

DOOR GREETERS

1st Service

Deborah Amacher- 5/3

Teri Christian- 5/3

The Thorington's- 5/10, 17

The Thormaehlen's- 5/24

2nd Service

The Healey's- 5/3

The Holland's- 5/10

The Langham's- 5/17, 24

5th Sunday- 5/31

The Bair's

COFFEE TIME

Sarah Potuk- 5/3, 10th

The Thorington's- 5/17, 24th

Mike Childs- 5/31

KITCHEN MONITOR

Pam Riddle

COUNTERS

Virginia McKee, Richard Dix

ALTAR GUILD

Brenda Bryan

HOLY COMMUNION

PREP- Deborah Blanton

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

BUILDING CHECKERS

Week of 5/3- Rogers Starr

Week of 5/10- Claus Thormaehlen

Week of 5/17- Freddie Fibelkorn

Week of 5/24- TBA

Week of 5/31- Mike Giffin

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

*A gift was given to the Welcome Center in memory of Russell Fye by The Thormaehlen's & The Truesdale's.

*A gift was given in memory of Russell Fye to the piano fund by The Cassady's.

*A gift was given in memory of Jean Johanson to the Welcome Center by The Bryan's.

*A gift was given to The Music Fund in honor of Marie Kimble by Barbara Arp.

*A gift was given to the Parsonage Fund in honor of The Fibelkorn's by The Child's.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

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



Inez Hendrix- 1st	Connor Bryan- 15th
Pat Cassady- 2nd	Addison Carter- 15th
James McKelvey- 3rd	Virginia McKee- 17th
Mike Keeling- 6th	Nancy Daniel- 18th
Deborah Thorington- 10th	Kathy Bailey- 19th
Karen Henegar- 11th	Pam Riddle- 19th
Tara Young- 12th	Denise Dix- 22nd
Nancy Huddleston- 13th	Rev. Michael Cobb- 26th

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the incredible welcome given to my family since we arrived at Manchester First Methodist Church. It is such a blessing to step into a church that clearly reflects the love of Christ in both word and action. Freddie, Frank, Jim, Bob, your spouses, and anyone else I've met but may have missed mentioning, thank you for the time, effort, and care you put into preparing the parsonage for our arrival. You have made this transition smooth and supported.

To everyone who came out on move-in day to lend a hand—we are so grateful. Your service spoke volumes, reminding us that we are joining a church family that shows up for one another! Tammy, Angie, Seth, Ricky and Tracy—thank you for the warm welcome at the office. You made those first days comfortable and encouraging.

A heartfelt thank you to the women's group for lunch and filling our fridge with groceries. That level of thoughtfulness and generosity was overwhelming during such a busy time. To every person, committee, and group who prayed for our family and discernment throughout this process, thank you. We truly feel that God has guided every step of this journey.

Pastor Mike — thank you for your guidance and placing your trust in me to lead this incredible ministry. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you, sincerely excited about what lies ahead. Before we know it, the next generation will be filling the pews, serving the church and the community, and living boldly for Christ. It is an honor to step into this role and partner with you in that mission. Please continue to pray for us. I would love the opportunity to meet each of you—so please don't hesitate to introduce yourself. Invite families and young people to come and be part of what God is doing here. Most of all, continue to be present and show the love that you so generously shared with us. It's what makes MFMC a special place!

With gratitude,
Nathaniel Parrow
Director of Children and Youth Ministries
Manchester First Methodist Church

MAY SERMON SERIES...

Twisted

Most Misused Verses of the Bible

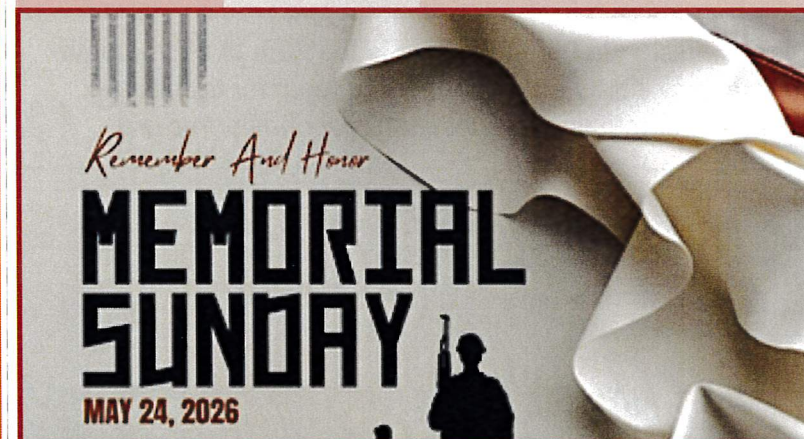
COMING MAY 21st 5-7pm

Gather with others to create special crafts, prayer shawls, ornaments, and other decor that will go out to members/guests who are home-bound, in the hospital, or under the care of a loved one.

You never know what a special blessing it can be to receive a handmade item crafted with love, care, and prayer from MFMC, wishing you the grace & love of our Heavenly Father.

Please come and join us~
Sherry Healey & Amanda Cobb

Spread the Love Club
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, MAY 16th, 8AM at Old Fort Restaurant



Growing in God's Love and Learning Every Day

MANCHESTER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe we're down to the last four weeks of preschool! These days are full and sweet as our little ones stay busy learning, growing. They love being back outside in our garden—planting, watering, and caring for what they've worked so hard to grow. There's just something special about watching their excitement as they see it all come to life!

We also have a few special events right around the corner. Our Muffins for Mom will be held on May 8, 7:30am-8:30 and we'd love any volunteers willing to help us serve and make our moms feel extra special—please call the church or preschool office if you're able.

Pre-K Graduation will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM. While it's always bittersweet to see them go, we are so proud and know they are more than ready for what's ahead. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Please keep our staff, children, and families in your prayers as we finish this school year strong—and as we begin preparing for all that God has in store for next year.

Be the LIGHT!
Angie Gan

Thank You from Mary Rounds—“Thanks to those who came and celebrated my birthday! It was a complete surprise! I loved every minute of it and enjoyed seeing all of my church family! I love all of my children and family that came as well. Thanks again!”

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE...
METHODIST MEN'S

BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER

MAY 30th & 31st
Carry Out: 11am-1pm

Join us for our...
5th Sunday
Church Potluck
May 31st

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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.

**PLANTING
A SEED!**

**EXCITING NEWS
ABOUT CHILDRENS
MINISTRY
SPROUTING SOON!**



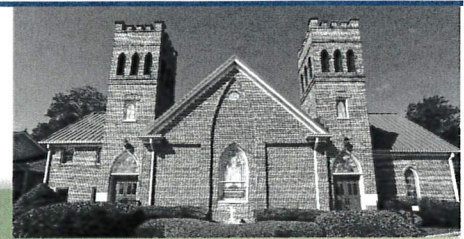
WESLEY WANDERERS is beginning again! Join us May 14th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Dean Northcutt. It's going to be a wonderful time in fellowship, sharing a potluck lunch together! For questions, please call Nellie Leonard at 931-409-4490.



THE LIGHTSHINE

Manchester First Methodist Church

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



MAY 2026

From the Pastor's Desk

Pentecost Sunday is shared with Memorial Day worship this May 24th. I remember a while back I was strongly motivated by my wife to finish some renovations years ago when I recalled the tag line from a Home Depot commercial: “*You can do it. We can help.*” I knew *I could* do it, but was just unsure about getting the help—until I went to my local store. Sure enough, they fixed me up with paint and trim colors, countertop and tile selections, and our kitchen fixtures. Their motto was proven true—except what I *really* needed was help finishing the project!

“*You can go do it. We can help.*” Does that define the body of Christ striving together for God’s Kingdom? When those early Christ-followers received the Holy Spirit during Pentecost, God’s power intersected with their faith enabling the movement of The Church to continue. Whenever the Hebrew people in the Old Testament experienced God’s mighty work, they would commemorate those encounters in a special way. In Exodus 24, receiving the Book of the Covenant, we see Moses “*set up twelve pillars [stones],*” each representing a tribe of Israel (v.4). Under Joshua’s leadership, after God parted the waters of the Jordan, twelve men were instructed by Joshua to get twelve stones as a memorial. Then he says, “*When your children ask in time, ‘What do these stones mean to you?’*” you shall tell them what God has done (Josh 4:3, 6-7). These memorials were synonymous with one Hebrew word— *Massavot*, or “What happened here?” Today, if we were to visit Israel and Palestine and see these stone memorials, we would know that each one tells a story of God’s mighty power.

In the New Testament, the Apostle Peter understood this concept in a magnificent way when he writes, “*You yourselves- like living stones- are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ,*” the Chief Cornerstone (1 Pt 2:5). As a Christian, you are *like* living stones— a marvelous display of God’s mighty work of grace and a treasured possession of the Most High. You are a *Massavot* demonstrating “What happened here?” Peter goes on to say, “*These living stones should live such good lives... [that] they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of his return*” (1 Pt 2:12). The phrase “good deeds” in Hebrew is the word *mitzvah*— or sacred, God-oriented actions. In other words, Christians should live their lives in such a way that those who need the Lord would see and want to know more. Our lives should cause curiosity in the choices we make, the peace we offer, the wisdom we display, and the love we give. It should cause others to ask, “*Massavot—what’s happened here?*”

When was the last time someone looked at your life and asked, “What happened?” Has that ever occurred? With all we have faced to date, imagine what would happen if the lives people lead matched the faith they proclaimed. It would demonstrate the love they’ve found in Jesus.