



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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A NOTE FROM DANA...

I am always blessed to observe the Lenten season on the church calendar. I am always moved by the special services we have, particularly Easter Sunday services. And I may be wrong about this, but it seems to me that the church (especially the STAFF) breathes a collective sigh of relief on the Monday following Easter! So, what do we all do now that Easter is “over?” What is the “next big thing?” Let me offer a couple of thoughts. First, Easter is really NOT OVER! Christians are EASTER PEOPLE! We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus EVERY SUNDAY when (or whenever) we gather for worship! So let’s commit to make every corporate worship time an Easter time!

And secondly, we don’t have to wait for Pentecost Sunday or Advent for the next “big thing.” Actually, the next big thing is TODAY. We United Methodists call this “living in the NOW!” The writer of II Corinthians 6:2 (quoting Isaiah 49:8) says “**See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!**” We need not take a vacation or shirk our responsibilities to LIVE and SHARE the Gospel message!

So as Steven Curtis Chapman once said metaphorically in a song, “Saddle up your horses, we’ve got a trail to blaze through the wild blue yonder of God’s amazing Grace!”

Grace and Peace,

Dana

Wow!!!

College Basketball fans call it "March Madness!"

Yesterday as the Women's National Championship Game came down to the last second, (literally) we all witnessed the Luck of The Irish. Some witnessed it with great sadness, and some with glee.

The Men's National Tournament has had it's share of shining moments as well.

But what we celebrated on April 1st is much more important, exciting, and long lasting than a ball game.

As we celebrated Easter we are reminded that there are no losers, excepted for death and sin. Sin and death were defeated on the cross. You and I have been given new life.

When our time is over on this earth we go to overtime in Heaven and live eternally with him.

EASTER means VICTORY, VICTORY, VICTORY,
VICTORY OVER SIN AND SELF,
VICTORY OVER THE GRAVE,
VICTORY OVER DEATH AND THE FEAR OF DEATH!!!!

Congratulations on your VICTORY thru Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!!

Share the Victory.

See you Sunday at the Victory place.

Randy

*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



In April we will be talking about **patience**. For our first week focused on patience, we look to 1 Samuel 1:6–2:1 where we discover the story of Hannah. She had waited years for a child. Rather than become frustrated and angry toward God, she prays and tells Him all about it. When God answers her prayer, she gives her son back to God. He honored her waiting and blessed her with even more children. **Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.** It's important for us all to remember that talking to God about waiting will help us stay patient through whatever circumstance we might face. He may not change our circumstance, but He'll give the strength to keep waiting well.

I wanted to say thank you one last time to everyone who helped make the Easter egg hunt Saturday a success! Fun was had by all, and all of you made it possible.

Jacqueline Connelly
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Thank you to everyone who came and supported the youth at the sunrise breakfast this past Sunday. Thank you, Reesa Brown for going and getting kids and for grocery shopping. Thank you, Rachel Brown for getting the groceries. Thank you, Jonathan Shedd for cooking the pancakes. Thank you, Ami Shedd for making sure we didn't burn the church down! Thank you, Denise Dix for all your help.

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 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



**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.

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 (Home)	Lillian Nolan
Julie Hermann	Michael Garoppo	Eric Frantz
Karla Childs	Dave Owen & 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 Flower Fund in memory of Mrs. Cookie Brassfield by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Dix.

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

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>April 1</u>
Sunday School	89
6:30 Service	30
8:25 Service	107
10:55 Service	133

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>April 1</u>
Sunday School	53.00
Missions	375.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	0.00
Youth Fund	0.00
Music	0.00
Flowers	25.00
Easter Lilies	96.00
Pastor's Discretionary	0.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	8,619.00
Year-to-date offering	114,960.00
Offering needed to date	121,511.00
(+/-) Difference	-6,551.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

April 8 8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
10:55 Daniel Hawkins
April 15 8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
10:55 Madison Miller

Building Checker

Week of April 8 Don English
Week of April 15 Max Hester

Coffee Time

April 8 & 15 Rich and Sue Wakeman
April 22 & 29 Leeann Leversen

Altar Guild

April Beverly Smith & Ann Spaulding

Counters

April Gary Nester & Jay Trussler

Greeters

April 8 8:25 Patty & Charles Roberts
10:55 Kay Pratt & Denise Dix
April 15 & 22 8:25 Ami & Jonathan Shedd
10:55 Ruth & Bill Jones

Kitchen Monitor

April Lois Thormaehlen
May Pam Riddle

Welcome Center

April 8 & 15 8:15 Lois Thormaehlen
10:45 Ann & Ben Spaulding

Bakers/Visitors

April 8 Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers)
Anita Turner (Visitor)
April 15 Lois Thormaehlen



Wednesday Night Menus

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

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Wednesday night activities resume this Wednesday, April 4, 2018, with supper at 5:00 p.m. After the meal, we will be blessed with a special presentation by KARLA CHILDS, highlighting her recent ministry trip to Poland. Come and be a part!

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

The **Disciple Bible Study** will resume meeting this coming Sunday afternoon, April 8, 2018 at 3 p.m. in Room 219. Only two sessions left!

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on April 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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)

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

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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