



# *The Midweek Visitor*

**First United Methodist Church**

*Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers*

**October 24, 2018**

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**Serving the people of Manchester since 1813**  
**Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall T. Brown**



"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

How do you plan your day? Do you have your own agenda? Do you have your own plans? Do you take into consideration what other folks might like, enjoy, or plan? Have you ever asked another person, "What would you like to do today?" Have you ever asked another person, "What are your plans for today, and how do I fit in to those plans?" When we are on vacations or on a rare Saturday when we have no plans, Rachel and I will say to each other, "What would you like to do today?" That is a good question to ask.

Lately, I have come under conviction that this should be a daily question and prayer that we ask every morning as we are drinking our coffee and having our quiet time. As Tommy Potuk shared with us recently, we need to "check in" with Jesus, as we check in with Jesus we should be asking him daily, "What would you like to do today?"

God has a plan for us. God will direct our paths and order our steps. God has many surprises for us. A day that he has planned for me is better than any day that I could plan for myself. There will be some days that he will want me to be quiet and reflective. There will be some days that he will have me be extremely busy and weary. There will be some days that he will want me to share a smile and a kind word. There will be some days that he will want me just to listen to a stranger. There will be some days that he will want me to defend the weak and feed the hungry. There will be some days that he will want me to wipe the tear and nose of a young child. There will be some days that he will want me to hold the trembling hand of an elderly person. There will be some days that I will feast like royalty. There will

be some days that he will have me be a humble servant. There will be some days that I wonder, "Jesus, why?"

Whatever Jesus wants to do today is what I want to do today. I can trust him for eternity, and I can trust him for today. He has a plan, he can be trusted, and every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before, every day with Jesus I trust him more and more.

Amen and Amen.

**Randy Brown**



## **A NOTE FROM DANA...**

Recently I started some guitar lessons with an elementary student. His uncle had been a guitar student of mine about six or seven years ago. On the day of the first lesson I was fetching my guitar out of the case when he said, with some amazement, "THAT'S the guitar you used during Chapel Time!" "Yes it is!" I said. He had been a student in our Christian Learning Center! I remember thinking "he must have an incredible memory or I may need to buy a new guitar!" I asked him if he liked coming to Chapel Time when he was younger and he said that he loved it and that he loved coming to our preschool program.

The point is that here is just one young person whose life was enriched because of our preschool ministry. And there are any number of untold stories just like this one, just ask Judy Brooks, our preschool director!

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I am looking forward to celebrating our 60 year preschool history this coming Sunday, October 28. We have a GREAT program here and a wonderful preschool staff! I hope you will plan to come to the party!

**Grace and Peace,  
Dana**



This week, we took our discussion of contentment to Sunday School. We talked about 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27, where we discovered what happened when King Ahab finds a plot of land he wants more than anything. But there's a problem - Naboth owns the land and this land has been in his family for generations. King Ahab and his wife Queen Jezebel go to extreme lengths to take that land for themselves. In the end though, King Ahab was miserable.

**Bottom Line: Wanting what others have can make you miserable.** Many kids in your environments have probably experienced this bottom line first hand. Yet, that doesn't stop them the next time they find themselves working out whatever scheme they can to get something new that they've seen at a friend's house or at school. We want kids to be aware that this happens and trust God to help them find contentment in what He's already given to them. I hope you have made plans to join us Sunday for our celebration of the Christian Learning Center! Sixty years of teaching the children of this community!

**Mrs. Jackie**

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This week in Sunday School we talked about noticers and we asked God to help us see people and things the way He does. At Hangout Sunday we studied Hebrews 5 and 6. We will be helping the Children's Ministry with Trunk or Treat on Wednesday.

Anyone who has not paid their deposit for Warmth In Winter or BigStuf should do so as soon as possible in order to secure your spot on the list. Spots are filling up fast!

If you would like to go with us to Blackman UMC for the youth Thanksgiving Dinner, I need to know by Sunday so that I can give them our numbers. The Dinner will be November 18th.

We will having a Potato Bar on November 18 and will start handing out plates after the 11:00 service. I hope you will come and have lunch with us!

**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).*

**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         |                    | Connie Moore        |
| Ann Stevenson                          |                    |                     |

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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**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>October 21</b>
Sunday School	TBD
8:25 Service	TBD
10:55 Service	TBD

**I Will Support My Church With My Gifts**

**Total of October 21**

Sunday School	TBD
Coffee Time	TBD
Missions	TBD
One Day of Hope	TBD
Youth	TBD
Good Samaritan	TBD
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	TBD
Year-to-date offering	TBD
Offering needed to date	TBD
(+/-) Difference	TBD

**I Will Support My Church With My Service Building Checker**

Week of October 28	Richard Dix
Week of November 4	Bob Truesdale
<b>Coffee Time</b>	
October 28	Jim & Debra Thorington
November 4 & 11	Claus & Lois Thormaehlen

**Altar Guild**

October	Joane Cassady & Kay Pratt
November	Anita Turner & JaNelle Burt

**Counters**

October	Virginia McKee & Butch Niederhauser
November	Max Hester & Claus Thormaehlen

**Greeters**

October 28	11:00 Ben Spaulding & Carolyn Norfleet
November 4	8:25 Judy Worthington & Maggie Smith
	10:55 Dennis & Brenda Bryan

**Kitchen Monitor**

October	Mary Rounds
November	Nellie Leonard

**Sunday School Greeters**

October 28	Patricia Anderson
November 4	Ben Spaulding

**Bakers/Visitors**

October 28	Pat Cassady (Baker)
	Joane Cassady (Visitor)
November 4	Jim & Debra Thorington

**Usher (8:25 am)**

October	Rich Wakeman
November	Butch Niederhauser

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



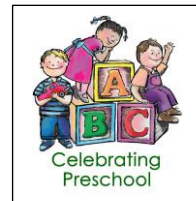
**Wednesday Night Menus**

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

**October 31:** No Meal – Halloween Break



**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.**



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. Come join us!



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!



It is time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper and plastic boxes at the Welcome Center.

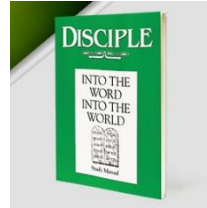
Please bring shoeboxes to the church by November 18. They will be blessed on the altar November 18 before they are taken to the distribution center.

Thank you for your participation.

**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 28, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. in room 219.

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

**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 program is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:00 PM both nights.**

**\*\*\*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!\*\*\*

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](http://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!

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