



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays of the year. It usually sets all of the other holidays in motion. Sadly, it is becoming more and more neglected. So many advertisers look over it and go right to Christmas as soon as Halloween is over.

We Americans really need to stop and think about this whole Thanksgiving thing. I remember as a youngster that Thanksgiving was about family, football games, eating turkey, hearing the story about the Pilgrims and the Indians, and being asked what we were thankful for. I wonder do we even know how to be thankful anymore. It seems that we are never satisfied with what we have. We always want more, and are not worried about those who have nothing.

Thanksgiving is not something that started with the pilgrims, and the Indians, and Plymouth Rock. Thanksgiving is a spiritual issue.

Thanksgiving is a sign of spiritual maturity. Thanksgiving was something that Jesus bragged about, wondered about, questioned, and noticed.

Luke 17:17 tells the story of 10 men that had Leprosy. They all came to Jesus with the same request. They were all healed in answer to their prayers. But only one of them came to say "Thank You" to Jesus. Jesus noticed that and asked the question, "Where are the nine?"

Thanksgiving is a spiritual issue.

Gratitude or lack thereof is a condition of the heart.

"Give thanks in all things; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

1. Who do you need to express thanks to today?
2. How will you express gratitude to God in your daily life today?
3. What do you do to spread gratitude and appreciation to others?

Randy Brown

A NOTE FROM DANA...

It is hard to believe that the THANKSGIVING holiday is upon us! Now, I am not going to "sermonize" for you here, but I am going to share a thought or two!

Here are just a few things from my long list of things I am grateful for. I am thankful for my Mom and Dad and my two brothers and even my sister! My parents made sure we had what we needed (which was often times not necessarily what we wanted!) and provided a loving Godly home for me and my siblings.

I am grateful for my wife, Pam. She has been my soul mate since high school! She continues to be a Godly example to me and our children. And there are another five reasons I am blessed - our five kids! Each of them has grown into the type of adults that parents can easily be proud of! And don't even get me started on our grandchildren! There are a dozen of them and each one is special in their own way!

I'm also grateful for a nice house, a car that I don't have to work on each week to keep it road worthy, hot and cold running water, pretty nice clothes to wear, my health, and a good job! Oh, that reminds me of something else I'm thankful for—YOU! I am grateful for my church family here at Manchester First!

As you "gather together to ask the Lord's blessing" this Thanksgiving, be sure to count your blessings "one by one!" Happy Thanksgiving!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



Today in Sunday school, we studied a story found in Luke 5:17-26. We discover a paralyzed man who just happened to have some really good friends. When His friends heard that Jesus was in town, they tried everything to get their friend to Jesus. In fact, as friends, they cooperated, tore a hole in a roof, and dropped their friend down in front of Jesus while He was teaching. And as a result of their faith and cooperation, a miracle happened.

Bottom Line: Work together to help someone in need. When we see others with needs that seem huge and overwhelming, we too often think they're too big for us to help and end up doing nothing. However, if we cooperate with others to meet their need, we have a better chance making a difference in their life and point them to God. Ask the kids how hard it was to carry one another on a blanket a little ways down the hall. That really sold the kids on what the friends went through to help the paralyzed man! I hope you have a wonderful holiday!

Mrs. Jackie

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Thank you so much for your support of our Baked Potato Bar. You guys are awesome and we truly appreciate all the support you give the youth of the church!!!

Please don't forget our Teddy Bear Tree located outside the church office. We will take donations of new or gently used stuffed animals. These will be donated to Manchester Police Department to be given to children as they see fit.

Also, we have over 90 Angels on our Angel Tree and I believe there are still more coming in. Please take one, or two, or three. For some of the kids on the tree, this is all the Christmas that they get.

Again, I thank you for your support.

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.

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	Brigitte Hendren
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	

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>November 18</u>
Sunday School	86
8:25 Service	60
10:55 Service	77

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>Total of November 18</u>
Sunday School	66.00
Coffee Time	14.00
Music Ministry	120.00
Youth	320.00
Good Samaritan	100.00
White Christmas	500.00
Youth Potato Bar	613.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	7,274.00
Year-to-date offering	380,096.00
Offering needed to date	429,962.00
(+/-) Difference	-49,866.00

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

MIDWEEK VISITOR

I Will Support My Church With My Service Building Checker

Week of November 25 Bobbie Layne
Week of December 2 Claus Thormaehlen

Coffee Time

November 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 25 8:25 Susan & Rich Wakeman
10:55 Phyllis Dix & Ben Spaulding
December 2 8:25 Ann & Wade Stevenson
10:55 John & Shandra Richardson

Kitchen Monitor

November Nellie Leonard
December Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

November 25 Lois Thormaehlen
December 2 & 9 Carolyn Norfleet

Bakers/Visitors

November 25 Bea Ferrell
December 2 Karla Childs

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 21: No Meal – Thanksgiving Break

November 28: Homemade Lasagna, tossed salad with dressing, and French Bread. Dessert: Brownies

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!

Memorials

A gift was given to the Music Fund in memory of Phil Tarver, Dr. Charles Rogers, and James Watkins by Earl & Mattie Lee Eaton.



“You shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord Your God has given to you.” Deuteronomy 26:11

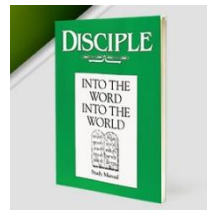
The office will be closed on November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving!

No Wednesday night activities or dinner November 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men’s Chorus meets for practice **each Sunday at 5:00 p.m.** in the choir room (room B19). The men will be singing for us in worship this coming Sunday, November 25, during both services of worship.

NO SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK!



DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY- Participants in the Disciple 2 Fast Track Bible Study are reminded of our next class this coming Sunday, November 25, 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.

THE ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 7:00 PM both nights. Performances are at Trinity Baptist Church, 1513 McArthur Street, here in Manchester. The concert is free so come and celebrate the Christmas season with the Rotary Club Christmas Choir!

“GLORY IN THE HIGHEST,” a Christmas musical by Marty Parks will be presented by our Sanctuary Choir, Sunday, December 9 at the 10:55 a.m. service of worship. The musical features a moving video presentation and skillfully arranged musical selections. The Sanctuary Choir invites you to celebrate the coming of the Messiah through music!

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

November 25 – Good Samaritan Sunday

November 26–Administrative Board Meeting 7 p.m.

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