



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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In case you have not noticed, we live in a world that is hurting. Accusations are made and the court of public opinion is very divided. Abuse takes place and people are either ready to see the guillotine fall or they are ready to gloss over the alleged indiscretions. Some cry for justice and others shout for mercy. Some point to what others have gotten away with, either "lesser or greater actions". Some think one strike and you are out, even if it was the alleged action of a high-school student thirty-six years ago, others think it should be about the current day issues. We are a divided and hurting society. How do we as individual Christians and as a church body respond? I am glad you asked.

First of all, we must realize that evil does and has existed in our world for a long time. "The main purpose of the evil one is to kill, steal, and destroy." John 10:10. The hearings last week showed how easily and totally a life can be destroyed, regardless of guilt or innocence. Evil's mode of operation is to divide and conquer and we have certainly seen that in recent days as our nation becomes more and more divided.

Second, God's call for the church is Unity. Colossians 3:12-15 says, "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long suffering, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you must do. But above all these things put on love which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful." What we all need is grace and mercy. As I have prayed about this I feel like God is telling me to share two more scriptures with you and trust the Holy Spirit to speak to truth into our hearts. The scripture is Matthew 7:1-5: "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgement you judge, you will be judged and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to

you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say, "let me remove the speck from your eye: while there is a plank in your own eye." First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." And then there is John 8:7 which reads, "he that is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her."

Lastly, I feel God would have me share this passage from 1 Timothy 2:1-4: "I urge you, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for all people - pray for all of those who are in authority that they may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. May we be guided by the power and truth of scripture in these days when the enemy is trying so desperately to divide us. We are all entitled to our opinion and our convictions, but our disagreements should never lead to division.

Prayerfully,

Bro Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

Here is a little story about GRACE. When Billy Graham was driving through a small southern town, he was stopped by a policeman and charged with speeding. Graham admitted his guilt, but was told by the officer that he would have to appear in court. The judge asked, "Guilty or not guilty?" When Graham pleaded guilty, the judge replied, "That'll be ten dollars -- a dollar for every mile you went over the limit."

Suddenly the judge recognized the famous minister. "You have violated the law," he said. "The fine must be paid--but I am going to pay it for you." He took a ten dollar bill from his own wallet, attached it to the ticket, and then took Graham out and bought him a steak

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dinner! "That," said Billy Graham, "is how God treats repentant sinners!"

Grace and Peace,

Dana



Yesterday in Sunday School, we talked about King Josiah who became king when he was only 8 years old. Josiah's father was not a good man and during his reign he and the people worshiped idols. In fact, Josiah had never been exposed to God's word until he ordered some people to clean out the temple. When they came upon scrolls in the temple, Josiah read them and realized that he and his people had been worshipping false idols. At the age of 16, Josiah turned to God. You don't have to be an adult to make the right choice, and you don't have to be a grown-up to be a role model in how to love the Lord. We also learned that we must **READ, OBEY, and SHARE** God's word.

Mrs. Jackie

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In Sunday School this week, we talked about ideas and how sometimes we have really good ones, but that God-ideas are much more powerful and in order to have them we have to spend time with Him in prayer. Sunday night at Hangout, we listened to our last BigStuf session. Stuart Hall talked about how we can become world changers if we take our ordinary and give it to God and ask Him to make it extraordinary. This Wednesday, we are leaving the church at 1 pm to go hiking at Rock Island State Park. We will come back to church and cookout. We will finish around 7:30 p.m. If you have not turned in your Warmth In Winter or BigStuf deposit, please do that as soon as possible. Spots are filling up fast!!!

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.

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
Charles Rogers	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
Ava Brazelton	Larry Broadrick	Marie Kimble

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

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>September 30</u>
Sunday School	82
11:00 Service	108

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>Total of September 30</u>
Sunday School	59.00
Coffee Time	13.00
Missions	50.00
One Day of Hope	75.00
Youth	368.00
Good Samaritan	100.00
Memorials to General Budget	145.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	9,659.00
Year-to-date offering	326,804.00
Offering needed to date	364,533.00
(+/-) Difference	-37,729.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of October 7	Wade Stevenson
Week of October 14	Jim Thorington

Coffee Time

October 7 & 14 Ami Shedd
 October 21 & 28 Jim & Debra Thorington

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 7 & 14 8:25 Sarah & Tommy Potuk
 10:55 Leslie Trussler & Ed Henley
 October 21 8:25 Bill & Kay Tracy
 10:55 Pam Riddle & Kay Pratt

Kitchen Monitor

October Mary Rounds
 November Nellie Leonard

Sunday School Greeters

October 7 & 14 Beverly Smith
 October 21 & 28 Patricia Anderson

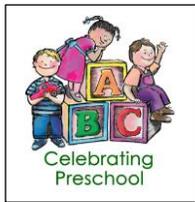
Bakers/Visitors

October 7 Karla Childs
 October 14 Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers)
 Anita Turner (Visitor)

Usher (8:25 am)

October Rich Wakeman
 November Butch Niederhauser

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are celebrating 60 years of our pre-school 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!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY – Reverend David Phillip Muth, father in law to Benita Huffman Muth, daughter of Jack and Faye Huffman, died on September 15, 2018. His memorial service was September 22, 2018 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Macon, Georgia. Reverend Muth served as a priest for 20 years before completing a

law degree and working as a Public Defender in Placerville, CA.

*****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!***



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 11 or 18. They will be blessed on the altar November 18 before they are taken to the distribution center.

Thank you for your participation.



Dr. Charles L. Rogers, 90, passed away on September 26, 2018 at Bailey Manor in Manchester, TN. Funeral services for Dr. Rogers are Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Manchester Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens with full military honors. Visitation with the family will be from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Wednesday.



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 3: No Meal – Fall Break

October 10: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, tossed salad with dressing, and french bread.
 Dessert: Strawberry Cake

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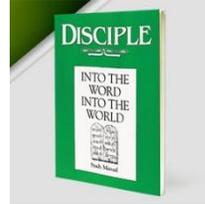
Phil Tarver died September 30, 2018. At the time of printing, arrangements were incomplete.

James Watkins, 79, died September 21, 2018. He was the brother of Jerry Watkins. His funeral service was September 29, 2018 at Daniel Funeral Home in Lamar, MO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There will be NO SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK due to Fall Break.



DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY- If you are interested in Disciple 2 Bible Study, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 7, 3:30- 4:45 p.m. in room 219. The books are

available at the Welcome Center area and the cost for each book is \$16.00. Please make your checks payable to Manchester First United Methodist Church.

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.**

There will NOT be a newsletter next week, the week of October 8, 2018.

Memorials

A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Coolidge Holt by Mary Frances Brantley and Frank & Linda Langham.

A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Pat Watkins by Kay Pratt and Bud & Pam Riddle.

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