



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

November 14, 2018

Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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First of all I want to welcome our newest members. We welcome to this congregation Daniel and Trish Porter. They come by transfer of church membership from Farris Chapel UMC in Murfreesboro, TN.

Next, I want to share something from my heart. If you were present for worship on All Saints Day, you realized as I did that we have lost thirteen members to death in the last year. They made such a vital difference in the life of this church and helped to make it what it is today. They stepped up when it was their time and it is now our time to step up and make a difference. Let's make sure our congregation continues its long and bright history of service in the kingdom of God.

Now for a confession and a request for help. You have probably noticed that we are behind in our giving for the year. This is nothing new. Most every church I have ever been associated with has a history of this kind of track record. Let me assure you that we are current in all of our bills and we have NO indebtedness. That is the good news. Another part of the good news is that we are not spending our budget so the deficit is not as large as the MWV indicates. This church staff operates on a shoe string budget. They stretch the programming and ministry budget as far as it can possibly go. We have an awesome staff and I don't even need to tell you that. I know that you know about the great job our staff is doing.

As I was looking at the finances recently, I heard God speak to me and say, "Check yourself". So I did. I asked our Financial Secretary, Kimla Weeks, to give me a print out of my giving statement for the year. As I looked at my giving statement, I saw where part of the problem was with some of the deficit. It was in my personal giving. I normally give my offering on the Sundays after I get paid or twice a month. I did not realize that I had missed giving my twice a month offering on a couple of occasions. I now know how easy it is to forget to give and not realize that that part of my membership vow was over looked.

I want to ask you to do what the Lord directed me to do. "Check yourself." If you discover like I did, that

you are behind in your giving, I hope you will join with me in catching up on our financial commitment to the church for the current calendar year. If you would like the financial secretary to provide you a copy of your giving statement, she can certainly do that for you with no trouble.

We all need to "check ourselves" to make sure we are faithful in our membership vows of the church.

Sincerely,

Randy Brown



A NOTE FROM DANA...

First known as Armistice Day, President Woodrow Wilson set aside the day of November 11 (the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending WWI) to recognize and thank our American soldiers for their service. This day was declared a National Holiday in 1938 and in 1954 the name was changed to **Veteran's Day** to honor all American Veterans. Therefore, we take this day to commemorate and celebrate the brave, loyal, and selfless American soldiers and their families for giving us the opportunity to live freely in this great country. I heard a sports commentator over the weekend say (speaking of our Veterans) "They do what they do so that we can do what we do!" Thanks, Veterans for your great service and God bless you!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



As we continue talking about cooperation this week, we look at Exodus 17:8-13, at a time where Joshua was leading the Israelites in a fierce battle against the Amalekites. When Moses held up his staff, the Israelites were able to win the battle. When Moses got tired, Aaron and Hur came to the rescue and helped hold up his arms. The Israelites won the battle because of how they all cooperated together.

Bottom Line: Work together to help someone succeed. Just like Hur and Aaron, it's important for a child to realize that working together isn't just about doing something for yourself. You can work with other people to help them win at life too.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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This week the youth of the church put out the Teddy Bear Tree and the Angel Tree. We welcome your donations of new or gently used stuffed animals for the Teddy Bear Tree. Those will be taken to Manchester Police Department, where they will give them to kids as needed. The Teddy Bear Tree is located by the church office.

The Angel Tree is located by the Welcome Center. If you take a stocking for the Angel Tree, we ask that you write your name and phone number beside the number on the poster on the wall beside the tree corresponding to the number on the stocking, so we know who has what Angel. Those gifts will be due by Wednesday, December 12.

Sunday night, we went shopping for the 30 boxes we will be filling for Operation Christmas Child this Wednesday. We're excited to see where our boxes will go.

Please don't forget to join us next Sunday for our Baked Potato Bar starting at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Come hungry!!! Donations accepted.

Also, on Sunday we will be traveling to Blackman UMC for a Thanksgiving meal. We will leave from the church at 4:30 p.m. and we'll call parents when we head back to Manchester, so they know when to pick their kids up.

Be Blessed!

Ami Shedd

Money is one of God's gifts to people.
 "Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work...this is a gift of God" (Ecclesiastes 5:19).

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 | Frank Langham |
| 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 | Karla Childs |
| Marshall family | Lillian Nolan | Michael Garoppo |
| Harold & Terry Brown | Cassie Moreland | Nancy Daniel |
| Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents) | | Bob Leonard |
| Bill & Ruth Jones | Pat Jones | Bob Williams |
| Larry Broadrick | Connie Moore | Bob Balkenende |
| James, friend of Suzanne Smead | | Mary Frances Brantley |
| Dr. Tom Marcrom | Steve Griner, cousin of Eric Frantz | |
| Brigitte Hendren | | |

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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| <u>Attendance:</u> | <u>November 11</u> |
| Sunday School | 83 |
| 8:25 Service | 67 |
| 10:55 Service | 82 |

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

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| | <u>Total of November 11</u> |
| Sunday School | 61.00 |
| Coffee Time | 18.00 |
| Missions | 170.00 |
| Youth | 74.00 |
| Good Samaritan | 120.00 |
| Pastor Discretionary | 50.00 |
| Required weekly | 9,347.00 |
| Budget Contribution | 6,963.00 |
| Year-to-date offering | 372,822.00 |
| Offering needed to date | 420,615.00 |
| (+/-) Difference | -47,793.00 |

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

MIDWEEK VISITOR

I Will Support My Church With My Service Building Checker

Week of November 18 David Wylie
Week of November 25 Bobbie Layne

Coffee Time

November 18 & 25 Mike & Julie Giffin
December 2 & 9 Kay & Jack Smoyak

Altar Guild

November Anita Turner & JaNelle Burt
December Brenda Bryan

Counters

November Max Hester & Claus Thormaehlen
December Richard Dix & Jimmie Bell

Greeters

November 18 8:25 Susan & Rich Wakeman
10:55 Ed & Anita Turner
November 25 8:25 Susan & Rich Wakeman
10:55 Phyllis Dix & Ben Spaulding

Kitchen Monitor

November Nellie Leonard
December Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

November 18 & 25 Lois Thormaehlen
December 2 & 9 Carolyn Norfleet

Bakers/Visitors

November 18 Melissa Cope (Baker)
Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitor)
November 25 Bea Ferrell

Usher (8:25 am)

November Butch Niederhauser
December Ed Holland

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!



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.



Wednesday Night Menus

November 14: Homemade Meatloaf, baked potato, baby lima beans, tossed salad with dressing, and a roll.
Dessert: Orange Dreamsicle Cake

November 21: No Meal – Thanksgiving Break

UMW & Wesley Wanderers – December 14, 2018

Luncheon at 11 a.m. at Patch Manor
\$10 with dessert, \$8 without dessert – CASH ONLY
There will be no UMW or Wesley Wanderer meetings during the months of November and December at the church. Thank you!

Thank you

Thank you to my church family. We appreciate the outpouring of love, concern, help, cards, and prayer during and following Marie's recent surgery. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family.
Love, Marie and Ken

Honorariums

A gift was given to the Pastor Discretionary fund in honor of Randy Brown for Pastor Appreciation month by Kay & Jack Smoyak.

A gift was given to the General Budget in honor of Maggie Smith for her service to her church and community by chairing the Hygiene Booth for the One Day of Hope by Kay & Jack Smoyak.

Thank you

We want to say THANK YOU to all the people at Manchester 1st for all they have done for us during our illness. We appreciate the many cards, visits, gifts, food, and prayers. It truly meant a lot to us.

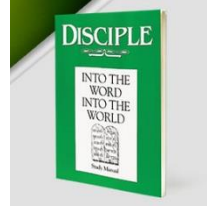
We are doing well.

Bob & Nellie Leonard

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, November 18, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. in room 219.

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet at 5:30 pm in room 218 every 1st and 3rd 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.**

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)

Good Samaritan Volunteers

November 26 – Topsy Layne, Donna McCluskey, Doris Hendrix, Max & Judy Hester

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