



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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Can you believe it, 2018 is here? A new year made up of 12 months, fifty-two weeks, three hundred and sixty-five days. Each day is a gift, how will you spend the days that you will be given in 2018?

You can spend your days any way you want to spend them. You can get up early, or sleep till noon. You can go to bed on time or be a night owl. You can read, exercise, or be a couch potato. You can spend the day in gossip, or you can spend it in prayer.

You can spend time wasting away in front of the television, or you can dive deep into God's word, and fill your minds with Godly thoughts and principles. You can spend your year anyway you want to spend it, but you can only spend it once. Once you spend each of the three hundred sixty-five segments they are gone forever.

I am going to approach this year a little different than in years past, I am not going to wait to decide how I will live each day. I have decided to make some core decisions and then I will spend the rest of the year managing those decisions. Make some decisions at the start of the year and then manage those decisions the rest of the year. This will help us/me when I am tempted to slack off in each area.

So that I can be real with you, here are some decisions that I have made for 2018. Now all I must do is to manage these non-negotiable decisions the rest of the year.

- 1.) I will not speak negatively of anyone, rather I will try to see them as God does and simply pray for them. In other words, I will talk to God about them, before I talk to anyone else about them.
- 2.) I will always have a book that I am reading, thus filling my mind with God's thoughts.
- 3.) I will seek to ask questions of people, and try to learn something from every person I meet.

4.) I will be a positive person and not spread poison with negativity

I encourage you to make your decisions about 2018 and manage those decisions one day at a time.

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

See You Sunday,

Randy Brown



A Note from Dana:

Resolved, that I will do whatsoever I think to be most to the glory of God, and my own good, profit, and pleasure, in the whole of my duration; without any consideration of the time, whether now, or never so many myriads of ages hence.

Resolved, to do whatever I think to be my duty, and most for the good and advantage of mankind in general.

Resolved, never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.

Resolved, to live with all my might, while I do live. Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

Resolved, never to speak evil of any one, so that it shall tend to his dishonor, more or less, upon no account except for some real good.

Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same. (from Chuck Swindol)

I pray that you have a blessed NEW YEAR!

Grace and Peace,
Dana



Of course, the last day of the year is a great time

to reflect. As I sit here reflecting on the past year I realize that I took on the Children's Ministry position August 1st. It's hard to believe I've done this 5 months now! I learn something new every week or find a way to do something better (hopefully better).

This church's support has been fantastic! I appreciate your kind words, your cards, your prayers for the program and all your encouragement. I am also beyond thankful to all the volunteers; without whom we could not serve all the children we do. Some of these people are here every week, and some are people that are at the ready when I need extra help. I'd like to say a special thank you to **Julie & Mike Giffin, Patty Roberts, Marie Kimble, Lois Thormaehlen, Jessica Jernigan, Jean Frantz, and Rachel Brown.** We will resume Wednesday night classes on January 10. During the month of January, we will talk about commitment. We will talk about the connection between commitment and God's character, as shown through God's big story. Commitment reflects the character of God.

I look forward to all the adventures 2018 will bring! Please continue to be in prayer for your children's ministry here at first United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Jackie
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Happy New Year! I hope all your dreams and goals come true in 2018. I am excited and prayerful about what God is doing and will be doing in our church and in the youth ministry in the coming year. The ministry team and I have been planning and praying and God is on the move. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and love. We could not do what we do week in and week out without you, the congregation.

Happy new year and much love from me and the #hangout ministry team.

Randa



Happy New Year! 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.

Thank you for your time and continued prayers.

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

Thank you! Randa



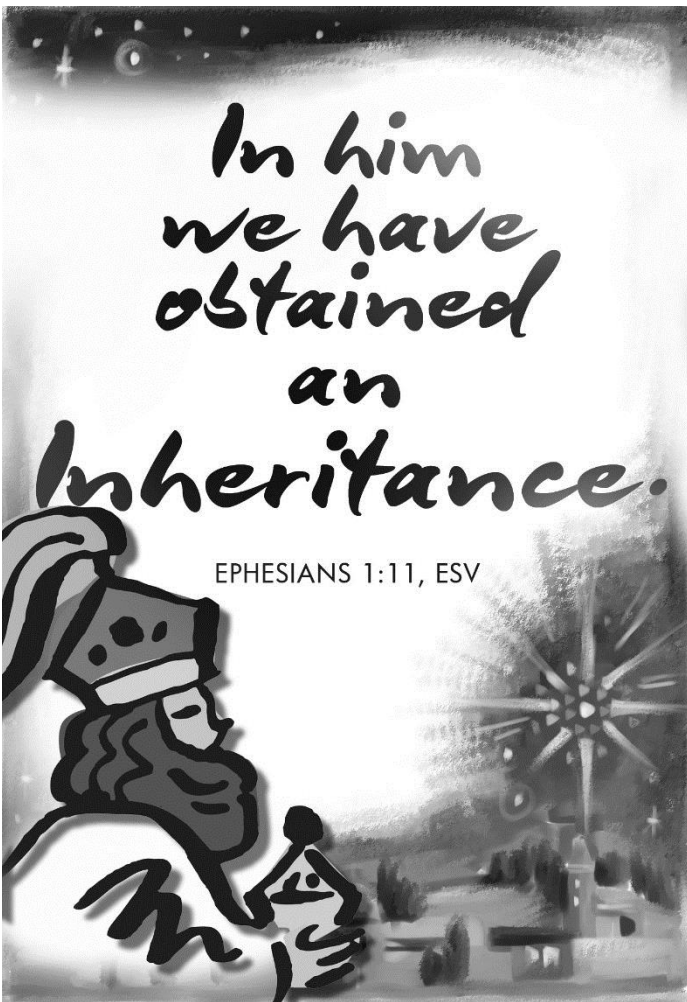
Gifts were given in memory of Mrs. Doris Rynd to the General Budget by Pat & Joane Cassady and Bobby &

Nancy Cummins.

A gift was also given in memory of Bob Smith to the General Budget by David & Lucy Smith.



Wednesday night meals & Bible study will resume next week! Menu not available at time of printing.



Family Bible Trivia

1. What was the first thing God created?
2. Which Day did God create plants?
3. What is the symbol of God's promise to Noah?
4. What are we told to do in the fifth commandment?
5. What was the name of Moses' brother?
6. What food do we ask God to give us in the Lord's prayer?
7. People look on the outward appearance, but what does God look on?
8. Who was thrown into a lions' den by King Darius? This person prayed to God three times a day.
9. This young boy defeated a giant.
10. Jesus told a parable about a prodigal _____.

Answers: 1) light 2) third 3) rainbow 4) honor our Father and Mother 5) Aaron 6) bread 7) the heart 8) Daniel 9) David 10) son

Are you looking for a speaker? Cherie Rice, Community Relations Director at Bailey Manor, is interested in talking with your group about what Bailey Manor has to offer. She can be reached at (931) 728-9033.



JANUARY 3, 2018

Today in history:

Jan. 2, 1921: The first religious program heard over the radio was broadcast from Calvary Episcopal Church of Pittsburgh over local radio station KDKA – the first licensed radio station in the US.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Dec. 24</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>
Sunday School	71	50
8:25 Service	71	
10:55 Service	90	105

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>Dec. 24</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>
Sunday School	42.00	69.00
Missions	3,150.00	1,050.00
Good Samaritan	2,550.00	1,450.00
Coffee Time	20.00	
Youth Fund		1,100.00
White Christmas	175.00	100.00
Required weekly	9,106.57	9,106.57
Budget Contribution	25,345.23	8,574.00
Year-to-date offering	461,013.12	491,604.12
Offering needed to date	473,538.52	482,645.03
(+/-) Difference	-12,525.40	-8,959.09

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

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