



# The Midweek Visitor

**First United Methodist Church**

*Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers*

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

**April 11, 2018**  
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I would like to cover several things with you in this edition of the Midweek Visitor.

First, please continue to pray for Karla Childs while she is on a mission trip to Costa Rica for the next 10 days.

Second, this Wednesday night Randa Brown will share about her trip to Israel as our Wednesday night program following supper. She will begin her program in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m., following the meal at 5:00 p.m.

Next, April 18th will be our last Wednesday night study of the semester, as Jim Thorington concludes the study he is leading on

Wednesday evenings. This will also be the last children's activity planned for this semester.

On April 25th we will have our last fellowship meal of the semester and following the meal we hope that you will be able to be present for an informational meeting concerning CHURCH SECURITY ISSUES. This is a follow-up meeting to the ones held previously where representatives from the MPD were present. Please make every effort to be in attendance for this meeting.

The trustees really do want to provide a safe environment for you and your family to attend worship here at First United Methodist Church. Please attend this congregational meeting.

On Sunday April 29, the **fifth Sunday** of the month, we will only have one worship service so that you can see friends that come for the other worship service from you. Our schedule that day will be Coffee Time at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Also, you may have been hearing and reading about a divisive issue facing our denomination. The issue very simply is over a Biblical understanding of human sexuality. For at least forty years the United Methodist Church has had within its ranks people with differing opinions on the subject of

homosexuality. The debate is becoming very heated. There is a special called session of General Conference planned for February 2019. There are many reports appearing in various media sources. There has been, and will probably continue to be, hateful, hurtful, and even false reports put out for one side or the other. I ask you to commit with me to pray for our church and our denomination, there are stormy days ahead. I ask you to pray for our bishops and those who have been elected to represent us in St Louis in February. We as a congregation may be faced with some big decisions, pray for that as well. I pledge to you that at the time when it is deemed proper to do so we will have a meeting open to the entire congregation for the purpose of information and discussion concerning these volatile issues. I would welcome you to call and or come by and talk about these issues privately but at this time there are a lot of unknowns therefore it would be best to hold said meeting later when more information is available.

**Randy**



**A NOTE FROM DANA...**

People have pursued joy in every avenue imaginable. Some have successfully found it while others have not. Perhaps it would be easier to describe where joy cannot be found:  
Not in Unbelief -- Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."  
Not in Pleasure -- Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."  
Not in Money -- Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."  
Not in Position and Fame -- Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

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Not in Military Glory -- Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where, then, is real joy found? -- the answer is simple, in Christ alone!

**Grace and Peace,**

**Dana**

*All that we have, including our time  
and talents, belongs to God.*

"Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay,  
you are the potter; we are all the work of your  
hand."

Isaiah 64:8



This week we will continue talking about patience. There's an important patience principle King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 14:29. Anyone who is patient has great understanding. But anyone who gets angry quickly shows how foolish they are (NIRV). How we respond to waiting shows others our character. Getting frustrated and angry doesn't make the wait any less; it just makes us look foolish.

**Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.** Sometimes when you're waiting, becoming angry and frustrated with others is the first thing that pops into our minds. But when it comes to waiting, often there's very little we can do to make the wait any less. While you're waiting, don't make yourself look foolish by taking it out on the people around you.

**Mrs. Jackie**

**Jacqueline Connelly**  
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We have finished our study of "The Shack". We learned a lot and had some amazing discussions. We will be starting our study on the book and movie "The Case for Christ", which is based on the life and work of Lee Strobel. I'm excited to see what God has for us in this study.

Our next fundraiser will start Sunday, April 15 and run through May 1. Again, this year we will be doing the money envelopes. This year, they will be in increments of \$5 dollars. Just a reminder of how this works. You pick the envelope with the amount you choose. Put at least that amount of money in the envelope, seal it, and either put in the offering plate or give to Randa. As always, thank you for allowing us to walk this part of your teenager's journey.

**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!

\*\*\*Denise Dix transferred her membership from First Baptist Church in Dalton, GA to First United Methodist Church in Manchester, TN effective March 29, 2018. If you see her, please welcome her back home.

**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.

Rob, Devon & Charlie Tessier	Jimmy Stephens	Ron Short
Stan McHann	Susan Wood	Jon McHann
Sabrina Gilliam	Bernice Thornton	Dorothy Bon
Debbi Leprone	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	Lillian Nolan
Julie Hermann	Michael Garoppo	Eric Frantz
Karla Childs	Dave Owen & family	AJ Marshall & family
Donna McCluskey	Patricia McHann	Sharon Brown & family

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**

Flowers on the Alter April 15, 2018 are given in loving memory of Ray Wood by Susan & family.

A gift was given to the Children Ministry in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by Ed & Tina Niederhauser, Roger & Kimla Weeks, Samuel J. Dinicola, Bobby & Rayna McCullough, Rogers & Judith Starr, Maryville High School Class of '59, Michael & Karla Childs, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Stevenson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roberts, Claus & Lois Thormaehlen, Jack & Faye Huffman, Michael Giffin, Dennis & Brenda Bryan, Eric & Allison Beachboard, Jim & Debra Thorington, Frank Langham, Pat & Joane Cassady, Mrs. Beverly Smith, Richard & Patsy Judkins, Barry M. Phillips, and Jerry & Sue Reid.

A gift was given to Good Samaritan in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by Bob & Nellie Leonard.

**In Memory Of**

Please Remember Mike Giffin and family during the recent passing of his mother, Cookie Brassfield.

**I Will Support My Church With My Presence**

**Attendance:**

Sunday School  
8:25 Service  
10:55 Service

**April 8**

90  
66  
84

**I Will Support My Church With My Gifts**

**April 8**

Sunday School	81.50
Missions	361.00
Good Samaritan	150.00
Coffee Time	32.00
Youth Fund	10.00
Children's Ministry	1,175.00
Youth Pancake Breakfast	447.00
Easter Lilies	43.00
Pastor's Discretionary	0.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	9,496.00
Year-to-date offering	124,456.00
Offering needed to date	130,858.00
(+/-) Difference	-6,402.00

***I Will Support My Church With My Service***

**Acolytes**

April 15	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Madison Miller
April 22	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elijah McCoy

**Building Checker**

Week of April 15	Max Hester
Week of April 22	Mike Anderson

**Coffee Time**

April 15	Rich and Sue Wakeman
April 22 & 29	Leeann Leversen

**Altar Guild**

April	Beverly Smith & Ann Spaulding
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**Counters**

April	Gary Nester & Jay Trussler
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**Greeters**

April 15 & 22	8:25 Ami & Jonathan Shedd
	10:55 Ruth & Bill Jones
April 29	10:55 Nancy Daniel & Jean Heard

**Kitchen Monitor**

April	Lois Thormaehlen
May	Pam Riddle

**Welcome Center**

April 15	8:15 Lois Thormaehlen
	10:45 Ann & Ben Spaulding
April 22 & 29	8:15 Jack & Kay Smoyak
	10:45 Trish Anderson

**Bakers/Visitors**

April 15	Lois Thormaehlen
April 22	Pat Casssady (Baker)
	Joane Cassady (Visitor)

***Wednesday Night Menus***

**April 11:** Hamburgers/hot dogs/buns (lettuce, tomato, pickles, etc.), baked beans, coleslaw, & strawberry shortcake

**April 18:** Herb roasted chicken, herb roasted potatoes, green beans, tossed salad/dressings, & chocolate pudding cake

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**April 29, 2018 – There will be one service on the fifth Sunday in April at 11 am. The kids will sing during the service. Coffee time is at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, **April 11, 2018**, we will have supper at 5:00 p.m. After the meal, RANDA BROWN will share a slide presentation highlighting her trip to Israel.

The **Sanctuary Choir** will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

The last **Disciple Bible Study** will meet this coming Sunday afternoon, **April 15, 2018** at 3 p.m. in Room 219.

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on **April 16, 2018** at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

No **Casual Chess Club** until further notice.

The Sallie O'Neal Fellowship will meet at the home of Patty Roberts on Monday, **April 16, 2018** at 7 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Joane Cassady at 728-7154.

**“God’s Steward to God’s Earth! Don’t leave your trash in God’s living room.” Saturday April 14, 2018**, 8 am to 1 pm, please bring your Household Hazardous Waste to Coffee County Solid Waste Department at 2180 Murfreesboro Hwy, Manchester TN. Things to bring are Household Cleaners, Home Maintenance Chemicals, Lawn & Garden Chemicals, & Automotive Products. For more information, please see the flyer on the office door.

**\*\*Joan Jones** is having her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on **April 28, 2018!!!!** We want to help her celebrate! Please send her a card at 2416 Ridgeland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214.\*\*

**\*\*\*One Day of Hope is October 13, 2018. Details coming soon.\*\*\***

**July 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.

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](http://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)

**\*\*On behalf of New Life Sunday School Class and Sallie O'Neal Fellowship, we thank you for your generous contributions to the Manchester Extended Health Center and the Mike Marshall family. Your response and abundant overflowing of gifts were greatly appreciated. What a wonderful, caring, loving, and giving church to belong to!**

United Methodist Women meet on **April 24, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All women are invited!

The Wesley Wanderers will meet on **April 26, 2018** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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