



# The Midweek Visitor

**First United Methodist Church**

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

**May 16, 2018**

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



There has been a group of your fellow church members that have been meeting and praying about the future and about how we can fulfill our mission to be the Body Of Christ for the coming conference year. We are meeting, planning, and praying now so that new ministries can be in place for the fall. Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this planning group. Everyone is welcome, encouraged, and expected to be in prayer for this group regardless of whether or not you can attend the meeting. We are planning-ahead; what does that mean, well it means:

- P**redetermine the change that is needed
- L**ay out your steps
- A**adjust your priorities
- N**otify key people
- A**llow time for acceptance
- H**ead into action
- E**xpect problems
- A**lways point to the successes
- D**aily review your progress

Some of the things that we are looking at as we increase our ministry presence in the community are:

- A bus Ministry on Sunday, we need drivers
- Men's ministries
- Marriage Enrichment to the community
- Confirmation classes
- Disciple I and II
- Meeting new residents in the community
- Supper Club
- MacAuthur Manor Bible Study

These are all good things, and we will need you to help carry out these ministries; we would love to hear from you about other ministries

you feel are important and needed in the community.

We are in for an exciting time this next conference year as the Body of Christ.

See you Sunday.

**Brother Randy**



## A NOTE FROM DANA...

Actress Carol Burnett got out of a cab one day and caught her coat in the door. The driver was unaware of her plight and slowly began to edge out into traffic. To keep from being pulled off her feet, the comedienne had to run alongside down the block. A passerby noted her predicament and quickly alerted the driver. He stopped, jumped out, and released Miss Burnett's coat. "Are you all right?" he asked anxiously. "Yes," she gasped, "but how much more do I owe you?"

Life has a way of testing our composure at times. And let's be honest – we have ALL been there in those moments when our brain tells we should react a certain way, but our heart tells us something else.

As Christians, we need to keep a check on how we compose ourselves, especially in those very public places we go every day! You might ask yourself the next time you're tempted to act or speak in a non-Christian manner "How will my actions or words best represent the Spirit of Christ?" Keep Calm. Give it to Jesus.

**Grace and Peace,**

**Dana**



We are learning some pretty serious repercussions from lying this month in Sunday School! This week, we find that there's an important story about honesty throughout the book of Esther. Haman has just been promoted as the king's most important advisor. Haman lets this go to his head and commands that everyone bow to him. But there's one man who won't: Mordecai. Haman is so angry that he vows to destroy not just Mordecai, but all of his people, the Jews. Little does Haman know, but Mordecai has family in high places. Queen Esther risks everything to save her people. Once her plan with Mordecai is set in motion, Haman's dishonesty to hurt others ends up hurting himself instead.

**Bottom Line: When you lie to help yourself, you hurt yourself instead.**

Sometimes we have a tendency to lie in order to make ourselves look good. But we can't keep the lie for long. Eventually, we'll be found out and our lie will only hurt ourselves.

Mrs. Jackie

**Jacqueline Connelly**  
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**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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Thank you to everyone who participated in the envelope fundraiser!!! It was a very big success. Thank you for investing in the lives of our teenagers!!!! If you are interested and willing in being a prayer partner for Big Stuf this summer, please let me know. We will be starting to make those partner pairs over the next week or so. We have a need for supper over the summer on the following dates:

- Sunday June 3
- Sunday June 10
- Wednesday June 13
- Sunday July 1
- Sunday July 8
- Wednesday July 11
- Sunday July 15
- Wednesday July 18
- Sunday July 22
- Wednesday July 25
- Sunday July 29

If you are willing to help with this, please let me know ASAP!!!!

As always, thank you for allowing us to come along side you on this part of your teenager's journey.

**In the grip of HIS Grace,**

**Randa**



**\*\*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, in**

**\*\*Summitville, directly behind the church\*\***

**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!**



**MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS**

God's World & Our Nation

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

McHann family	Jimmy Stephens	Faye & Ralph Jones
Susan Wood	Dave Owen & family	Rachel Amodei
Sabrina Gilliam	Bernice Thornton	Dorothy Bon
Sharon Brown & family	Clay Riddle	Don & Mary Rounds
Linda Langham	Donna McCluskey	Brad & Teri Edwards
Jeanette Taylor	Jean Johanson	Ava Brazelton
Charles Rogers	Jesse Overall	Charles Broadrick
Marshall family	Lillian Nolan	Michael Garoppo
Eric Frantz	Harold Brown & family	
Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents)		

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.

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

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>May 13</b>
Sunday School	69
8:25 Service	75
10:55 Service	105

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

	<b>May 13</b>
Sunday School	43.00
Missions	170.00
Good Samaritan	00.00
Coffee Time	36.00
Youth Fund	353.00
Gideons	100.00
Children's Ministry	00.00
Pastor's Discretionary	00.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	4,754.00
Year-to-date offering	163,134.00
Offering needed to date	177,593.00
(+/-) Difference	-14,459.00

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

**Acolytes**

May 20	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elizabeth Miller
May 27	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Daniel Hawkins

**Building Checker**

Week of May 20	Dana Brooks
Week of May 27	Craig Johnson

**Coffee Time**

May 20 & 27	Doris & Roy Hendrix
June 3 & 10	Sue & Jerry Reid

**Altar Guild**

May	Debra Thorington
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**Counters**

May	Richard Dix & Topsy Layne
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**Greeters**

May 20	8:25	Topsy Layne, Bobby Layne
	10:55	Julie Giffin, Mike Giffin

**Kitchen Monitor**

May	Pam Riddle
June	Brenda Fibelkorn

**Welcome Center**

Volunteers for the Welcome Center no longer needed but Sunday School Greeter volunteers needed

**Bakers/Visitors**

May 20	Melissa Cope (Baker)
	Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitors)
May 27	Bea Ferrell

**\*\*\*Our Baby Bottle Fundraiser has begun! If you did not pick up a bottle on May 13<sup>th</sup>, you may come to the office and pick one up. Just fill it with change, bills, or checks and return your bottle to the church on Father's Day, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Call the office at 728-4624 or email [manchesterfumc@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterfumc@gmail.com) with any questions.\*\*\*

**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!

**THANK YOU** - "I would like to take the time to thank my FUMC family for being there in our recent time of need. Without all your help, we would not have made it. The prayers, the hugs, the visits, transportation, household goods, and most of all money were all a huge blessing to us. Mike is doing much better and able to work a little. He is almost done with all his therapy with the home health people. They want us to continue on our own until August. Hopefully by then he will be back to the same old Mike. Prayers are still appreciated as he has a new tear in the left side carotid artery. They say it will heal itself if he takes it easy. Once again thank you all for everything. In God's love, the Marshalls."

**THANK YOU** - "I was thankful to come to church Sunday, May 13, 2018 to see all my church friends. I appreciate all the birthday cards I received on my 97<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sincerely, Matilda Locke"

**Good Samaritan Workers**

**May 21** - Max & Judy Hester, Marie Kimble, Donna McCluskey, Topsy Layne

## MIDWEEK VISITOR

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**\*\*\*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)

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.

**May 20, 2018** - The District Conference is located here at Manchester First United Methodist Church from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**May 20, 2018** – Finance Meetings – Executive at 5:30 p.m. and Regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**May 29, 2018** – Administrative Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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Mrs. Emma Lou Spurlock Morris, 82, passed away May 2, 2018 in her home. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Manchester. A memorial graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens on May 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements made by Central Funeral Home, Manchester, TN.

  
*With Sympathy*

**Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil.**

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33