

SEEDS *of* Faith



Manchester First United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Sunday School 9:45 (Combined classes in Fellowship Hall until further notice)
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am (Nursery Provided 9:30 - Noon)
Choir Practice after Worship (temporarily suspended until further notice)

November “Seeds of Faith”

Daylight Saving Time
ends

Sunday, November 1st @ 2:00am





From Pastor Don:

To continue my theme from last month, all around us are signs of the Kingdom unfolding. “What!?” you say, “Look around you Pastor Don! The world is in turmoil, people can’t agree on the things that need to be done or even know how to talk about identifying the things that need attention. Our leaders are bickering among themselves, unable to agree on the path forward, or even the safest baby-steps to slowly bring back some sense of normality. They can’t even agree on the steps that have brought us all to where we are today! Our country is in the throes of what must surely be the most controversial election season in our history. Despite the heroic efforts of healthcare professionals, missionaries and volunteers, people are dying by the thousands, nobody knows what to believe or who to follow – and the world economy is falling into chaos while our own is exhibiting signs of slowdown. Does this look a time of transitioning to the Kingdom?”

In a word, “yes!”

One of the hallmarks of humanity is our inability to agree on a single purpose or to come to a consensus on such divisive issues as how things are versus how things should be, or what things mean. What does it mean when the Bible tells us that the New Jerusalem will come down from Heaven, or even that Christ will come again in glory? After all, there was, and still is, much debate about the “glory” in which Christ first came into the world! How then can we expect that we will agree on that which is to come and which has, hitherto, been both unseen and unknown? What we know about the Kingdom of God might well fill a thimble in contrast to what we do not know.

And yet, we eagerly await all these things, looking for the day when the Kingdom will be fully realized – at that time when Christ will dwell among us in person as well as in our hearts and all the world will have given itself over to the One. In 1Peter 1:3, Peter writes of Christians being given “...a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” (v.3) and that “In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith...may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (v.6-7).

This is the hallmark of Christians everywhere – that we suffer and endure, prevailing not for our own glory but for the sake of the Gospel. Though we are fearful and undergo trials, we have Faith – which is the freely given gift of God, a grace which will lead us home to Him. It is Faith, the knowledge and belief of that which lies beyond the confines of Creation, that gives us the assurance and perseverance to put the troubles of the times from our minds when we lay our heads down to rest, and it is that same Faith that gets us back out of bed in the morning. (Doubly so, for me – after all, I have to get her out to do her business!).

This week, let us turn to a new page in the diary of our lives, and write therein of the grace and love of God by which we endure through the pandemic. Whether or not we can trust our leaders, let us place our faith instead in the one enduring constant throughout all time and space – God. Let us discern God’s will in our innermost hearts, finding therein the assurance and strength to weather the storms of life. In the aftermath of Easter, the world was changed – Christians had to learn to live in a post-resurrection world and to set their sights on the things of God rather than of the world. Today, we find that we must gear up to live in a post-pandemic world, and hope to keep our eyes still lifted beyond the drudgeries of life to the things of God. Well! The more things change, the more they stay the same, right? Onward, then, to the prize, Christ the Lord who is Risen! Alleluia! Amen!

Grace and peace to you all from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Don



WESLEY WOODS
FOUNDATION

October 15, 2020

Rev. Donald D. Richards
Manchester First United Methodist Church
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Dear Don,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful Mother's Day Offering gift of \$95.00 from Manchester First United Methodist Church to support the mission and ministry of Wesley Woods. We are especially grateful for your generosity during these uncertain times when older adults are even more vulnerable.

Charitable financial assistance for housing and meals, pastoral care and wellness programming are basic tenants of "The Wesley Woods Difference." The need for these programs has gained greater prominence during the pandemic as we continue to deliver on **our mission to create communities of connection, well-being and promise.**

We thank you, again, for the role of your congregation in helping Wesley Woods celebrate older adults for the lives they have lived, the wisdom they share and everything they have left to teach us. We hold you with gratitude in our prayers.

Gratefully,


Diane Vaughan
President

*Thank you for
your support!*



Sunday, November 1st All Saints Sunday - Communion

9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 Worship

Ephesians 1:1-6:23 "Wesleyanism 1"



Sunday, November 8th, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 Worship

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "The Coming Of The Lord"



Sunday, November 15th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 Worship

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 "Clear The Calendar!"



Thursday, November 19th

SPRC Meeting 6:00pm

Sunday, November 22nd, Christ the King

9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 Worship

Matthew 25:31-46 "Concerning The Judgement"



Sunday, November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent

Debbie Linnell Preaching

9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

11:00 Worship

TBD



In The works for December, but details are not yet finalized:

Empty Stocking program

MFUMC Christmas Program

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Prayers Go Up Blessings Come Down

We are praying for ours at home:

Debbie Banderas (Pastor Don's Sister) George & June Nesmith, Gladys Mitchum, Jeanette Lanier, Sybil Schmalz, Betty Smith

We are praying for those in Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehabilitation:

Helen Henderson; Dale Mann; Eunice Tuttle; Billie Maulden, Twin Fountains, LaGrange, GA (Lucille Clark's mother); Ed Hooten

We are praying for our Church Family:

Dan Crawford, Fannie Wilson, Marijo & Robert Eubanks, Jessica Koon, Mitch Britt & Family. Cards may be sent to Myra Amason at Mike & Cathy's:
2415 Judson Bulloch Rd, Manchester, GA 31816

We are praying for our family and friends:

Brooke McDaniel, Tommy Fuller, The Family of Travis Birchfield (Myra Amason's Brother), David Griffith, The Family of Bobby Connor, The Family of Joni Pilkinton, The Family of Alan Shockley, Jerry Loftin, Kim Garrett, Ben & Delores Garrett

We are praying for those workers who help us through the crisis:

Healthcare workers, EMTs, Grocery store workers, Truck drivers, all others who risk exposure to provide essential services.

We are praying for the needs of the world:

Peace and Justice, Our Country and our President, First Lady, and administration; our City, State & County government leaders; Our economy; school systems: administrators, teachers, students; homeless & shut-ins; victims of anxiety and depression; first responders (fire, police); those suffering from addictions; unspoken concerns & prayer requests.

We are praying for those serving in the military:

Michael Penn

happy
birthday!

Donald Hainline 9th

Tara Davis 18th

Tony Tuttle 19th

Landen Dyer 22nd

Linda Hester 27th

*****WE HAVE WI-FI IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL*****

Log In = mfumc
Password = Pentecost!

† **Please NOTE: On occasion the Church office does not get information before deadlines.**

When that happens your request, date, etc. will be in the next Newsletter and & or Sunday Worship Bulletin. Occasionally a date, person, etc., may be omitted by mistake.

† **Church Website:** www.manchesterfirstumc.org

† **Sunday School Classes** – Sunday @ 9:45

† **Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00AM to 4:30 PM (with a short break for lunch) Monday & Friday: **OFFICE CLOSED** – National holidays observed

† **Deadline is Tuesdays by NOON for news, articles, etc. to appear in the Sunday bulletin;**

If a donation & contribution is made after the deadline, it will appear in the next week's Sunday bulletin.

2020 Budget Needs:

Income Needed Weekly on 2020 Budget	\$ 3,960.00
2020 Budget	\$ 205,897.00

Thank you for giving! Should you have questions regarding church finance; i.e., budget, treasurer's report, etc. please feel free to contact **Ed Withrow**, Chair, Finance Committee and & or **Donnie Koon**, Treasurer

† Please check the weekly worship bulletin for memorials and honorariums.

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November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1st, All Saints Communion 9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall 11:00 Worship Ephesians 1:1-6:23 <i>"Wesleyanism 1"</i>	2	3 ELECTION DAY  Office Closed	4	5	6	7
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22 Landen Dyer Sunday, November 22nd, Christ the King 9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall 11:00 Worship Matthew 25:31-46 <i>"Concerning The Judgement"</i>	23	24	25 Office Closed	26 Thanksgiving 	27 Linda Hester	28
29 Sunday, November 29th, 1st Sunday of Advent Debbie Linnell Preaching 9:45 Combined Classes Sunday School - Fellowship Hall 11:00 Worship TBD	30	"Happy Birthday" From Pastor Don: "When Having Thanksgiving, Remember to Give Thanks!"				