



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

March 28, 2018

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall T. Brown



Wow!!!

We do not have the totals yet from our Stewardship campaign but yesterday was an awesome day. Thank you for your response to the stewardship campaign. Some of you are still praying and searching as to how God would have you respond. That is perfectly fine. There are many great things going on in the life of this church that never make headlines.

It is not headline news when our members take Holy Communion to our shut-ins. It is not headlines news when members of this church volunteer at Good Samaritan in record number's. It is not headline news when our church members care for individuals that need Dr.'s care. It is not headline news when church members need transportation to the Dr.'s office and other church members volunteer to take them. It is not headline news when children and teenagers are feed meals who would otherwise go hungry.

It is not headline news when our children's and youth ministries reach out way beyond the church walls and are having great influence in the Hispanic community. The things I have mentioned above are not headline news. The things mentioned above are simply the church being the church. It is simply the church going outside the walls and into the community and being the hands and feet, arms and legs of Christ in the local community.

As you and I commit our time, talents, and treasures to Christ and his church these ministries will continue to grow, and that is a movement of God which is better than headline news. Thank-you again for your response to be the church.

See you Sunday

Randy

A NOTE FROM DANA...

The German theologian Jurgen Moltmann expresses in a single sentence the great span from Good Friday to Easter. It is, in fact, a summary of human history, past, present, and future: "God weeps with us so that we may someday laugh with him." Another modern pastor put it this way: "Jesus did not come to make bad people good - He came to make DEAD PEOPLE LIVE!"

Grace and Peace,

Dana



The Youth will be serving Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Mixed Fruit, Coffee, Orange Juice, and Milk. Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated!!!

April 1, 2018 7am - 9:30 am



Since we don't have class Wednesday night due to Spring break, we covered the last lesson on peace in Sunday School on Sunday morning. We finished out our month in the book of Colossians.

In Colossians 1:20, Paul reminds us that peace originated with God's love for us and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. And as we'll discover in Colossians 3:15, we should live at peace with those around us because of everything Christ did for us.

Bottom Line: We can make peace with others because God made peace with us.

Jesus is our ultimate example of peace. Because He made peace between God and us, we should strive to make peace a part of how we work together as the Body of Christ.

I hope to see everyone at the egg hunt Saturday. It should be a beautiful day and lots of fun!

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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Back again this year by popular demand the youth will be having an Easter sunrise breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. The sunrise service will be at 6:30 AM and we will serve breakfast from the conclusion of the sunrise service through coffee time. Please make plans now to attend this annual event as we have fellowship and celebrate the risen Savior Jesus Christ.

No Youth Sunday night, April 1, 2018.

In the grip of HIS Grace,

Randa



**MANCHESTER FUMC HIGHER
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Higher Christian Education Scholarship is awarded to a student who is seeking a career in Christian ministry at a Methodist related school such as Martin Methodist or another school that is appropriate.

The scholarship is awarded to a full-time student for a yearly total of \$500. For more information regarding the application process, please contact Lois Thormaehlen, Chairperson of Higher Christian Education, at 931-580-5908. The deadline for turning in your application is April 15, 2018. Thank you!

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

God's World & Our Nation

Jay Newton; Terra Bingham; Allen Stone; Michael Starr; Craig Johnson; Brad Sanders; Justin Hendrix; Landon Norwood; Cameron Wainright; Nick Hill; Ashley Thames; Kelsie Ross; and all in the military service & their families.

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| Rob, Devon & Charlie Tessier | Jimmy Stephens | Ron Short |
| Stan McHann | Susan Wood | Jon McHann |
| Sabrina Gilliam | Bernice Thornton | Dorothy Bon |
| Cookie Brassfield | Clay Riddle | Don & Mary Rounds |
| Linda Langham | David Holdaway | Brad & Teri Edwards |
| Jeanette Taylor | Jean Johanson | Ava Brazelton |
| Charles Rogers | Jesse Overall | Charles Broadrick |
| Michael Keeling | Mike Marshall (Home) | Lillian Nolan |
| Julie Hermann | Michael Garoppo | |

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.

Memorials & Honorariums

A gift was given to the Music Fund in honor of Mr. Dana Brooks for his birthday by Mrs. Sherry Hazen.

A gift was given to the Music Fund in honor of Ms. Brooke Hazen by Mr. & Mrs. Lecil M. Hester Jr.

In Memory Of

Please Remember the Families of those who have recently passed away:
Reverend Luke Dunn

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

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| <u>Attendance:</u> | <u>March 25</u> |
| Sunday School | 90 |
| 8:25 Service | 62 |
| 10:55 Service | 107 |

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

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| | <u>March 25</u> |
| Sunday School | 61.00 |
| Missions | 280.00 |
| Good Samaritan | 100.00 |
| Coffee Time | 19.00 |
| Youth Fund | 60.00 |
| Music | 125.00 |
| Easter Lilies | 154.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary | 0.00 |
| Required weekly | 9,347.00 |
| Budget Contribution | 20,179.00 |
| Year-to-date offering | 106,341.00 |
| Offering needed to date | 112,164.00 |
| (+/-) Difference | -5,823.00 |

I Will Support My Church With My Service
Acolytes

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| April 1 | 8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn | 10:55 Elizabeth Miller |
| April 8 | Megan Fibelkorn | Daniel Hawkins |

Building Checker

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| Week of April 1 | Jonathan Shedd |
| Week of April 8 | Don English |

Coffee Time

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| April 1 | Youth Sunrise Breakfast |
| April 8 | Rich and Sue Wakeman |

Altar Guild

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| April | Beverly Smith & Ann Spaulding |
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Counters

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| April | Gary Nester & Jay Trussler |
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Greeters

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| April 1 | 8:25 Patty & Charles Roberts |
| | 10:55 Maggie Smith & Denise Dix |
| April 8 | 8:25 Patty & Charles Roberts |
| | 10:55 Kay Pratt & Denise Dix |

Kitchen Monitor

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| April | Lois Thormaehlen |
| May | Pam Riddle |

Welcome Center

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| April 1 | 8:15 Tina & Butch Niederhauser |
| | 10:45 Richard & Phyllis Dix |

Bakers/Visitors

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| April 1 | Karla Childs |
| April 8 | Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers) |
| | Anita Turner (Visitor) |



Wednesday Night Menus

March 28: No Wednesday Night Dinner – Spring Break

April 4: Homemade lasagna, French bread, tossed salad/dressings & chocolate chip bar



MIDWEEK VISITOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to SPRING BREAK, there will be **NO CHOIRS MEETING THIS WEEK.**

The **Disciple Bible Study** will NOT meet this coming Sunday, April 1, 2018.

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on April 2, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

The Coffee County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the annual **Holy Week Services**, March 26-March 30. Services will be held at noon each day in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 1001 Jackson Street here in Manchester. The Friday, March 30 service will be held at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 97 St. Bede's Drive. The services are about 30 minutes in length and feature a different local pastor preaching each day. A light lunch will be served following the service with the proceeds benefiting Good Samaritan of Manchester.

Maundy Thursday: Our church will host the annual Maundy Thursday Service, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. **We will begin with supper at 6 p.m. and you are asked to bring soups and sandwiches.** The Maundy Thursday service will be in the Fellowship Hall.

April 1 **EASTER SUNDAY** That's no April fool hoax. Sunrise service at 6:30 am and Breakfast at 7 am prepared by the Youth of the Church. The rest of the day is on regular schedule. Communion in the Chapel.

April 9 A Fundraiser Banquet for the Elk River Region for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be held at Winchester Church of Christ starting at 6 p.m. Former Tennessee Titan Chris Sanders will be the main speaker for the evening. The Elk River region FCA is made up of Coffee, Grundy, Moore, Lincoln, and Franklin counties. Tickets are \$20. For more details and/or tickets, please contact Randy or Rachel Brown.

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)

7/13-14 Vacation Bible School – Polar Blast: *Where Jesus' Love Is Cool*, where kids chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus – the coolest friend of all.

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