



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

November 7, 2018

Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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A NOTE FROM DANA...

A farmer went to his banker and announced that he had bad news and good news. "First, the bad news..." "Well," said the farmer, "I can't make my mortgage payments. And that crop loan I've taken out for the past 10 years -- I can't pay that off, either. Not only that, I won't be able to pay you the couple of hundred thousand I still have outstanding on my tractors and other equipment. So, I'm going to have to give up the farm and turn it all over to you for whatever you can salvage out of it." Silence prevailed for a minute and then the banker said, "What's the good news?" "The good news is that I'm going to keep on banking with you," said the farmer.

In this context I'm reminded of the words to a hymn:

"I had a debt I could not pay.
He paid the debt He did not owe,
I needed someone,
To wash my sins away.
And now I sing a brand new song,
"Amazing grace" all day long,
Christ Jesus paid the debt,
That I could never pay."

Grace and Peace,

Dana

P.S. On a more personal level, let me say a big **THANKS** to Ami, Jackie, and the Hangout Youth for the nice (and unexpected!) gift presentation during worship this past Sunday! I really did appreciate it and was greatly blessed by your thoughtfulness! Y'all are **AWESOME!**

Wow! It is already November.

The Holidays are upon us.

You will be hearing about many activities for the coming holiday season, and details are forth coming.

There is the community wide thanksgiving service sponsored by the Coffee County Ministerial Association.

There is the Rotary Club Christmas Cantata conducted by Dana Brooks.

There is the ministry known as Operation Christmas Child, as well as our food boxes and White Christmas ministry to the marginalized in the community. You will be hearing more about those activities in the coming weeks.

Some of you have been asking about the book that I have written. It is entitled, "For The Crown."

It is just about ready for release. The cost of the book is \$10.95. I have gotten a pre-release copy and there was one additional segment that the publisher had left out. They are in the process of adding that into the book, then as soon as I get a copy of that to approve, I will send it back to the publishing company for printing and distribution. We will have copies here for sale through the church office, and you can go ahead and put your name on a list for the book when they come in.

Thank you for your encouragement and support during a very exciting time for me.

Sincerely,

Randy Brown

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On Wednesday, we'll kick off the month looking at how God's people cooperated to build the tabernacle. We read throughout Exodus 28, 31, 35, and 39 how God chose people to work together because of how He gifted them. They combined their skills to create a beautiful place to worship God.

Bottom Line: God wants us to work together. Sometimes, we think it'd be better if we didn't have to rely on anyone else to get a job done, but this isn't how God created us. God created us for community, to work together, and do more than we can do on our own. We hope that kids see the value in cooperation because cooperation starts with God.

Mrs. Jackie

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This week in Sunday School, we talked about the things we will do "one day" and about the dreams God gives us. We talked about how we can do so much more when we do it with God than we could ever do on our own.

At Hangout Sunday night, we read Hebrews chapter 9. We Bible blocked it and tried to create something that would help us to remember what we had read, then we spent some time in prayer. Wednesday night, we will get back to our book Circle Maker.

We are planning to have a Baked Potato Bar on November 18th. We will start serving after Sunday School. We hope you will join us!!!

Also on November 18, we will be traveling to Blackman UMC for a Thanksgiving meal with other area youth groups.

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I have 4 spots available for Warmth in Winter. If you have not paid a deposit and would like to go, please get that money to me as soon as possible to make sure your name is on the list.

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	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	Marie Kimble	Bob Balkenende
James, friend of Suzanne Smead		Connie Moore
Dr. Tom Marcrom	Mary Frances Brantley	

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

Attendance:	November 4
Sunday School	83
8:25 Service	56
10:55 Service	89

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of November 4
Sunday School	61.00
Coffee Time	21.00
Missions	820.00
Youth	679.00
Memorial to General Budget	50.00
Radio Bible Class	60.00
Music	50.00
Pastor Discretionary – Communion Rail	40.00
Required weekly	9,347.00

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Budget Contribution	11,935.00
Year-to-date offering	365,859.00
Offering needed to date	411,268.00
(+/-) Difference	-45,409.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of November 11 Freddie Fibelkorn

Week of November 18 David Wylie

Coffee Time

November 11 Claus & Lois Thormaehlen

November 18 & 25 Mike & Julie Giffin

Altar Guild

November Anita Turner & JaNelle Burt

December Brenda Bryan

Counters

November Max Hester & Claus Thormaehlen

December Richard Dix & Jimmie Bell

Greeters

November 11 8:25 Judy Worthington & Maggie Smith

10:55 Dennis & Brenda Bryan

November 18 8:25 Susan & Rich Wakeman

10:55 ????

Kitchen Monitor

November Nellie Leonard

December Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

November 11 Melissa Cope

November 18 & 25 Lois Thormaehlen

Bakers/Visitors

November 11 Kay Pratt (Baker)

Frank Langham (Visitor)

November 18 Melissa Cope (Baker)

Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitor)

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.

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Wednesday Night Menus

November 7: BBQ Chicken, macaroni and cheese, fried okra, tossed salad with dressing, and a roll. Dessert: Yellow Cake with Chocolate Icing

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

Memorials

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Phil Tarver and Dr. Charles Rogers by Jim & Debra Thorington.



Adam Brooks and Amber Vinson were married on November 3, 2018 in Huntsville, AL at Antebellum of Glen Cove. Adam is the son of Lee and Judy Brooks of Manchester, TN. Amber is the daughter of Alan and Cindy Vinson of Decatur, AL. Adam and Amber will reside in Madison, AL until Adam finishes his PhD at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

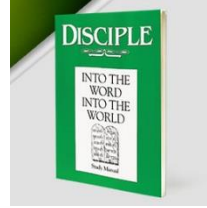
UMW & Wesley Wanderers – December 14, 2018

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!

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 11, 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.**

Sallie O’Neal Anniversary Fellowship will be meeting **Monday, November 12th** at the home of Kaye Tracy at 7 p.m. Those who wish to caravan to Kaye’s house need to meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. This is our World Thank Offering program and JaNelle Burt will lead our program. Hope to see you there!!

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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