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

Let's honor our First Responders with a special
Thanksgiving Meal November 20th from noon till 2pm.



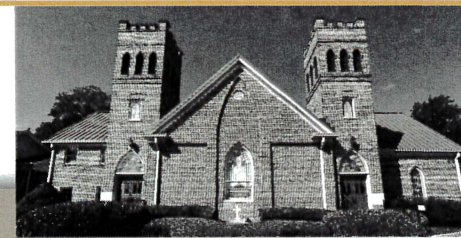
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THE LIGHTSHINE

Manchester First Methodist Church

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



November 2025

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

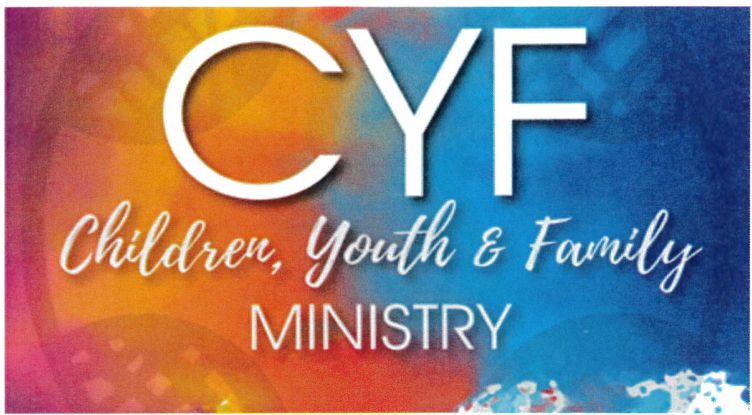
More than a century ago, on the streets of Port Hope, Ontario, a man could be seen walking along carrying a saw and a sawhorse. One day a rich man from across the street saw him and said to his friend, "He looks like a sober man. I think I'll hire him to cut wood for me." His friend replied, "That's 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. At age 25, he finally settled in Canada. Scriven's faith led him to do menial tasks for poor widows and the sick. He often worked for free and was regarded by the people of the community as a kind man, albeit a little odd. Later, he fell in love again and planned to marry a wonderful Canadian woman. But tragedy struck again. His fiancé died after contracting pneumonia.

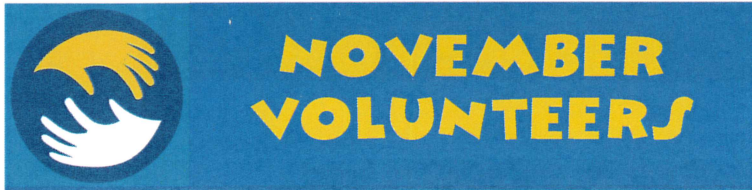
In 1855, a friend visited an ill Scriven and discovered a poem that he had written for his ailing mother in far away Ireland. Scriven didn't have the money to visit her, so he sent her a poem as encouragement. He called it, "Pray Without Ceasing." When the friend inquired about the poem's origins, Scriven 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 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, by 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 carry us through every tragedy and fill every void we may find ourselves in: Jesus Christ.

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.



DOOR GREETERS

1st Service Deborah Blanton- 11/2, 9th
2nd Service The Anderson's- 11/2,9th
Teri Christian-11/2, 9th
The Thormaehlen's- 11/16 The Langham's- 11/16
The Thorington's- 11/23 The Langham's- 11/23
5th Sunday- Kay Pratt + **Servant Needed**

COFFEE TIME

Brenda Fibelkorn- 11/2, 9th
Servant Needed- 11/16, 23
Deborah Blanton- 11/30, 12/2

KITCHEN MONITOR

Nellie Leonard

COUNTERS

Frank Langham & Richard Dix

ALTAR GUILD

Trish Anderson & Susan Truesdale

HOLY COMMUNION

PREP- Bethany Mesaros

SERVERS- 1st Service The Thormaehlen's
SERVERS- 2nd Service The Giffin's & Thorington's

BUILDING CHECKERS

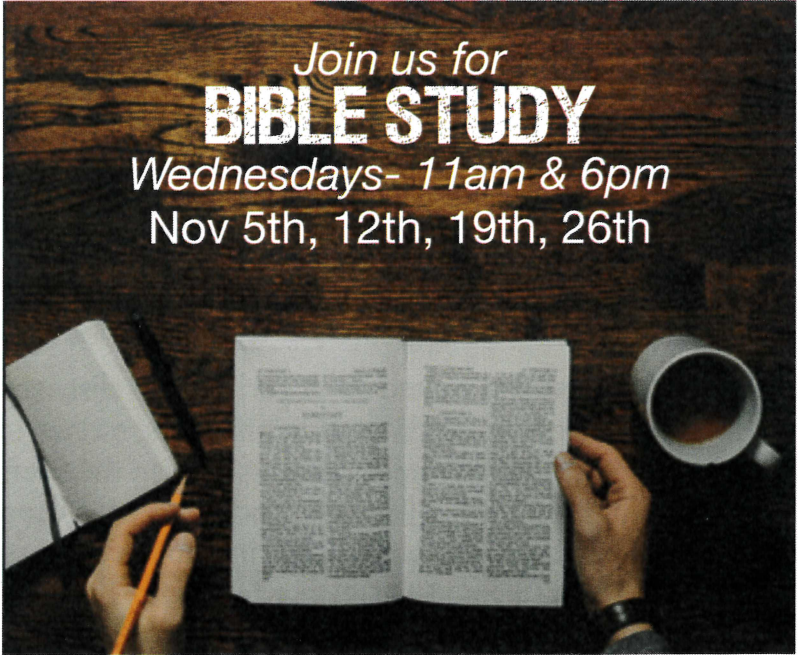
Week of 11/2- Frank Langham
Week of 11/9- Dennis Bryan
Week of 11/16- Justin Bryan
Week of 11/23- Butch Niederhauser
Week of 11/30- Eric Beachboard



Richard Dix- 2nd	Brianne Miller-13th
Leo Marple- 4th	Jon McHann- 14th
Eric Beachboard- 6th	Owen Dutton- 15th
Angie Gann- 7th	Larson Meltzer- 19th
Faye Huffman- 7th	Wade Stevenson- 24th
Jean Heard- 9th	Holly Jones- 25th
Bob Truesdale- 9th	Doris Hendrix- 27th
	Donna Welch- 28th

From The Mission's Committee

We would like to thank you for your gifts of love to the recent fundraiser we pulled together for the Wesley Heritage Foundations, increasing mission's month! We contributed \$520 to this effort!



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Signups for White Christmas food baskets will begin November 19th. Sign up by visiting the church's website or by calling the church office @ 931-728-4624.



Denise Dix, Charles Roberts, Donna Keeling, Don English, Richard Eddings, Linda Forrester, Mary Rounds
Missionaries: The Guzman's (Mexico), The Barbee's (Thailand), The Reyes' (Latin America), The Babcock's (Malawi).

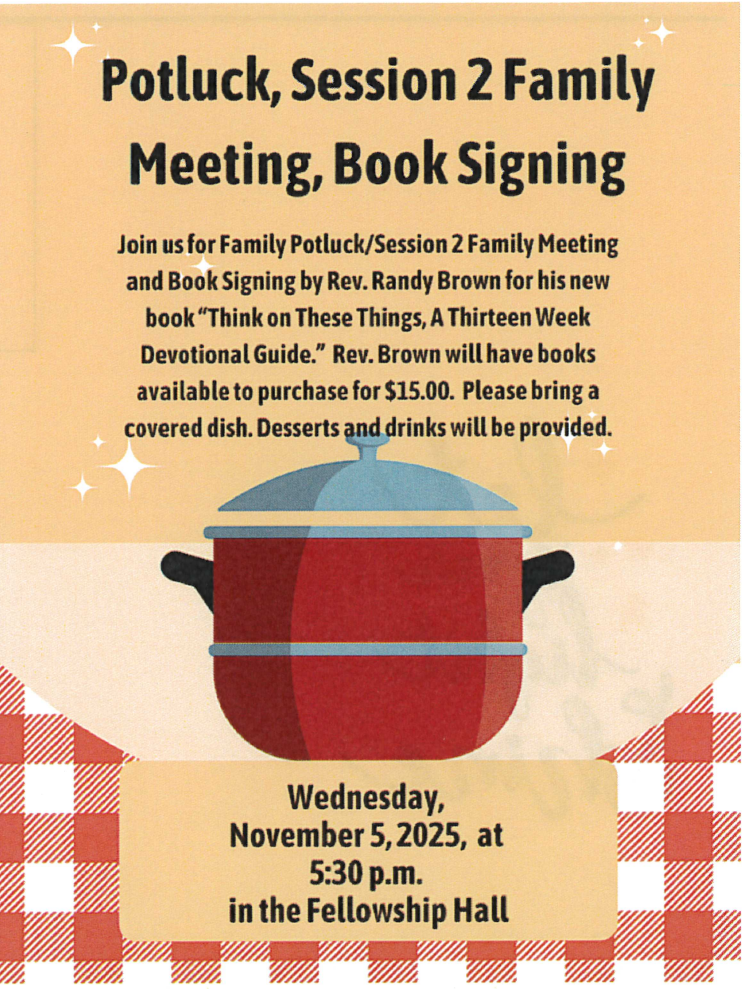


MANCHESTER FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

MFMC Christian Learning Center News

Hello Church Family,
We're moving into our busiest (and most joyful!) season here at MFMC-CLC! Classrooms are full of excitement as we prepare for several upcoming special events.
We're looking forward to our Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch on Friday, Nov 14th, from 11:00–1:00. Please make plans to attend! This is always a sweet time of food, fellowship, and gratitude. Details about how to sign up will be forthcoming. Also, our preschoolers are hard at work practicing for their Christmas musical, "Sing for the King," scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 9th. Come and support this joyful celebration of Jesus' birth!

Thank you for a wonderful turnout at Trunk-or-Treat. We're so glad we brought it back! Special thanks to everyone who helped make it a success! We cherish your prayers for our preschool staff as we teach, love, and care for the children God has entrusted to us.
"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Cor 16:14
Be the LIGHT!
Director, Angie Gann



Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be available in the Welcome Center on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Shoe boxes are due back at the church no later than Sunday, November 23rd. We will line them up at the altar and have a blessing before sending them out to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you in advance for considering a gift for Christmas to children in need!

In order to build our programs for the next generation, we need people like you to serve in our children's ministry teaching Sunday School or helping out. This way, we can create a rotation like the nursery so that no one person is burdened with all the work. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord in such a vital area. Building for the future requires investing in the NOW.