



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

November 28, 2018

Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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Next Sunday, December 2nd, is the first Sunday of Advent. We will begin our Advent Sermon series and the weekly lighting of the Advent Candle leading up to the lighting of the Christ-Candle on Christmas Eve. This Sunday, we will also be sharing in Holy Communion. Our scripture for Sunday is Psalm 25:1-10. I have entitled the sermon, "Our Christmas Guest." We have a special person who is coming to live with us, and that is what we celebrate at Christmas. I hope to relay to you just who this Christmas Guest is that is coming to your house and to my house. We must be ready for him, make room for him, and prepare to make him feel welcome. All of the things that we do to get ready for company is easier to accomplish when we realize who it is that is coming. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we discover more about our Christmas Guest.

See you Sunday,

Randy Brown



A NOTE FROM DANA...

This coming Sunday, December 2 marks the beginning of ADVENT. In the church liturgical calendar, ADVENT is the beginning of the Christian year. It is the four weeks before Christmas, beginning on November 30 or the nearest Sunday to it. This is the Church's New Year's Day. The word Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus', which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. This is the time for Christians to prepare for celebration of the birth of Jesus and look forward to the time that Jesus will come again. Many churches have no flowers decorating the church during Advent, but it is usual to have an Advent Crown, also known as an Advent Wreath. These are made from a circle of evergreen plants, like holly and ivy which

symbolizes God with no beginning or end. The evergreen is a reminder that God does not change. The holly is also a symbol of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified. Four candles are fixed round the circle with another in the middle. Watch for these and other symbolic signs in worship as we usher in the Advent season!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



This week, we wrap up our study on cooperation with 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 in a letter Paul wrote to the church at Corinth. The people who make up the Church are part of the Body of Christ. Paul talks about how God has given each of us a unique part to play as we share God's love with others. When we cooperate, we can help others know more about Jesus.

Bottom Line: Work together to point people to Jesus. Our kids can learn how to be the church even at a young age. Just think about the impact they could have on the world when they realize that how they work together could impact a person's relationship with Jesus.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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Thank you for coming to our Baked Potato Bar last week! It was a huge success! We will be using that money to help cover the costs of Warmth In Winter and BigStuf for next year.

Please don't forget our Angel Tree and our Teddy Bear Tree. 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. As of Sunday morning, we still had 30 Angels on the tree. For most of these kids, this is all the Christmas they will get, so please don't leave them on the tree. For the Teddy Bear Tree, we welcome your donations of new or gently used stuffed animals. 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.

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	Jason Conrad
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	Family of Steve Griner, cousin of Eric Frantz	
Mike Childs		

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 25</u>
Sunday School	75
8:25 Service	79
10:55 Service	73

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>Total of November 25</u>
Sunday School	42.00
Coffee Time	22.00
White Christmas	125.00
Pastor Discretionary	50.00
Memorials to Budget	125.00
Missions	180.00
Poinsettia's	8.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	4,897.00
Year-to-date offering	384,993.00
Offering needed to date	439,309.00
(+/-) Difference	-54,316.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of December 2 Claus Thormaehlen
 Week of December 9 Dennis Bryan

Coffee Time

December 2 & 9 Kay & Jack Smoyak
 December 16 & 23 Pam Riddle

Altar Guild

December Brenda Bryan

Counters

December Richard Dix & Jimmie Bell

Greeters

December 2 8:25 Ann & Wade Stevenson
 10:55 John & Shandra Richardson
 December 9 8:25 Ann & Wade Stevenson
 10:55 John & Shandra Richardson

Kitchen Monitor

December Judy Brooks
 January 2019 Patricia Anderson

Sunday School Greeters

December 2 Carolyn Norfleet
 December 9 Lois Thormaehlen

Bakers/Visitors

December 2 Karla Childs
 December 9 Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers)
 Anita Turner (Visitor)

Usher (8:25 am)

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!

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

MIDWEEK VISITOR



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.

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!



Wednesday Night Menus

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

December 5: Homemade Vegetable Soup, Ham and Turkey Wraps, Fruit Salad. Dessert: Chocolate Pudding Cake

White Christmas Food Baskets – The Missions Committee plans to assemble 120 food baskets to distribute to those in need in our community. The baskets average \$25 each, and we thank you in advance for your support for this annual outreach project. Contributions will be accepted anytime during the month of December with designation for White Christmas. We also need help as follows: Friday, **December 21** at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will set up the 120 boxes and put in dry goods. Saturday, **December 22** at 8 a.m., we will add cold items to the boxes and will begin distribution at 9 a.m. If you are aware of families in need, please have them sign up at Good Samaritan on Wednesday, **December 5** at 12:30 p.m. We appreciate the generosity of our church family in the past and look forward to reaching out to our community this Christmas season. Thank you!



Please consider this year that when you are making your Christmas gift list, you remember the church and consider giving Manchester First United Methodist Church an extra monetary Christmas gift to help us end the year in a strong financial position.

We have gotten behind this year and need your Christmas gift to help us catch up and meet our obligations for the year.

Thank-you,

Finance Committee



It is time for Poinsettia's!!! They are \$8 each. If you would like to purchase one, please take an envelope in the back of the pew and put all money and who the Poinsettia is in memory or honor of in one envelope. Please have all orders to Suzanne Smead in the Church Office by December 7, 2018.

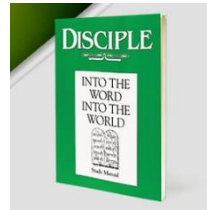


With Deepest Sympathy
Joanna McClanahan, Inez Smith's sister (11/23)
Mrs. Josephine Dorothy Smoyak, Jack Smoyak's mother (11/18)
Stephen Griner, cousin of Eric Frantz (11/19)
Ruth Jones (11/24)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Sanctuary Choir will meet for rehearsal this coming Wednesday, November 28, at 7:15 p.m. in the church Sanctuary.



DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY- Participants in the Disciple 2 Fast Track Bible Study are reminded of our next class this coming Sunday, December 2, 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! Our Minister of Music and Education, Dana M. Brooks, is directing the choir this year.

“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)

Charge Conference – December 3 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel

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