



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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I hope this edition of the mid-week visitor finds you well, joyous, safe, and blessed. The busyness of fall is upon us. On the 28th, we are having only one service. This will be the day that we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Christian Learning Center. As mentioned previously, we will be having one service at 11:00 a.m, followed by a covered dish meal and fellowship time.

If you know of anyone that has had a part of this ministry for the past SIXTY YEARS, please let them know so that they can be present for the CELEBRATION.

Our Charge Conference will be meeting on Nov. 26th (Monday) at 7:00p.m. following the regular meeting of the Administrative Board. There are lots of meetings to take place in preparation of that so be on the lookout for those pre-meetings.

Please be in prayer for your church, fellow church member's, and our mission and ministry Manchester/Coffee County and beyond.

See you Sunday,

Randy Brown



A NOTE FROM DANA...

As you all know, this past Saturday was our 7th annual ONE DAY OF HOPE event. I understand that there were about 2300 honored guests who came out to get food, clothing, medical and dental services, and much more, including prayer!

I went out to the fairground late Saturday morning and as I entered, there was a very cordial fellow

there directing traffic. He and I struck up a conversation and he asked me if I was familiar with the Emmaus walk. I told him that I was well familiar with it but had never been myself. He shared with me that he had been recently and went from being "a fan of Jesus" to "a FOLLOWER of Jesus!"

Our conversation took a turn when he began to share with me a terrible burden he had on his heart as a result of being estranged from his wife of nearly 50 years. His was a sad and tragic story and I could tell that he was hurting on the inside. I prayed and asked the Lord to give me just the right encouraging word for my new friend. We ended up talking for over an hour. As I walked on ahead, he said with a smile "I really appreciate your listening!"

For me, this is what ODOH is all about. It's about building relationships with people by sharing the love of Jesus. And while I was trying to be a blessing to this gentleman, he really said a lot of things that were a blessing for ME! I guess that's just how it works! This year's ODOH was another great success. Thanks to everyone who participated or prayed for this event!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



This month, we'll be talking about contentment on Wednesday nights with our 1st-5th graders. Last week, we started in Philippians 4:11b-13. In this letter, Paul is writing to the church at Philippi to help them understand more about what it means to follow Jesus. Paul shares how they can be content and even have joy regardless of their situation in life. This is something that Paul has had to learn from experience. His example of contentment in the face of difficulty is a lesson we can all learn from.

Bottom Line: God can help you be ok no matter

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what. We can't promise kids that when they follow Jesus that everything in their life will work out just the way they want it to. However, we can promise them that even if life isn't okay, God can help them be okay with their circumstances. We pray that no matter what kids are facing, they'll learn to trust that God will give them what they need to get through it.

Mrs. Jackie

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Our lesson in Sunday School and on Wednesday night has been focused on prayer. In the wake of Hurricane Michael, we've been concerned about the place we stay as well as the places we visit when we go to Panama City each summer for BigStuf. We've been praying really hard for that area of the country the last little bit.

I received an email from BigStuf that said that there was minimal damage to the Boardwalk Beach Resort where we stay. There is a lady we sometimes get to visit when we go that has lead us on retreats before, Mrs. Leigh Hinesley, and her home had no damage and she never lost power! When reaching out to her this week, she has asked our youth to pray for the kids and youth of that area. They have been through a traumatic experience and have no idea when life might be "normal" again. Some have lost their homes, and all they have, and others have no idea when they will be able to go back to school.

I ask that you would circle this area of the country in your prayers with us. For some of us it is the only thing we can do, but it is also the BEST thing we can do!

Be Blessed!

Ami Shedd

One of the best things we can do with our time is to spend time alone each day with God.

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation" (Psalm 5:3).

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MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

God's World & Our Nation

Jay Newton; Terra Bingham; Allen Stone; Michael Starr; Cameron Wainright; Ashley Thames; Kelsie Ross; and all in the military service & their families.

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| McHann family | Jimmy Stephens | Faye & Ralph Jones |
| Susan Wood | Dave Owen & family | Jason Conrad |
| Sabrina Gilliam | Bernice Thornton | Dorothy Bon |
| Sharon Brown | Clay Riddle | Don & Mary Rounds |
| Linda Langham | Donna McCluskey | Brad & Teri Edwards |
| Jeanette Taylor | Jean Johanson | Matilda Locke |
| Ava Brazelton | Jesse Overall | Peggy Miller |
| Marshall family | Lillian Nolan | Michael Garoppo |
| Harold & Terry Brown | Lynn Erwin | Nancy Daniel |
| Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents) | | Bob Leonard |
| Bill & Ruth Jones | Pat Jones | Bob Williams |
| Larry Broadrick | Marie Kimble | Bob Balkenende |
| James, friend of Suzanne Smead | | |

Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list even though they may not be listed above.

Please let the church office know when you would like your name removed from the prayer listing.

Copies of the complete Prayer Concerns list are available at the Welcome Center counter.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

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| Attendance: | October 7 & 14 |
| Sunday School | 131 |
| 8:25 Service | 98 |
| 10:55 Service | 108 |

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

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| | Total of October 7 & 14 |
| Sunday School | 105.00 |
| Coffee Time | 27.00 |
| Missions | 1,410.00 |
| One Day of Hope | 50.00 |
| Youth | 405.00 |
| Good Samaritan | 50.00 |
| Memorials to General Budget | 405.00 |
| Memorials to Flower Fund | 50.00 |
| Memorials to Music Fund | 50.00 |
| Children | 40.00 |
| Communion Rail | 51.00 |
| Pastor Discretionary | 25.00 |
| Required weekly | 9,347.00 |
| Budget Contribution | 17,237.00 |
| Year-to-date offering | 344,041.00 |
| Offering needed to date | 383,227.00 |
| (+/-) Difference | -39,186.00 |

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of October 21 Frank Langham
Week of October 28 Richard Dix

Coffee Time

October 21 & 28 Jim & Debra Thorington
November 4 & 11 Claus & Lois Thormaehlen

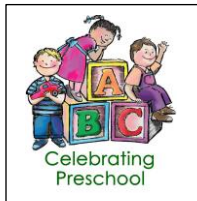
Altar Guild

October Joane Cassady & Kay Pratt

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November Anita Turner & JaNelle Burt
Counters
October Virginia McKee & Butch Niederhauser
November Max Hester & Claus Thormaehlen
Greeters
October 21 8:25 Bill & Kay Tracy
10:55 Pam Riddle & Kay Pratt
October 28 11:00 Ben Spaulding & Carolyn Norfleet
Kitchen Monitor
October Mary Rounds
November Nellie Leonard
Sunday School Greeters
October 21 & 28 Patricia Anderson
November 4 Ben Spaulding
Bakers/Visitors
October 21 Lois Thormaehlen
October 28 Pat Cassady (Baker)
Joane Cassady (Visitor)
Usher (8:25 am)
October Rich Wakeman
November Butch Niederhauser

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!



We are celebrating 60 years of our preschool here at First United Methodist on October 28, 2018. There will only be one service at 11:00 am on that day so we can celebrate together. After the service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal together. We need your

help! Pictures, memorabilia, and stories about the school, anything you would be willing to share, please drop off at the office labeled so we can get the items back to you or you can email them to the church. We want to make this day special; thank you in advance!

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet at 7 pm in room 218 every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.



Items to be put in the newsletter are due to the office no later than Monday at 3 p.m.; items to be put in the bulletin are due to the office no later than

Thursday at noon. Thank you!

*****Thursday night Bible Study/Beta Cell** – Every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., this month at Jim and Debra Thorington's home. Rogers Starr will be leading a study on Revelation. Anyone interested in studying Revelation or being a part of a Bible study group, please join us!***

One Day of Hope Update

2300 guests were served! Final numbers coming soon. Your generosity provided over 1800 bottles of shampoo. Thank you for supporting ODOH and its mission!

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It is time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper and plastic boxes at the Welcome Center. Please bring shoeboxes to the church by November 18. They will be blessed on the altar November 18 before they are taken to the distribution center.

Thank you for your participation.



Wednesday, October 24, 2018, we will have our Trunk or Treat here at Manchester FUMC during our regular Wednesday night activities. It will start at 6 p.m.



Wednesday Night Menus

October 17: Pot Roast and Gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, and a roll. Dessert: Red Velvet Cake

October 24: Homemade chili with cornbread, grilled cheese sandwich, and fruit salad. Dessert: Chocolate Chip Bars

Memorials

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Dr. Charles Rogers was made by Sherry Hazen, Pat & Joane Cassady, Claus & Lois Thormaehlen, and Mrs. Beverly Smith.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Phil Tarver was made by Pat & Joane Cassady, Claus & Lois Thormaehlen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roberts, and Mrs. Beverly Smith.

A gift to the Flower Fund in memory of Dr. Charles Rogers was made by Dorothy Shelton.

A gift to the Pastor Discretionary Fund in memory of Phil Tarver was made by Mike & Karla Childs.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of James Watkins was made by Pat & Joane Cassady and the Upper Room Sunday School Class.

A gift to the Music Ministry in memory of Phil Tarver was made by Rev. Dana & Pam Brooks.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Effie Boyd by Pat & Joane Cassady.

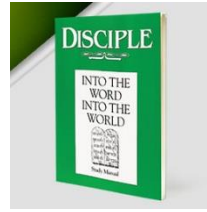
A gift to the Youth Fund in memory of Dr. Charles Rogers, Phil Tarver, and Effie Boyd by Wade & Ann Stevenson.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Chorus meets for practice **each Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** in the choir room (room B19).

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal is Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room.



DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY- Participants in the Disciple 2 Fast Track Bible Study are reminded of our next class this coming Sunday, October 21, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. in room 219.

Just about ANYTHING you need to know about the mission and ministry of Manchester First UMC can be found at our website, www.manchesterfirst.org! Download the "Mid-Week Visitor," audio and video of sermons and children's sermons, link to other important web sites and even find help for those who need it. Check out our website today!

And don't forget about our **church APP** which is available for your smart phone on Google Play Store or Apple App Store! (Mobile MFUMC)

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETURNS The Rotary Club has brought back the Christmas Choir under the direction of our minister of music, Dana M. Brooks. The first rehearsal went very well with lots of good musical sounds already. Rehearsals continue on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. It's still not too late to join. Just come to the rehearsal and sign in. First Presbyterian is located at 1101 Jackson Street here in Manchester. **The program is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:00 PM both nights.**

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Effie Lee Boyd passed away on Friday, October 5, 2018 at Morning Pointe of Tullahoma at the age of 85. She was a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manchester. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Kilgore Funeral Home from 4 – 6 p.m. with a memorial service immediately following at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Hospice Compassus and their Palliative Care Program in Tullahoma, TN.