



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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I have recently received notice that I will be returning as Pastor of Manchester First United Methodist Church for a sixth year. I am excited about this and the future that God has planned for us. I desperately need and am asking for your help and support in this coming conference year. While we have several exciting ministries happening in this congregation, from children and youth to music and missions, God is calling us to be more.

I feel like we are positioned for growth as a congregation. I invite you to meet with me on Monday April 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 219 of the education building of Manchester First United Church. We will start on time and end no later than 7:30 p.m.

In our sixty minutes together, we will pray over this congregation, talk about what we currently offer to the community, look at the current and projected demographic data for Manchester, and where we need to concentrate our efforts to be "The Body Of Christ" in Manchester, Tennessee and beyond.

I must share with you my own conviction, since receiving word of my re-appointment to this Congregation, the Holy Spirit has shown me that this is the year for Manchester FUMC to deal with what it means to be "The Body of Christ".

One Body,

Randy

A NOTE FROM DANA...

Caleb was a man in the Bible of unrelenting pursuit! His eyes had seen a mountain and Moses had given him this promise: "The land upon which your feet have walked will be your inheritance." (Joshua 14:9) Caleb was 85 years old but his resolve and desire to possess this promise were undiminished. He told Joshua "GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN" and then he proceeded to go in and drive out the giants who lived there! Forty-five years of waiting and anticipation did not keep this man from fulfilling God's purposes for him!

How often do we "circle the mountain" only once and then decide it's not the will of God or that the mountain is too high? Remember that Elijah prayed seven times until he saw that rain cloud! And Joshua marched seven days until the walls of Jericho "came tumbling down!" So, PURSUE YOUR DREAM! And until that dream comes to pass, continue to say, like Caleb of old, "GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN!"

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



Sunday we'll discuss the **Key Question: What could you miss out on by not waiting?** God wants His best for us.

Sometimes when we're waiting, we rush to what we can get now instead of what is best. We hope kids can discover that waiting for God's best is the wisest choice they can make. We don't want kids to miss out on something God has planned for their life because they weren't patient.

We'll finish out the month with one of the best examples of what happens when you're not patient; you lose something of value. In Genesis 25:24-34, we discover the story of Esau sacrificing his birthright for a bowl of stew. Because Esau was impatient, he lost something he could never get back.

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think twice. Don't let your lack of patience cause you to make a decision you'll regret. Think twice about what really matters. Ask God to help you wait patiently for what matters most. I'm looking forward to you hearing our children sing "I Can Only Imagine" Sunday morning during our joined service!

Mrs. Jackie

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Thank you to everyone who has participated in the envelope fundraiser so far. You guys rock!!!! If you have not had a chance to pick up an envelope yet, don't worry you still have time. This year they are 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 that envelope, seal it, and either put it 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

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	Ed Turner
Stan McHann	Susan Wood	Jon McHann
Sabrina Gilliam	Bernice Thornton	Dorothy Bon
Sharon Brown & family	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
Hassel Family	Michael Garoppo	Eric Frantz
Faye & Ralph Jones	Dave Owen & family	AJ Marshall & family
Donna McCluskey	Patricia McHann	David Holdaway & family
Bob & Nellie Leonard & 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

A gift was given to the Children's Ministry in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by an Anonymous Donor.

In Memory Of

Please remember Nellie and Bob Leonard in the recent death of Nellie's brother, Robert Fritts, in Kingsport, TN.

Please remember Ken and Nona Jarratt and the family of David Holdaway, who passed away April 16, 2018. Mr. Holdaway was a computer technician at the Computer Shoppe for 25 years. He is buried at Gilley Hill Cemetery.

APRIL 25, 2018

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	April 22
Sunday School	57
8:25 Service	50
10:55 Service	79

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	April 22
Sunday School	49.00
Missions	300.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	19.00
Youth Fund	666.00
Children's Ministry	25.00
Music	50.00
Radio Bible Class	60.00
Pastor's Discretionary	0.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	4,440.00
Year-to-date offering	133,336.00
Offering needed to date	149,552.00
(+/-) Difference	-16,216.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

April 29	11:00 Daniel Hawkins
May 6	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elijah McCoy

Building Checker

Week of April 29	Gerry Trumper
Week of May 6	Charles Roberts

Coffee Time

April 29	Leeann Leversen
May 6 & 13	Brenda Fibelkorn

Altar Guild

April	Beverly Smith & Ann Spaulding
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Counters

April	Gary Nester & Jay Trussler
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Greeters

April 29	11:00 Nancy Daniel & Jean Heard
May 6 & 13	8:25 Katy & Brad Riddle
	10:55 Sandy & Katherine Hawkins

Kitchen Monitor

April	Lois Thormaehlen
May	Pam Riddle

Welcome Center

April 29	11:00 Trish Anderson
May 6	8:15 Jim & Debra Thorington
	10:45 Pam Riddle

Bakers/Visitors

April 29	Beverly Smith (Baker)
	Debra & Jim Thorington (Visitors)
May 6	Debra & Jim Thorington



Wednesday Night Menus

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



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.
786 McMinnville Hwy, Manchester, TN



****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!



CONGRATULATIONS!!! Grant & Abby Jones had a baby girl, Holli Sloan Jones, on April 19, 2018 at 4:27 pm! She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and she was 20.25 inches long. She has a big brother Sam and her grandparents are Dowe & Benny Jones.

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MIDWEEK VISITOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadlines: Items to be put in the newsletter are due to the office no later than Monday at 3pm; items to be put in the bulletin are due to the office no later than Thursday at noon. Thank you!

****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 along with other special music. Coffee time is at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.****

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

The **Men's Chorus** will NOT have rehearsal Sunday, April 29, 2018.

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on **April 30, 2018** at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. Handbells will be assisting in worship on May 13, 2018.

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)

The Wesley Wanderers will meet on **April 26, 2018** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be challenged by some Bible Trivia and also have lunch together. Please come and join us!

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.

Increased Church Security – Your trustees have heard police officers and a deputy sheriff's advices. They have listened to recommendations and concerns from church members. Sequentially a proposal has been formulated to increase security for anyone using the church facilities at any time. **The effectiveness and success of the activation of this proposal depends on everyone being knowledgeable of their inevitable personal role at the onset of it being accepted.** **April 25, 2018** will be our last Wednesday evening meal for the semester and the trustees proposal will be presented at 6pm. Everyone is urged to attend, particularly those who serve as volunteer greeters, welcome center persons, ushers, and those who carry weapons. Anyone using our church facilities at any time would be affected. Your vital, positive inputs are sought. **Please attend.**

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