

DOOR GREETERS

1st Service

The Smoyak's- 7/5, 12th
Topsy Lane- 7/19, 7/26
Kelly Meltzer- 7/19, 7/26

2nd Service

The Bair's- 7/5, 12th
The Williams- 7/19, 26th

COFFEE TIME

Terri Christian- 7/5
The Langham's- 7/12, 19th
TBD- 7/26

KITCHEN MONITOR

Deborah Blanton

COUNTERS

Jerry Reid, Richard Dix

ALTAR GUILD

Pam Riddle, Allison Beachboard

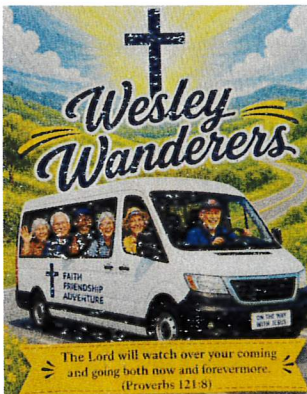
HOLY COMMUNION

PREP- Seth Mesaros

SERVERS- The Thormaehlen's 1st Service
The Holland's & The Langham's 2nd Service

BUILDING CHECKERS

Week of 7/5- Freddie Fibelkorn
Week of 7/12- Bob Truesdale
Week of 7/19- Butch Neiderhauser
Week of 7/26- Marlin Hoover



Wesley Wanderers—
Will meet on Tuesday, July 14th
at 10:30am in the Fellowship
Hall. Guess speaker will be
Joyce McCullough. She will
have some of her children's
books available to purchase.
Meeting will be followed by a
covered dish lunch.

Good Samaritan is in urgent need of volunteers on
July 20th and 27th. Those willing to serve our
community should consider volunteering. Contact
Nellie Leonard for more information at 931-409-4490.



Bill Tracy- 9th
Kara Maples- 10th
Nicole McKelvey- 11th
Mike Anderson- 12th
Kay Smoyak- 14th
Leslie Trussler- 15th
Nicole Holland- 17th

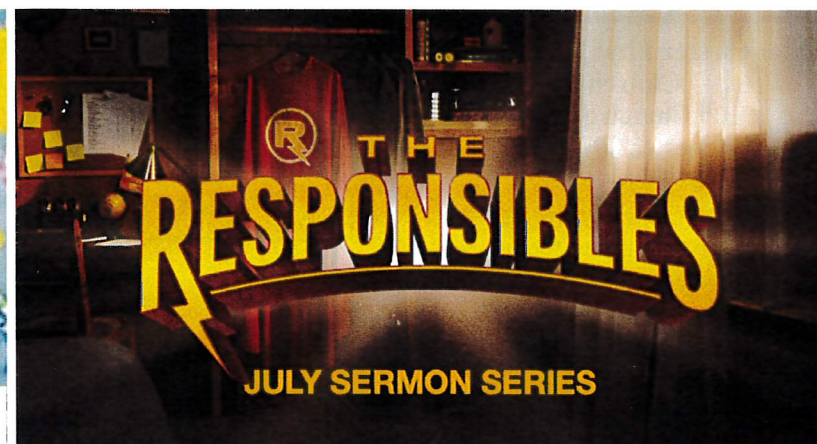
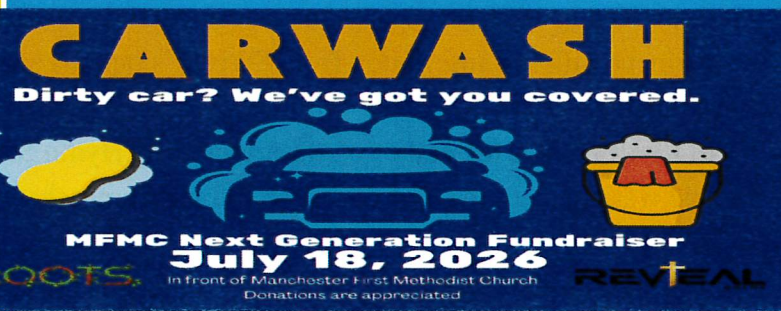
Roderick Christian- 20th
Tommy Potuk- 25th
Sheila Bair- 26th
Nathaniel Parrow- 27th
Mark Williams- 30th

PRAYER REQUEST

Keith & Jennifer Crouch, Charles Roberts, Donna Keeling Richard Eddings, Mary Rounds, Ken Kimble, Don Hockett, Luke Beachboard and UT College of Vet Medicine for travels to Honduras
Missionaries: The Guzman's (Mexico), The Barbee's (Thailand), The Reyes' (Latin America)
The Babcock's (Malawi).



Saturday, July 18, 8am at Medley's



Love Club's Mat Ministry



A Day on the Caney



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- *A gift was given to the Youth in memory of Beverly Smith by The Tracy's.
- *A gift was given to missions in memory of Beverly Smith by Julie Giffin.
- *Gifts were given the CLC in memory of Mattie Finney by The Christian's and The Truesdale's.
- *A gift was given to the children's ministry in memory of Harry Giffin by The Child's.
- *A gift was given to Good Samaritan in memory of Harry Giffin by Nellie Leonard.
- *A gift was given to Youth and Children's Fund in memory of Harry Giffin by The Glass'.
- *A gift was given to the youth fund in memory of Harry Giffin by The Bryan's, The Brassfield's & Holt families.
- *A gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Harry Giffin by The Kendrix's.

JULY 4TH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

We need volunteers for our 4th of July Community celebration! We need people willing to get hot dogs, pastries, if anyone knows how to get a bouncy house for kids, drinks, basically anything lending itself to a community event. Please contact Nathaniel Parrow @ youth@manchesterfmc.org or 931-728-4624.

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EVERY SUNDAY

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

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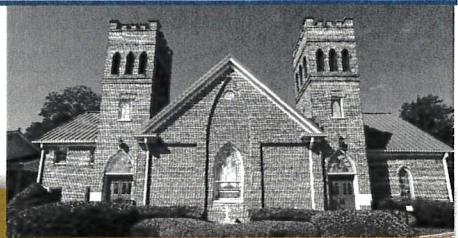
NOTE: The deadline for submission to The Lightshine is the 20th of each month.
Early receipt of your article will help ensure adequate room for that issue.
Please email any articles or info to churchassist@manchesterfmc.org.



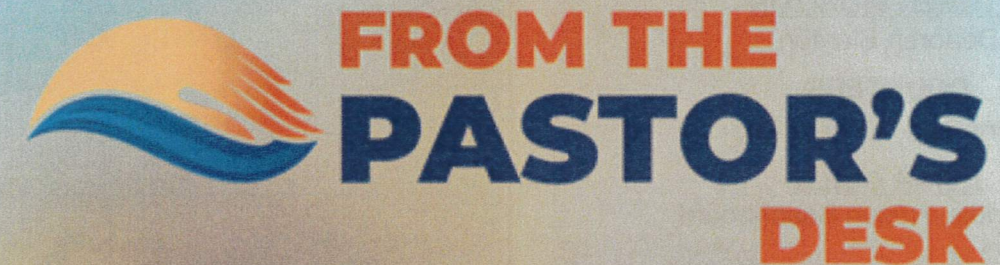
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*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the
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JULY 2026



*“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sin and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!”*

More than a century ago, on the streets of Port Hope, Ontario, a man could be seen walking along carrying a saw and a sawhorse. One day a rich man from across the street saw him and said to his friend, “He looks like a sober man. I think I’ll hire him to cut wood for me.” His friend replied, “That’s Joseph Scriven. He wouldn’t cut wood for you. He only cuts wood for those who don’t have enough to pay.” That about sums up the philosophy of life for Joseph Medlicott Scriven, a devoted member of the Plymouth Brethren Church, who took the Sermon on the Mount literally.

Scriven was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1819. He fell for a lovely young woman, but on the eve of their wedding she accidentally drowned. Scriven never recovered from the shock. The Irishman began to wander, hoping to forget his sorrow and at age 25, finally settled in Canada. Scriven’s faith led him to do menial tasks for poor widows and the sick. He often worked for no wages and was regarded by the people of the community as a kind man, albeit a bit odd. He later fell in love again and planned to marry a wonderful Canadian woman, but again, tragedy struck. His fiancée died after contracted pneumonia.

In 1855, a friend visited an ill Scriven and discovered a poem that he had written for his ailing mother in far away Ireland. Scriven didn’t have the money to visit her, but sent the poem as encouragement. He called it, “Pray Without Ceasing.” When the friend inquired about the poem’s origins, Scriven reportedly answered, “The Lord and I wrote it as something between us.” He never intended for the poem to be published, yet it made its rounds and was set to music in 1868 by musician Charles Converse, who titled it, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” It has since become one of our greatest hymns.

Scriven died in 1886 (ironically, in an accidental drowning). In his memory, the town of Port Hope erected a monument with this inscription from Scriven’s famous song: *In His arms He’ll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.*

Lindsay Terry is the author of “Heartwarming Hymn Stories” (Sword of the Lord Publishers), from which this article was adapted. In all of our trials and searching, there is only one who is meant to fill the void: Jesus Christ.
Grace & Peace,
Pastor Mike