



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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What will 2018 bring?

That is a question that I heard many times over the last two weeks.

Will 2018 bring more of the same?

We will for the most part get out of 2018 exactly what we put into 2018. We will grow numerical and financially as a congregation as we invite new people to come and as we invest in new ministries that God opens for us.

We will mature spiritually as we spend time in prayer, Bible study, and serving others in Christ name.

It is not too late to set some goals for what you would like to become in 2018. Begin with the end in mind. What time of the day will you set aside for God? Where and how will you serve him by serving others? What books will you read that will inspire you to be more Christ-like? Keep a journal or prayer tablet to remind me to pray for others and then track how God intervenes and works in people's lives.

We talked on Jan. 7th about living into your Baptism, these are some of the ways that you and I can live into our Baptism. Please let me know how you are experiencing God as you seek to live into your baptism and grow in him during 2018.

See you Sunday at the Father's House.

Bro. Randy



A Note from Dana:

By the time you read this we will have celebrated yet another New Year's Day and are preparing ourselves for what this New Year will bring. I think most of us tend to get a little nostalgic around this time. We hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" (which by the way comes from Scottish and English words meaning literally "old long ago") and we remember things and people from our past.

I think it is a healthy thing for us to remember where we came from. This is especially true for the people of God. In fact, when you study the history of the Hebrews you will see they placed a great deal of value of telling their story from as far back in their history as possible.

It's good to think back to different times. But (and you just KNEW there was a "but" coming!) WE CAN'T LIVE THERE. Chuck Swindoll says "We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude."

So what attitude are we heading into this new year with? I pray that we will resolve to trust God more, love each other better and help our neighbors unconditionally. Will you make that covenant with me?

Grace and Peace,

Dana

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Wednesday we resume classes! As I said in last week's article we kick off the year studying commitment. Our "key question" is How can you hear from God? When kids think about hearing from God, they may have questions. Since God doesn't speak audibly, how can I hear from Him? We hope they learn that by reading God's word they can hear from God and discover what he wants for their life.

In week 1 we will read Matthew 7:24-27. Here, Jesus tells a parable at the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Two builders build homes; one on a solid foundation and the other on shifting sand. Our solid foundation in life comes from hearing and doing what Jesus says.

Lastly, I wanted to make one last batch of Thank you to people who make the Children's Department work! Thank you to Doris Hendrix, Pam Brooks, Miss Bonnie & Aunt Bea, and of course the other staff members who always bend over backward to help when their talents are needed! I hope to see you Wednesday when we resume our activities at the church!

Mrs. Jackie
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**Choir rehearsal
Wednesday at
7:15 p.m. in the choir
room. See you there!**



I hope this finds you happy and well. We are gearing up for another exciting semester at #Hangout. During the month of January, we will be finishing up the book of Revelation. After revelation we will be doing the Bible studies that go along with the movies the Shack, a Case for Christ, God's Not Dead 2, and the Letters to Mother Teresa. Warmth in Winter is February 9-11, 2018 at Opryland hotel in Nashville Tennessee. If you are willing to be a prayer partner for one of our students, please let me know. The prayer partner relationship for this is different from that of big stuff. All that is asked of you is to write your person a note for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

As you know by now I am serving on the Stones River District Strategy team and we are continuing our work to prayerful discern Gods next faithful steps for the churches of the Stones River District. Many of you have asked how our work is going and are praying for us and our work and that is very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for our team, the churches and church staffs in the district and Max Mayo our District Superintendent. Not only do we need your prayers, we need your help as well. Below you will find a survey link that will take about 2 minutes to complete. This survey is anonymous.

If you would rather take this survey on a hard copy and give it back to me I will have those available at church on Sunday. Thank you for your time and continued prayers. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManchesterFirstCV>

As always thank you for allowing us to be a part of your youth's journey. My office door is always open. If you need to talk about anything please do not hesitate to get in contact with me and set up an appointment. In the grip of HIS grace,

Randa

***Lewie Combs, From St. Bedes Episcopal Church here in Manchester, is looking for someone to teach a small children's Sunday School. If you are interested call 728-3234.

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given in memory of Bob Smith and in honor of Beverly Smith to the General Budget by Ryan & Sarah Smith.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Rosalie Stringfellow by Sandra Schoenberger.

Gifts were given to the General Budget in memory of Doris Rynd by Claus & Lois Thormaehlen, Mary Frances Brantley and Jim & Debra Thorington.

A Little Methodist History

The Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church was founded in 1852 and completed after the Civil War. It's the only church in the donomination formed by an act of the General Conference. The idea was to create a church that would be a representative presence of Methodism in the nation's capital, and also to be a home, to be a worship place for the wayfarers, for different people who came to Washington, D.C.

By the late 1800's the congregation included nearly 550 members and offered a Sunday school for Chinese immigrants.

In the 1930's, the church moved to its current location in northwest D.C. near American University, which was also founded by the Methodist Church.

Today this church is know as the National United Methodist Church in Washington D.C. Visitors marvel at the stained glass windows, vaulted ceiling, gothic details, and the plaques on the pews for each state.

National United Methodist Church seeks to set an example in areas of social justice, community outreach and inclusiveness. Ministries include a transitional housing shelter and a food program which serves 1,300 meals a week to those in need.

College students interested in a Summer Internship or One-Year Fellows can find information here:
www.pttennessee.org/apply Applications are due January 15, 2018



Wednesday Night Menus

Jan 10: Pot roast/gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, honey glazed carrots, roll, tossed salad/dressings & chocolate chip bar

Jan 17: Homemade chili, cornbread/crackers, veggies & dip, fruited Jell-O salad



Sallie O'Neal Anniversary Fellowship Meeting

The Sallie O'Neal Fellowship will meet Monday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at the home of Karla Childs. Doris Hendrix will present the program entitled "It is Climate Justice—Why is it a Religious Issue?" If you need a ride, please call Debra Thorington at 728-4187.

UMW-Wesleyan Wanderers Joint Program for January

Ed and Joan Leichner, who manage the funds for Bless the Children in Matamoros, Mexico, will be here Tuesday, January 23 for a joint UMW-WW meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Programs change as needs and conditions change. Some procedures and uses in this program have changed since we began supporting it about 10 years ago. Ed and Joan will update us on the program, how it operates, how needs are met, etc. They will have slides of the children. The Missions Committee, Sunday school classes, individuals, or anyone who supports this program is encouraged to come join us for this presentation. January is traditionally "soup month", and the covered dish items you bring should be something to go with soup, or deserts.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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All that we have belongs to God.
*“The earth is the Lord’s, and
 everything in it, the world, and all who
 live in it” (Psalm 24:1).*



It's time to start planning for the annual Community-wide Easter Cantata! This year's cantata is entitled: *Amazing Love, How Can It Be* written and arranged by Russell Mauldin. Rehearsals for the musical will start **SUNDAY, January 21st** at 4 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 1513 McArthur Drive here in Manchester. Tentative performance dates are Thursday, March 27 and Friday March 28. Both performances are at 7:00 p.m. See Dana for more details!

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I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	Jan 7
Sunday School	81
8:25 Service	58
10:55 Service	94

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Jan 7
Sunday School	61.00
Missions	855.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	30.00
Youth Fund	35.00
Required weekly	TBD
Budget Contribution	11,365.00
Year-to-date offering	11,365.00
Offering needed to date	TBD
(+/-) Difference	

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

Jan 7	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn	10:55 Madison Miller
Jan 14	Megan Fibelkorn	Elijah McCoy

Building Checkers

Week of Jan 7	Jerry Watkins
Week of Jan 14	Dana Brooks

Coffee Time

Jan 7 & 14	Lynn Jarrell
Jan 21 & 28	JaNelle Burt

Altar Guild

January	Marie Kimble & Karla Childs
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Counters

Jan.	Roy Hendrix & Lois Thormaehlen
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Greeters

Jan 7	8:25 Kay & Jack Smoyak
	10:55 Dennis & Brenda Bryan
Jan 14	8:25 Max & Judy Hester
	10:55 Dennis & Brenda Bryan

Kitchen Monitor

Jan.	Mike Childs
Feb.	Mary Rounds

Welcome Center

Jan. 7 & 14	8:25 Tina Niederhauser
	10:45 Richard & Phyllis Dix

Bakers/Visitors

Jan 7	Jim & Debra Thorington
Jan 14	Kay Pratt / Frank Langham

**Thank you for your service to
 Manchester FUMC**