

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	45
Last Sunday's Offering	\$5,209
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$2,805
Offering YTD	\$28,127
Difference to Offering YTD	\$6,491

- * **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex
- * **Listening devices are available upon request**

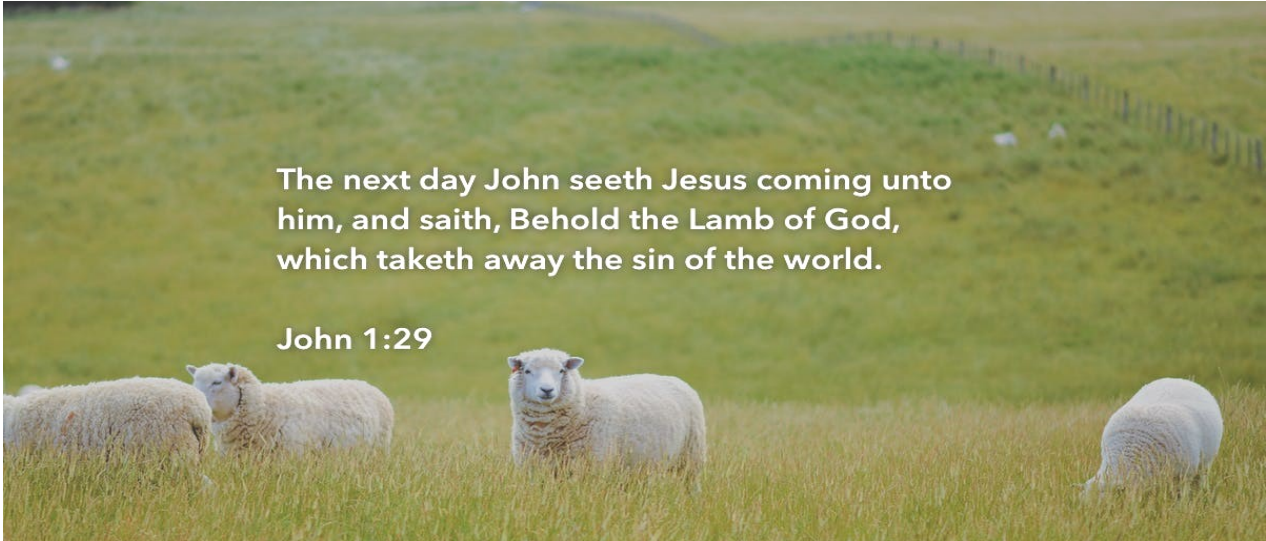
- * **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.
- * **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph
- * **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
- * **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children’s Message
Lesson: Telling Others about the Savior, John 1; Matthew 4, Luke 5)
- * **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**
- * Sign up to host future Coffee Hour’s in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

Phone: 419-756-7066 **Email:** office@mansfield1st.com

Elders

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Sunday, March 10th, 2024
John's Testimony, Part 3 - The Lamb of God
John 1:29-34, Exodus 12:1-7, 13

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship
A School of Religious Education
A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC



Order of Worship

March 10, 2024

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Sermon Notes

Call To Worship: (Psalm 84:1-3)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:**

#196 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Tucker Bacquet

Call to Confession: (Psalm 84:4-8)

Tucker Bacquet

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

Father God, You have truly blessed us beyond measure. We are blessed to know that You hear us and that You will surely answer our prayers. We are blessed because we know that You are patient and long-suffering and willing to forgive our transgressions whenever we repent in earnest faith. Continue to bless Your people, we pray. Help us to always seek Your face and build up within us a desire to walk in Your ways all the days of our lives. Anoint us with Your Holy Spirit and preserve us within Your household always. Teach us to remember that greatness in the world pales in comparison to the least within Your eternal Kingdom. Raise our eyes to the heavens and let our hearts long for Your courts until You bring us home to Yourself. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 84:9-12)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Offertory:

Angie Hunter

"Be Still, My Soul" arranged by Jay Rouse

**Please stand as you are able*

Sunday School

Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Library. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten -2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.

Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **Next meets on March 20th**

Spirit Seekers - Meets every other Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next meets on April 7th**

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **Next meets on April 7th**

***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released to go to Kids Own Worship

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

Song of Preparation:

Chief of Sinners Through I Be
(see insert)

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 1:29-34, Exodus 12:1-7, 13

Sermon: John's Testimony, Part 3 - The Lamb of God

***Affirmation of Faith:**

(The Apostles Creed)

(All)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#403 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on pages 863 & 51 in the red pew Bible.*

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS

Our American Freedoms
 Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Carol Nemeth
 Healing for Martha Ball
 Healing for Pat Olsen
 Healing for Dan Davis
 Healing for Beverly Urschel
 Healing for Joseph James
 Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourk
 Healing for Martha Montague
 Healing for Nik Stevens
 Healing for Edda Braun
 Healing for David Doerr
 Healing for Agie
 Healing for Janis Gibbs
 Healing for Ryan Christman
 Sellards Family
 Diana Hammer & family
 Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin
 Maxine Smith
 Don Harding
 Sally and Bill Wyatt
 Ms. Vivian Stevens
 Elizabeth Arthur
 Patsy Himes
 Jim Standridge
 Hazel Bigner & family
 Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice
 Maureen Doherty
 Mark Doherty
 Kaelin Scott
 The Thomassen Family
 James Willis
 Brandi Coe
 Caroline Ruth, home hospice
 Eurobrass
 Chris and Emily Carpenter and family
 EduNations and its students
Over——>



From March 3rd-17th We will collect boxes and bags of cereal to donate to the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Please consider writing a note of encouragement & God's love on the boxes or bags you bring in.

Church Town Hall Meeting - Immediately following worship there will be an informational "Town Hall meeting" on Sunday, March 17 regarding an overture that has been sent by our Session to the Presbytery of the Alleghenies. The overture is contained within the Session minutes from February 18, which are located in the Narthex

Good Friday Service - March 29 at 7pm.



Calling all craft lovers and those with helping and willing hands! Children's Ministries is forming a Ye Younge Gift Shoppe Committee and we would love your help. We'll be meeting once a month to plan and prepare 2-3 of the crafts for this year's Ye Younge Gift Shoppe. First meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th at 9:00 am in Westminster. Refreshments provided. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex or contact Jenn Bacquet.

Greeters Needed! - If you would like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have questions see Tucker Bacquet."



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, March 10th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, March 11th	1 pm	Quilters
Wednesday, March 13th	9 am	Ye Young Committee Meeting
	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, March 14th	10 am	Prayer Group
	6 pm	Preschool Daddy & Me Night
Sunday, March 17th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour



Families & children of the Sudan

Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph & Jodie

Shawn Wade & Our Preschool

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward

Mayor Jodie Perry

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

All Christians being persecuted around the globe

For Revival in our city, state & county

Palestinian Christians

Jerusalem and all those in harms way

For everyone else not listed, but also in need of prayer

The Youth of Richland County

YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:

3/1

Ricky

Healing & strength for Sally Oswalt

Healing & strength for Lanny Reader

Healing & strength for Jack Cowell

Healing for Jeff

Healing & strength for Tom

Healing & strength for James

Dave, in need of kidney transplant

Praise, answer to prayer for Brook to find a job

Praise, Dean is Cancer free!

2/22

Jeff's circulation and heart issues.

Tom who has cancer

James who has cancer

Moment for Missions

At The Salvation Army, we know that one of the first results to occur in times of crisis is food insecurity. Many families don't know where their next meal will come from. Whether the cause is a natural disaster, financial strain, or a pandemic, many families in need struggle to find nutritional food on a regular basis.



The Mansfield Salvation Army food pantry anyone within the income guidelines, set by The Cleveland Food Bank, who resides in Richland County can visit our food pantry one time per calendar month. However, if we have extra food after the food pantry clients are served, anyone is welcome to get groceries Monday through Friday. The food boxes contain a variety of nonperishable foods that will feed the family three days' worth of food for the size of family that they sign up for.

In the 2023 fiscal year, we served 3,518 boxes of groceries, which helped serve a total of 7,511 people groceries. As of last year, on average we served 202 people per month a hot meal and a total of 2,424 people served throughout the year. Our Hot Meal program is held every Friday from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm. If we have leftovers from this, we give out seconds on the meal or offer take home dishes.

For inquiries on volunteering for the food pantry, please contact Tammy Vaughn at tammyvaughn@use.salvationarmy.org or for volunteering for the hot meal program contact the Major Robert Bender or Major Karen Bender at robertbender@use.salvationarmy.org or karenbender@use.salvationarmy.org

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

LORD'S DAY 10

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power,¹ whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,² and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,³ indeed, all things, come to us not by chance⁴ but by his fatherly hand.⁵

¹ Jer 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28.

² Heb 1:3.

³ Jer 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; Jn 9:3; Prov 22:2.

⁴ Prov 16:33.

⁵ Mt 10:29.

Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity,¹ thankful in prosperity,² and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love;³ for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.⁴

¹ Job 1:21, 22; Ps 39:10; Jas 1:3.

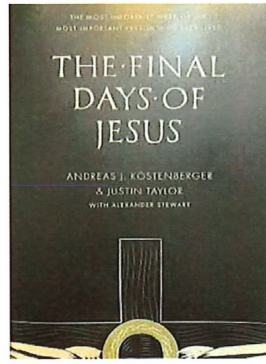
² Deut 8:10; 1 Thess 5:18.

³ Ps 55:22; Rom 5:3-5; 8:38, 39.

⁴ Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov 21:1; Acts 17:24-28.

March Book of the Month
Easter Selections for the Whole Family!

For Adults



The Final Days of Jesus by Andreas J.

Kostenberger Justin Taylor

Combining a chronological arrangement of the Gospel accounts with insightful commentary, charts, and maps, this book will help you better understand what actually happened during Jesus's last days and why it matters today.

For Teens and Tweens



The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

by C.S. Lewis

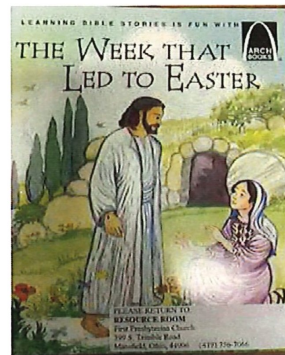
No book better illustrates the powerful love of our Lord and Savior than this! The first in The Chronicles of Narnia to be published, readers will be whisked away to the enchanted world of Narnia where they will meet 4 siblings, a terrible witch, and the Great Aslan!

For Kids



A Child's Story of Easter by Fulton Oursler

This beautifully illustrated picture book begins with Palm Sunday and ends with the Ascension, but reminds us that the story is not finished yet.



The Week That Led to Easter

by Joanne Larrison

In the classic rhyming fashion of all Arch Books, this picture book walks children through the events of Holy Week and ends with our Savior's joyous resurrection.

Good Friday Worship Service



Friday, March 29th at 7pm

We will begin with the Eucharist and then transition into a *Tenebrae** service of Song and Scripture, going through the

"Seven Last Words of Christ",
ending the service in darkness and
silence.

Everyone is welcome!



EASTER LILIES

\$10 each

Lilies will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

Following the service,
if you purchased lilies,
please take them home with you.

Please fill out the portion below and return it with a check or cash (in a labeled envelope) to the church office, or place in the offering plate by Sunday March 18th.

Name: _____

In **Honor** or **Memory** of?:(circle which one applies)

Number of lilies: _____

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

77 77 77

W. McComb, 1793-1873

GETHSEMANE
R. Redhead, 1820-1901

1. Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His blood for me,
2. O the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3. Je - sus on - ly can im - part Balm to heal the smit - ten heart,
4. Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is All in all to me;

Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might nev - er die.
Deep - er than the depths of sea, Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sor - rows are His own.

As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.
Love that found me - won - drous thought! - Found me when I sought Him not.
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
Safe with Him from earth - ly strife, He sus - tains the hid - den life.

5. O my Savior, help afford
By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.