



MEET OUR INCOMING Director of Children & Youth, Nathaniel Parrow, and his family! His wife's name is Alicia (right). The eldest son is Alexander. His daughter is Khaydence. The middle son is Giovanni, and his youngest son is Ezra.
We look forward to seeing them soon!

- DOOR GREETERS**
- 1st Service** **2nd Service**
 Kaye Tracy- 4/5
 Nellie Leonard
- The Wakeman's- 4/12, 19th The Truesdale's- 12, 19th
 Deborah Amacher- 26th The Bryan's- 26th
 Deborah Blanton
- COFFEE TIME**
 Lois Thormaehlen- 4/5, 12th
 Deborah Blanton- 4/19, 26th
- KITCHEN MONITOR**
 Deborah Thorington
- COUNTERS**
 Sue Wakeman, Richard Dix
- ALTAR GUILD**
 Patty Roberts
- HOLY COMMUNION**
 PREP- The Bair's
- SERVERS-** Denise Dix, Pat Cassidy, The Thorington's
- BUILDING CHECKERS**
 Week of 4/5- Mike Childs
 Week of 4/12- Butch Niederhauser
 Week of 4/19- John Richardson
 Week of 4/26- Bud Riddle

April Birthdays

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| Steven Marshall- 1st | Ann Stevenson-20th |
| Yvonne Waggoner- 1st | Alexander Williams- 20th |
| Kaye Tracy- 2nd | Sue Wakeman- 22nd |
| Tripp Trussler- 3rd | April Patterson- 24th |
| Butch Niederhauser- 6th | Ann Raby- 24th |
| Mary Beth Johnson- 7th | Anita Goodman- 27th |
| Stephen Maddaloni- 16th | Nancy White- 28th |
| Bud Riddle- 18th | |

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, April 18th @ 8am
DAMRON'S

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR...

Keith & Jennifer Crouch, Rev. Stephen Lee, Charles Roberts, Donna Keeling Richard Eddings, Mary Rounds, Ken Kimball

Missionaries: The Guzman's (Mexico), The Barbee's (Thailand), The Reyes' (Latin America)
 The Babcock's (Malawi).

Young Adults...

APRIL 10

GRILL and CHILL

05 PM

103 N Church St.
 Manchester, TN

MAUNDY THURSDAY Service

5:30pm April 2nd

GOOD FRIDAY

It Is Finished
 WORSHIP 6PM
 April 3rd

MANCHESTER FMC OFFERS A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

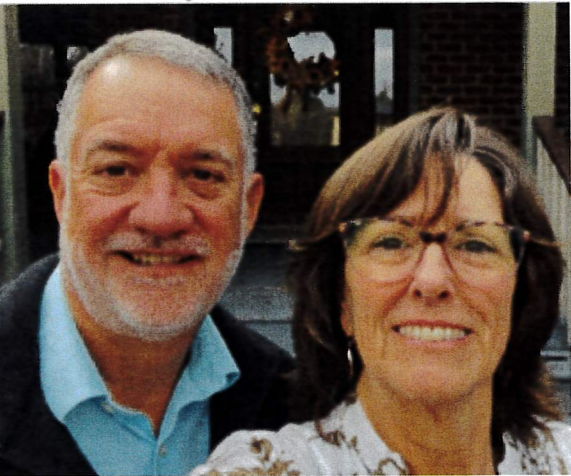
Clint, Sherry, & Katie Healey



Jeremy & Riley Mylan



Will & Jenny Shelton



JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY FOR A SPECIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE

11AM WORSHIP ONLY

Growing in God's Love and Learning Every Day
MANCHESTER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Church Family,
 As spring begins to bloom all around us, we are reminded of God's beautiful creation and the new life that comes with this season. It's a special time to reflect on growth—not only in nature, but in the hearts and minds of our preschool children. Each day, we strive to plant seeds of faith, kindness, and curiosity, trusting that God will help them grow in His love. We offer a sincere thanks to those who read to our preschoolers during Read Across America Week. The children enjoyed every story, smile, and moment shared. It is such a blessing when you pour into the life of a young one in such a meaningful way.
 This week, the CLC is enjoying Spring Break—a time to rest, recharge, and be with loved ones. When we return, we look forward to an exciting final stretch of our school year, filled with lots of learning, laughter, and hands-on fun. Thank you for your continued prayers & support for our preschool ministry. We are so grateful to be part of a church that values nurturing children in both education and faith.
BE the LIGHT!

MARCH MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
 The Thorington's & The Child's gift given to the Welcome Center in memory of Russell Fye Sr.

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EVERY SUNDAY

8:30am Blended Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

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NOTE: The deadline for submission to The Lightshine is the 20th of each month.
Early receipt of your article will help ensure adequate room for that issue.
Please email any articles or info to churchassist@manchesterfmc.org.

WOMEN'S GROUP INFORMATION

Sunshine Fellowship- Join us April 22nd at 10am in the Parlor. Elaine McKelvey will give our devotion from chs. 4 & 5 of "Lies Women Believe" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.

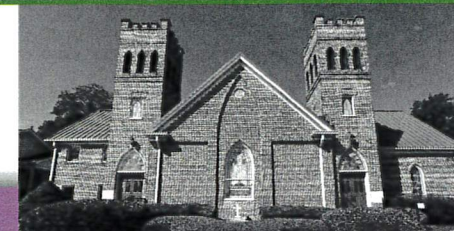
Sallie O'Neal Fellowship will meet at the home of Lois Thormaehlen on April 20th at 6:30pm. All women are invited.



THE LIGHTSHINE

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transformation of the world.*



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From the Pastor's Desk...

Moments are as numerous as the stars in the sky and any one of them could prove to hold divine significance. When you dream, you look for a moment to come. When one is missed, you glimpse an opportunity lost. But one thing is for certain, of all the moments out there, the one that lies in front of you is the most important because what you do with it has the potential to affect every moment to come.

Atomos is the Greek variant for our English word *moment*- reminding us of the word atom. In atomic energy, nuclear capacity is produced by the disproportionate power released by fission which is incredible considering an atom's size. But when we seize divine moments, we instigate a similar "atomic-like" reaction. We become a human catalyst with divine impact. The result can be earthshaking.

Our view of God determines the level of intimacy we have with Him just like how we understand God to work directly affects the life we live in Him. Even the shift from receiving to following Jesus is significant. Receiving Jesus allows us to remain stationary as God comes to us; following Jesus demands our movement with God, a movement that is highly dependent on choosing to respond. Choice is the key to unlocking the divine potential of each moment. They are the gate through which our divine journeys begin as we choose to be centered in God's love. This is one reason the resurrection matters.

On that 3rd day, as the sun rose that Easter morning, the Son of the Most high did as well, releasing an incredible amount of power with Him. Jesus then remained with His disciples for a period of time to console, strengthen, and restore them. With the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, Jesus knew that gift bestowed upon them would be the key for His power to be unleashed throughout the earth. It was as unstoppable then just as it is today. That power is only limited by our decision not to allow the Spirit to use us when we feel God's prompting. We must simply make the choice to obey. All other activities we describe as spiritual (worship, prayer, fasting, meditation, etc.) create space for God to move in our lives. It is like Adam in the Garden of Eden. He could have chosen to eat from any number of trees, enjoying a variety of fruit. Any choice was right except one, and Adam chose wrong and life descended from glory into chaos. Like Adam, our choices plot a course and determine a destination, moving us either toward God or steering us away from the life He desires for us. Yet, even with our wrong choices, God, in His great mercy, still pursues and invites us to choose Him...to choose the life He offers one moment at a time.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mike