

Cornerstone Newsletter of

Manchester Christian Church

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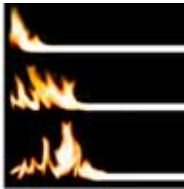
MISSION: POSSIBLE

GOAL: \$6,000.00 in 12 weeks

This would be an average weekly giving of \$500.00 per week

As of right now our average weekly giving is \$427.33

Good morning! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, involves debt reduction for the Manchester Christian Church and supporting Missions



THANK YOU! For becoming an active part of this life changing experience!

First week's collection amount: \$820.63
Second week's collection amount: \$244.78
Third week's collection amount: \$478.15
Fourth week's collection amount: \$372.05
Fifth week's collection amount: \$221.02
Sixth week's collection amount: \$189.31
TOTAL TO DATE: \$2,325.94



SEASON OF PRAYER

Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Room #15 All are invited to share

Due to the lack of participation—Vacation Bible School has been canceled here at MCC. Thank you to all those who volunteered to head up the program / teach / work / help.



ANNUAL MEN'S
 CORN ROAST
 MONDAY
 AUGUST 11, 2008
 6:30 P.M.

MCC Picnic Pavilion
 Sign the list in the main hallway if you can attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
 Sunday, August 24th,
 ALL CHURCH PICNIC
 AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Provided: hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, beverage, ice cream and toppings.



Bring: a side dish or munchies also tableware



Pie Eating Contest
 Sign up today - for ages 10 & up

Tug of War



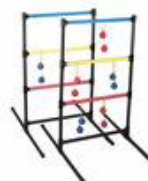
Sack Races



Corn Hole



Hillbilly Golf

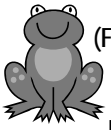




Senior Saints Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday, July 19th, 12:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish and your own table service.



F.R.O.G.
(Fully Rely On God)
Sundays
6:00-7:00 p.m.
For grades K-5th



S.O.L.E.
(Serving Our
Lord Everyday)
Wednesdays
7:00-8:00 p.m.
For grades K-5th

Senior High & College



TRACK
Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:00 PM



2XL
Wednesdays
6:30-8:00 PM
Grades 6th-8th

**UP COMING ACTIVITIES FOR
TRACK & 2XL (grades 6-college)
SIGN THE SIGN-UP SHEETS!**

ROLLING GREENS PUTT PUTT GOLF

Sunday, August 17th—5:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet at MCC return to Lakeview

Cost: \$5.00 each



BOWLING Wednesday, August
20th—6:30-9:00 p.m. Meet at MCC
Cost: \$10.00 (Park Center Lanes on
Whipple Ave. \$2.75 per person per
game - Free shoe rental)



COFFEE SHOP REMINDER

There is no charge for the regular or decaf coffees, nor for the teas, however there is a \$0.50 *per cup* charge for all the cappuccino/hot chocolate type drinks. There is also a request that donations be made for the pastries provided (muffins, doughnuts, honey buns etc.)

PARENTS: we really appreciate your help in seeing that your children are supervised in the coffee shop area.



Family Life Center Open for Walkers/Joggers
Monday through Friday the FLC is open
at 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.



FLC OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

for age 18 and up Thursday 8 p.m. & Saturdays at 9 a.m.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please write the name down and place it in the top tray on Jinger's desk. Names will be listed for 3 weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Contact Vi Dickerhoof (330-882-3742) with emergency prayer chain request.

Our Shut-Ins: ALMA DOZMATI, (Stow), CAROL KOEBERLE (Essex Health Care - sister of Rose Brown), JERILYN DELAUDER (at home), NELLIE SMITH, (Alterra Barberton), JOSH (Arbors Nursing Home—cousin of Kathy Ayres), WILLIAM & KATHRYN GREGG (Shady Lawn)

Donations Needed through the Year

The M&M's Ministry Team has decided to take items to the homeless 4 times a year. The blue tote will be in the coat room all year for donations. Our next request is for snack pack, crackers, water, socks, fruit cups, chap stick. If you would like to give a monetary donation, just ear mark it and put in the offering plate. Also if you would like you may donate insulated gloves all through the year when you find them on sale.



AUGUST SCHEDULES

NURSERY CAREGIVERS



- August 3rd: 8:50: Lilabelle Mullenix
9:50: Wendy Ling, DJ Lair
- August 10th: 8:50: Shelly Chappell
9:50: June Luli, Tanner Crowder
- August 17th: 8:50: Joan Greenfelder
9:50: Jinger & Shawn Hoffman
- August 24th: 8:50: Sue Justiss
9:50: Charisse Gardner & Chelsea Chappell
- August 31st: 8:50: Maryellen Taylor
9:50: Paule' Sponseller & Gabby Sanderson

SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Meditation / Offering Prayer & Servers

August 3rd: Jack Brown & Jim Taylor

Ray Broughton, Jack Brown, Fred Cornell,
Seth Chappell, Kip Gardner, Butch Merrill

August 10th: Jim Taylor & Kevin Noble

Randy Duncan, Timm Evans, Alan Garside,
John Henderson, Terry Haddix, Jerry Justiss

August 17th: Kevin Noble & Bill Wells

Josh Lair, Kevin Noble, Earl Kirkendall,
Butch Merrill, Lewis Six, Ed Simon

August 24th: Bill Wells & Roger Chappell

Tim Sponseller, Rob Templeton, Bill Wells,
Don Wells, Ben Ream, Dale Jolly

August 31st: Roger Chappell & Rob Templeton

Randy Duncan, Timm Evans, Alan Garside,
John Henderson, Terry Haddix, Jerry Justiss



OUTSIDE COMMUNION SERVERS

Kip Gardner (330-882-3845)

Don Wells (330-854-5461)

DEACONESS:

- August 3rd & 10th: Wendy Ling
- August 17th & 24th: Mary Kirkendall
- August 31st: Charisse Gardner



GREETERS

- August 3rd: Josh & Tammy Lair
- August 10th: Kip & Charisse Gardner
- August 17th: Rob & Nancy Templeton
- August 24th: John & Sandy Henderson
- August 31st: Jeff & Debbie Lewis



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>August</h1> | | | | | 1 Men's Softball League—Tournament or make up game  | 2 M/M Mark Hoffman '86 |
| 3 2:00 Fellowship Hall in use by the Jolly/Hoffman Families | 4 M/M Rob Templeton '84 7:00 Season of Prayer room #15 | 5 M/M Jamie Taylor '06 Even Taylor Maryellen Taylor 8:30 Ladies Bible Study (cook: Jinger H.) | 6 10:00 Season of Prayer room #15 | 7 Kelly Gowen Ministry Anniversary '05 | 8 M/M Josh Lair '89 M/M Kevin Noble '87 Helen Wells Men's Softball League—Tournament or make up game | 9 |
| 10 | 11 7:00 Season of Prayer room #15 6:30 Annual Men's Corn Roast at MCC | 12 8:30 Ladies Bible Study (cook: Sue J.) | 13 10:00 Season of Prayer room #15 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Open Gym & Games at church 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers, SOLE -K-5th grade | 14 M/M Ben Ashley '04 Sue Justiss | 15 Jake Goliath Men's Softball League—Tournament or make up game | 16 |
| 17 Mark Herwick Lakeview/MCC youth - Putt Putt 5:00-8:00  | 18 Jack Brown Lisa Diebold Ann Hagelbarger 7:00 Season of Prayer room #15 | 19 Dave Luli Danielle Trippett 8:30 Ladies Bible Study (cook: Robyn) 12:00 Senior Saints Luncheon | 20 10:00 Season of Prayer room #15 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade—Bowling 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers, SOLE -K-5th grade | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Chad Gillentine Rebecca McGough 5:00 All Church Picnic/Ice Cream Social  | 25 Andy Crowder 7:00 Season of Prayer room #15 | 26 Perry Harper Butch Merrill 8:30 Ladies Bible Study (cook:) | 27 M/M Kelly Gowen '83 10:00 Season of Prayer room #15 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi & College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers, SOLE -K-5th grade | 28 | 29 | 30 M/M Jerry Justiss '75 |
| 31  | | | |  | |  |

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Many people remember General Douglas A. MacArthur for three words of promise: "I shall return." These words were spoken in March 1942 as part of a declaration made upon his departure from the Philippines, during World War II, at the order of President Franklin Roosevelt. Japan had taken control of the Philippine Islands and MacArthur was ordered to relocate to Australia. It was a promise made to his soldiers and the people of the Philippines...a promise he kept in October 1944 as he returned full force, and reclaimed the islands.

A colorful and often controversial figure, MacArthur was known for courage and determination, but was also considered by many to be extremely egotistical. Others consider that this "egocentrism" was not real, but that he was merely misrepresented by superiors who were being "shown up" by his forthright talk and undeniable successes.

I wasn't there, so I don't claim to know whether MacArthur was or wasn't hung up on himself, but I've read several quotes from him, and I am very impressed at the insight this man had. For example, he is credited with the following quote:

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."

This is something of which we need to be continually reminded. And another quote, which shows his "truer" nature:

"By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder—infinately prouder—to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life. And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me not from the battle but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father who art in heaven.'"

MacArthur was a man of faith, and a man who knew that our safety and well-being is greatly linked to the way we live our lives. Read the following words, and note that they were spoken prior to 1964:

"History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

America has seen a great moral decline, one that began a more rapid advancement in 1962, and continues to pick up speed today. Our present predicament of political uncertainty and economic disarray should not be so surprising; MacArthur may have made the statement, but it is simply a reflection of what has befallen every great nation that has risen to power, only to yield to moral decay.

My only hope is that rather than see ultimate national disaster, America will somehow turn to a spiritual awakening. Have you been trying to wake anyone up lately?

The alarm is sounding....

