



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

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If you know anything about the yearly cycle of a United Methodist Pastor, you know that we are appointed for one year at a time. You also know that spring time is the time that announcements are made concerning pastoral appointments of pastors for the coming conference year. Our conference year runs from July 1 - June 30.

I have received word from our Interim District Superintendent Rev. Micheal O'Bannon that I will continue to be appointed here as your pastor for the 2018-2019 conference year. I am grateful and thankful for the opportunity to serve this community with you. Manchester First United Methodist Church is a unique and special church. Manchester First United Methodist Church has a rich history, an exciting present, and a bright future. We continue to reap the benefits of those who have gone before us.

As I walk down the hallway outside my office and look at the pictures of former pastors on the wall I realize that they have laid a foundation on which we now stand. It is up to us to build on that foundation and continue to build the kingdom of God in this community. As I think about the present, I get excited about the outreach programs that we have. Our youth and children's ministries are reaching beyond our walls and into the community. Our church members are involved in the community in many ways that never make the headline news. This church is a caring church and is a church that goes about meeting the needs of the community while never stopping to sign an autograph. In the coming year that we are together, we should have two major emphasis and that is PRAYER and the UNCHURCHED of

Manchester, TN. As I begin to look at a sixth year in Manchester three words come to my mind: EVERYBODY/ANYBODY/SOMEBODY.

Everybody can pray for somebody
Anybody can bring somebody
God is on the move and he is not through with us yet.

See You Sunday

Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was present at the Vienna Music Hall, where his oratorio *The Creation* was being performed. Weakened by age, the great composer was confined to a wheelchair. As the majestic work moved along, the audience was caught up with tremendous emotion. When the passage "And there was light!" was reached, the chorus and orchestra burst forth in such power that the crowd could no longer restrain its enthusiasm. The vast assembly rose in spontaneous applause. Haydn struggled to stand and motioned for silence. With his hand pointed toward heaven, he said, "No, no, not from me, but from thence comes all!" Having given the glory and praise to the Creator, he fell back into his chair exhausted. Worship is not about performance, it is about acclamation that GOD ALONE IS WORTHY!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



In Sunday School this past Sunday, we headed to Exodus 32:1–35, where we found the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai. Instead of obeying God and waiting for Moses to come down off the mountain, the entire nation of Israel grew impatient. They built a golden calf and began to worship it instead of worshipping God. Their lack of patience had some severe consequences.

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think about what's true. It's easier to wait when you remember all the times God has helped you before. You can trust Him, knowing that He'll help you wait.

This Wednesday (April 18) will be our last Kingdom Kidz night for the semester! I am sure I speak for everyone involved in these classes when I say we have all grown and learned so much by teaching these classes and sharing the Good News with your children. Thank you to the parents who have sent your children to share this special time with us. Three girls will be "graduating" into youth Wednesday. We will miss their attitudes, input, and sparkle in our class next year, but I know they'll be a great addition to the youth group. I hope the topics we covered and Bible stories we've read have laid a solid foundation that stays with them the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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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

We are in the middle of 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 it in the offering plate or give it 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

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
Hassel Family	Faye & Ralph Jones	

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 Children’s Ministry in memory of Mrs. Regina “Cookie” Brassfield by Mary F. Brantley, Mr. & Mrs. Lecil M. Hester, Bud & Pam Riddle, and Nancy Daniel.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Mrs. Regina “Cookie” Brassfield by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hendrix.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	April 15
Sunday School	93
8:25 Service	58
10:55 Service	90

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	April 15
Sunday School	62.00
Missions	370.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	25.00
Youth Fund	320.00
Children’s Ministry	95.00
Easter Lilies	12.00
Non Designated Memorial	50.00
Pastor’s Discretionary	0.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	4,967.00
Year-to-date offering	129,423.00
Offering needed to date	140,205.00
(+/-) Difference	-10,782.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

April 22	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elijah McCoy
April 29	11:00 Daniel Hawkins

Building Checker

Week of April 22	Mike Anderson
Week of April 29	Gerry Trumper

Coffee Time

April 22 & 29	Leeann Leversen
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Altar Guild

April	Beverly Smith & Ann Spaulding
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Counters

April	Gary Nester & Jay Trussler
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Greeters

April 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 22 & 29	8:15 Jack & Kay Smoyak
	10:45 Trish Anderson

Bakers/Visitors

April 22	Pat Cassady (Baker)
	Joane Cassady (Visitor)
April 29	Beverly Smith (Baker)
	Debra & Jim Thorington (Visitors)



Wednesday Night Menus

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

April 25: Beef Tacos, shredded lettuce, tomato, cheese, black beans, fruited salad & ice cream sundaes



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



Grief Support Group

A grief support group to the community is being offered at the Coffee County Funeral Chapel in the Hospitality Suite every Thursday at 10 am and 7 pm. It is being led by Nationally Certified Grief Counselor, Benny Benjamin. This is free of charge to anyone in the community suffering from any type of loss. Call 723-3330 to reserve your spot, but walk-ins are welcome as well.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on **April 23, 2018** at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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

****Joan Jones** is having her 100th 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! 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)

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.

The Wesley Wanderers Day Trip will be Wednesday, **May 23, 2018**. They will leave the church at 10 a.m. They will be touring an Antebellum Home in Winchester and will have lunch at the home. Price per person is \$20, which includes everything except for gas for the bus ride. Call Nellie Leonard at 728-1077 if you would like to go or if you have any questions. This will take place of the Wesley Wanderers meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2018.



****SUMMER AT THE PAVILION SERIES****

Church Fellowship Kickoff Event

Hosted by Summitville UMC

May 19, 2018 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Phelps Pavilion – 15 Clark Street,

Manchester, TN 37355

Featuring Music by:

Manchester First UMC Praise Band

Come enjoy great fellowship with area churches!

Learn about the Summer Pavilion Series Line Up!

Hot dogs, chips, drinks!

Bring your lawn chair or blanket!



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