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EVERY SUNDAY

8:25am Blended Worship
9:45am Sunday School
10:55am Worship

Visit our Web Site

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.



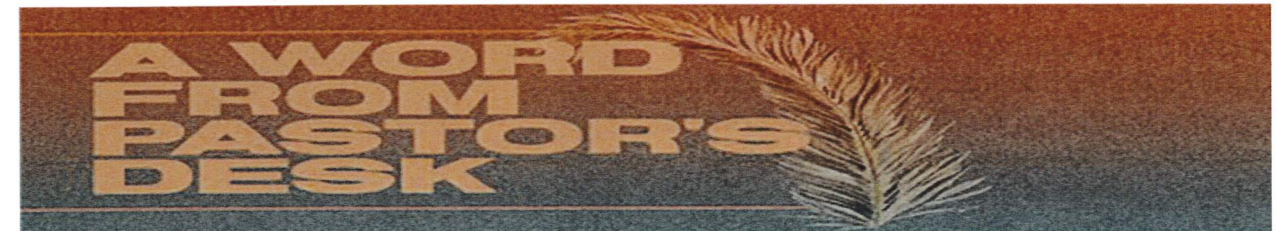
THE LIGHTSHINE

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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.*



December 2025



"Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David." Luke 2:4

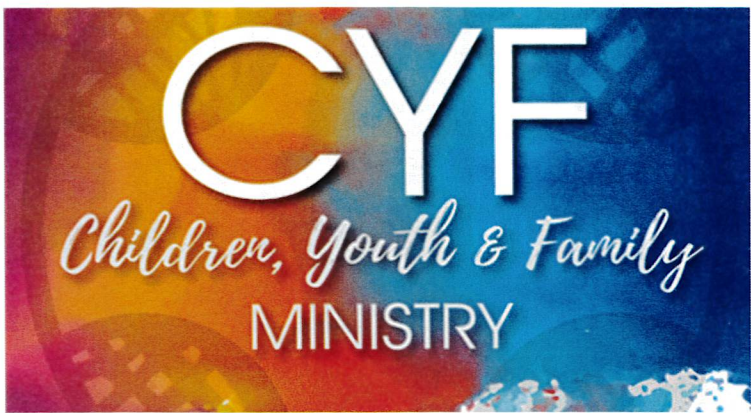
The days leading up to Christmas are some of the busiest travel days of the year. Soon the roads will be filled with people heading home for the holiday. Cars and SUV's will be loaded with luggage, gifts, and families making the journey, knowing that home awaits them at the end of their travel.

What sights and sounds represent "home" for you? For some, Christmas reminds them Mother's macaroni salad or Grandad's Red Velvet cake. It's listening to Dad's story about the time when his chainsaw got stuck cutting the yule log. We head to our home for the holidays because where we come from it is part of who we are.

The days leading up to the birth of Christ found Joseph and his family traveling home to Bethlehem. Everyone had to return due to a census, which was just in time for Jesus' birth. Where Joseph came from and, ultimately, where Jesus came from mattered in God's great plan. Jesus' home fulfilled the prophetic voice that foretold that the Messiah would be from the house of David, that he would be born in Bethlehem. Joseph's return was a perfectly orchestrated piece of God's mighty plan.

Home means different things for everyone. Perhaps you don't have those fond memories of smoked turkey, baked ham, and handmade gifts. But where you come from still matters friend, because you come from the very heart of God. God dreamed up every detail of you before you were born and He is working your origins, your past, present, and future, together as part of His grand plan. And, if Christ is your Savior, your future includes a journey to a new, eternal home in heaven. May we spend this season looking heavenward in our hearts, knowing one day we will all truly be home for the holidays (Zondervan, 52-53).

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mike



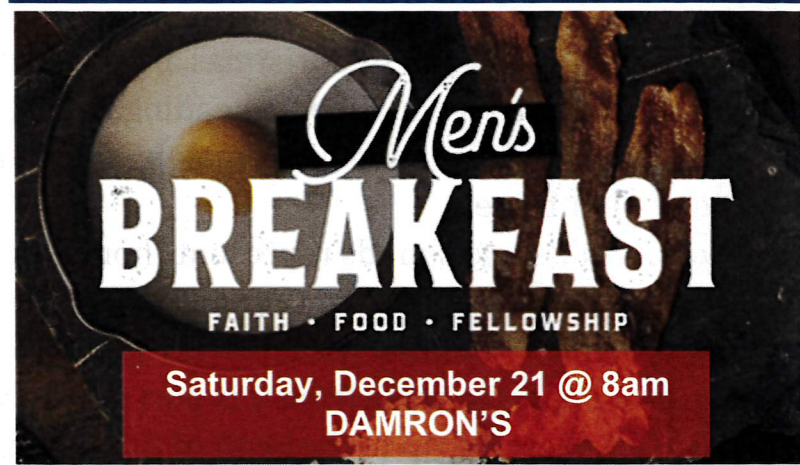
Manchester FMC is actively seeking a part or full-time Children & Youth Minister to begin rebooting our programs. Interested candidates should contact Pastor Mike at pastor@manchesterfmc.org.

Thank You
Volunteers!

- DOOR GREETERS**
1st Service
Billie McEwen- 12/7, 14th
Leah Marlin-12/7, 14th
Zach Gardner + ?- 12/21
2nd Service
Mike Keeling- 12/7, 14
Elaine McKelvey- 12/7, 14
Brenda Fibelkorn- 12/21
Kaye Pratt- 12/21
Brenda Fibelkorn- 12/28
Kaye Pratt- 12/28
- COFFEE TIME**
Deborah Blanton- 12/7
Teri Christian- 12/14, 21
The Thorington's- 12/28
- KITCHEN MONITOR**
Elaine McKelvey
- COUNTERS**
Lois Thormaehlen, Richard Dix
- ALTAR GUILD**
Sue Wakeman, Deborah Thorington
- HOLY COMMUNION**
PREP- Julie Giffin
- SERVERS- 1st Service-** Sarah Potuk, Deborah Thorington
SERVERS- 2nd Service- The Anderson's & The Holland's
- BUILDING CHECKERS**
Week of 12/7- Seth Mesaros
Week of 12/14- Doug Greene
Week of 12/21- Jim Thorington
Week of 12/28- Bob Truesdale



Teri Christian- 1st	Jeremy Dutton-11th
Seth Mesaros- 3rd	Allison Beachboard- 13th
Bethany Mesaros- 7th	Elaine McKelvey- 13th
Gerry Trumper- 8th	Susan Truesdale- 22nd
	Tammy Corona- 27th



Men's BREAKFAST
FAITH • FOOD • FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, December 21 @ 8am
DAMRON'S

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS
A gift was given to the General Fund in honor of Marlin Hoover by Bud & Pam Riddle.
A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Don English by Pat & Joane Cassady.
A gift was given to the Choir Fund in memory of Don English by Mike & Karla Childs.

DECEMBER
Prayer Requests

Will Shelton, Charles Roberts, Donna Keeling, Richard Eddings, Linda Forrester, Mary Rounds, JaNelle Burt

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

Christmas Cantata
"Here We Come a'Caroling"
11am Service
December 14th

WHITE CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES
Please join our church family as we reach out to those in our community through our annual White Christmas food box distribution. Boxes will be assembled on Friday, Dec 19th at 2pm, and our distribution will follow on Saturday, Dec 20th, from 9-11am. If you know a family in need, please contact the church office. Donations will also be accepted throughout December. Thank you in advance for your support of these 100 boxes and we look forward to a time of fellowship and serving together!
Be a blessing through MFMC!

Advent Readers
November 30th (5th Sunday)- The Mesaros' Purple Candle

1st Service The Wakeman's- 12/7 Purple Candle The Thorington's- 12/14 Pink Candle Deborah Blanton- 12/21 Teri Christian- 12/21 Purple Candle	2nd Service The Giffin's- 12/7 Purple Candle The Bryan's- 12/14 Pink Candle The Williams'- 12/21 Purple Candle
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Christmas Candlelight- 12/24 @ 5:30pm
The Cobb's- Christ Candle

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays- 11am & 6pm
Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th only



join us for a
celebration
honoring
Michael and Patricia Anderson
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration!
Saturday, December 20, 2025
from 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening
Manchester First Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
105 North Church Street
We would be delighted to see you...
no presents please

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

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving lunch with our preschool families filled with great fellowship and delicious food catered by Allison Chumley with Taste of Tennessee Catering. A heart felt thank you goes out to all who volunteered their time to serve our families. Your kindness, hard work, and servant hearts are appreciated.

Moving into the Advent Season, please plan to attend our Christmas musical entitled, "Sing for the King," held Tuesday, Dec 9th at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for a beautiful evening of worship and celebration.

Remember that thankfulness opens our eyes to the blessings God places in our path each day. So may your homes be filled with peace, joy, and love of family and friends. Wishing each of you a warm, wonderful and truly blessed Thanksgiving!

Be The Light!
Angie Gann – CLC Director