, 2023

Midweek Visitor

Dates to Remember

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 19, 2023: Sloppy Joe/Bun, French Fries, Fresh Fruit, Dessert: Cookies
April 26, 2023: Meatloaf/Dinner Roll, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, **Dessert:** Yellow Cake / Chocolate Icing
Meals will begin at 5:30. Please RSVP by Tuesday prior to each meal by calling the church office at 931-728-4624.

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Remember Derek Scott with your prayers and short messages of encouragement:
Recruit Derek Scott
India Co 3rd RTBN Platoon 3037
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Parris Island, SC 29905-6420

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Memorials & Honorarium

A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Debbie Walden Moffitt by Dorine Bagley.

**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).



From the Pastor’s Desk ...

Grace & Peace,
1 Peter 1:1-9: In this great Eastertide season let us claim our living hope, our glorious inheritance secured in the hands of the Living God and live in great joy at all times giving thanks to God in all situations as we proclaim aloud the great salvific truth Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ is coming again!



Let’s get going on Romans Please plan to join in our in-depth dive into the Book of Romans starting April 17-August 2023 by signing up for the

daily meditation. You can use the QR code or Go to our landing page at <https://seedbed.com/wake-up-call-manchester/> to sign up for the daily meditation to be delivered to your email to read or listen to; also you can friend the Seedbed Facebook page. Additionally, if you’re not into receiving the meditation electronically you can still order the “Romans: A Wake-Up Call Journal” which is available on the same website. And last if you just want to read the scriptures assigned for each week and even journal as you do, we’ve enclosed the assigned scriptures for each week in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to the great lessons we’ll learn to together as we press Paul and the Book of Romans for all the wisdom and understanding God is willing to give to us through the daily meditation, sharing with each other, and Sunday Worship. And yes, please invite others to join us on this in-depth and rewarding study of Romans.

Missionaries: Please take the time to read the enclosed newsletter from our supported missionaries in Malawi, Dean and Stephanie Babcock.

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Manchester First Methodist Church

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

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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A NOTE FROM DANA...

Do you want to know something that amazes me and frustrates me at the same time? GPS. (BTW, that stands for “Global Positioning System!)

Yes, I have this in my car, and it IS pretty amazing. One of the things that is very cool is that when the speed limit sign changes on the road I’m on (like from 40 to 55 MPH, it shows up on my screen and CHANGES as soon as I pass the sign! How amazing is this technology?!

But it frustrates me at times when the ROUTE the GPS seemingly randomly chooses takes me through side streets and cow pastures that I’m unfamiliar with. I mean, sometimes I have no earthly idea where I am. (Ok, I was exaggerating about the cow pastures).

But sometimes I think I must surely amaze and frustrate God, too. He has given us the roadmap for life and life eternal in the Bible and yet we continue to take “detours” at times. We get off course, even lost when all along the directions are right there in God’s Word! The truth is, convincing ourselves that we don’t NEED God’s help is just what the enemy wants us to think! So, to avoid “re-calculating” let’s open our Bibles and pray and ask God where He needs us to go!

Grace and Peace,
Dana

Announcement
The new ONE DAY HOPE CLINIC is open to serve our community now. The clinic has grown out of a need for a free clinic in Manchester and a vision by members of the ONE DAY OF HOPE BOARD. The clinic is open on Wednesdays and is being operated by our friends at Partners for Healing out of Tullahoma. THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend. The clinic is in the Canvas Community Church campus, 1886 McArthur Blvd. here in Manchester.

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Hang Out Event

Hello, Church!

I hope you are doing well. I was a bit under the weather last week, but I am on the road to recovery, so we will be back to meeting 2 nights this week...good Lord willing and the creek don't rise!

In Sunday School this week we picked out our new series called Bible Backroad, and we're super excited about it. Sunday night we played games and met in our small groups, and Wednesday night we will be studying Matthew 5:33-38.

We'll be starting a new fundraiser on Sunday where we will be selling stock in Hangout. Your stock options will be listed below. We'll have another new fundraiser coming toward the end of May.

Gold	Silver	Bronze
<div><div>\$100</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Stock certificate❖ Stockholders' dinner for your family❖ 4 hours of service at your home throughout the year.❖ Free Hangout shirt❖ 1 free meal at each Hangout fundraiser❖ Homemade Hangout Christmas ornament❖ 1 free meal and Bingo card on Bingo Nights</div></div>	<div><div>\$50</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Stock certificate❖ Stockholders' dinner for your family❖ 2 hours of service at your home throughout the year.❖ 1 free meal at 2 Hangout fundraisers❖ Homemade Hangout Christmas ornament❖ 1 meal on Bingo Nights</div></div>	<div><div>\$25</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Stock certificate❖ Stockholders' dinner for your family❖ 1 hours of service at your home throughout the year.❖ 1 free meal at 1 Hangout fundraiser❖ 1 free card on Bingo nights</div></div>

See ya Sunday!

Ami Shedd

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KINGDOM KIDS

Although the weather seems confused, I know we are all ready for warmer weather! If not, you may be living in the wrong location! Due to our children in Kingdom Kids and their volunteer parents being heavily involved in various sports, our Kingdom Kids Group has decided to change the schedule slightly to accommodate everyone's schedule. We will have our end of the school year party and last night of Wednesday night meetings for the 2022-2023 school year on April 26th. We are going to have a blast in the next two weeks! In addition, we will be scheduling the regular fun events we try to have in the summer with the children. In the past we have had picnic in the park, swimming parties and even a visit to the Hands-on Science Center so stay tuned for the fun updates!

For our lessons, we have continued our celebration of Resurrection Sunday to extend into our daily lives. Our children sang "Go tell it on the Mountain!" but now we are not only praising God for Jesus' birth but for his life, death for our sins and his rising! Death was defeated and we have a pathway for salvation! I cannot stop thinking about it these days and I hope it's got you excited too! Remember we are inviting friends this month! So, INVITE SOMEONE OR SEVERAL SOMEONE'S TO CHURCH! Until then, I'll see you in Church!

In Christ,

Jessica Jernigan

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FUMC-CLC HAPPENINGS

Well, here we are a little over halfway through the month of April. It's crazy to think that another preschool year is almost complete. Another year of teaching, loving, and caring for these sweet children. It's been a great year but a bit of a rocky one with staffing issues. I know it seems to be the norm for everyone right now but goodness, it was a bit rough. I just have to say every time the teachers and I didn't think we'd make it through the week, well guess what? We did! He saw us through every situation. We will be hiring for the Fall '23 school year. We have several positions available. If you know of anyone that is looking for a job and loves children, please send them our way. They can contact me through the church office or by email.

Your preschool ministry needs YOU! If you'd like to find out how you can help with any of these events, please contact me through the church office. Here's the events and dates:

Muffins for Mom- Thursday, May 11th & Friday, May 12th 7:30am-8:30am.

Carnival- Tuesday, May 23rd & Wednesday, May 24th 8:30am – 12:00pm.

PreK Graduation- Thursday, May 25th 6:30 pm.

In case you missed the news, our FUMC-CLC preschool was voted Manchester's Finest Childcare Provider. Be on the lookout for Manchester's Finest booklet insert in next week's paper.

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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Here's an update from our Parlor Committee, as we move toward a fresh, revitalized parlor that can be used for multiple purposes! So far, we have identified a color combination, beginning with new paint (already completed—look at the brighter new look!) and improved lighting and staging possibilities for some of those purposes: weddings, showers, a quiet repose for funeral families. These uses have new furniture requirements (a couch, upholstered chairs, and other furniture, both new and repurposed from the Church St (Hickerson house) parsonage. We will also maintain seating and other furnishings for Sunday School and other group meeting needs. Finally, we want to add a large-screen TV and A/V support for video presentations and possible streaming of church functions. Our budget of \$10,000 must be raised outside of the budget (and above the many charitable events, youth events, and special needs that you all have generously supported in recent weeks!) But we believe there will be substantial support through memorials and honorariums—in fact, ¼ of the budget has already been raised! Please consider pledging and funding in honor of our precious friends, past and present, to complete this worthy task. We are ready to order the upholstered furniture with confidence of the next increment of funding, and we hope to complete the entire project by mid-summer. We will maintain a record book of gifts and honorees so that we can reflect on the recognition and memories of our loved ones. Please mark your extra gifts in the offering as "Parlor Fund" to insure they reach the desired purpose, and THANK YOU!!

I Will Support My Church with My Presence	
Attendance:	Apr 16
Sunday School	49
8:25 Service	48
10:55 Service	84
Facebook Live	167

I Will Support My Church with My Gifts	
Total of	Apr 16
Sunday School	63.00
Missions	305.00
Youth	1,296.00
Parlor Fund	200.00
Coffee Time	15.00
Memorial General Fund	100.00
Weekly Required	10,000.00
Contributions	10,872.00
YTD Offering	155,364.00
YTD Required	160,000.00
(+/-) Difference	-4,636.00

<u>I Will Support My Church with My Service</u>	
Building Checker	
Week of April 16	Ken Kimble
Week of April 23	Ben Spaulding
Altar Guild	
April	Ben & Ann Spaulding
May	Brenda Bryan

Counters	
April	Jay Trussler & Frank Langham
May	Richard Dix & Virginia McKee

Kitchen Monitors	
April	Patty Roberts
May	Pam Riddle

Door Greeters	
April 23	Deborah Blanton & Jonathan Shedd
	Julie & Mike Giffin
April 30	5 th Sunday
	Richard & Susan Wakeman

Coffee Time	
April 23	Topsy Layne
April 30	The Porter's
Communion	
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

Don Rounds

Requesting prayers for the family of Wayne Clouse

Wayne passed past Sunday, April 16 at the age of 90. He was a former principal of North Coffee Elementary School. He survived by his wife, Patsy, daughter Christy (Doug Green's fiancée), and son Jason Clouse.

(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.



Apr. 12 – Apr. 25, 2023, Church Family Birthdays

Apr 14	Janet Thornton
Apr 16	Stephen Maddaloni
Apr 18	Bud Riddle
Apr 20	Pam Brooks
Apr 20	Ann Stevenson
Apr 22	Ami Shedd
Apr 22	Susan Wakeman
Apr 24	Ann Raby

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.