



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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We live in a world of conflict, and division don't we? There is conflict and division over political, social, and theological issues. There is conflict of what people did or did not say. There is conflict of what people heard or think they heard. There is a lot of reconciling that needs to be done, a lot of understanding that needs to take place.

You and I are to be agents of reconciliation. Reconciliation happens only as we seek to be unified in the body of Christ. Unity never comes by people wearing their feelings on their sleeves or by carrying a chip on their shoulders. Unity comes when we seek the good of the other person, it is what Jesus called the Golden rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

I would invite you to do an exercise. In the space below write down three things you wish you could change. Go ahead, write the list before you read any further.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank you, now as you look at your list, be honest in answering this question: Are the things you listed things that you want others to change to suit you, or are the things you listed things that you need to change and work on for your own self-improvement? Are you just wanting others to change? Are you willing to change? Most people want everybody else to do the changing, and can tell you what "they" should change, but if you are like

me there are more than three things that I need to change about myself. Maybe the problem is not "them", maybe we are part of the problem that needs to change.

Let's take an honest look at ourselves and ask God to show us what we need to change and rely on him to help us make necessary positive changes.

May this happen in our lives as 2 Cor. 5:17 comes to life in us. "If anyone is in Christ they are a new creation, the old has past away, behold the new has come."

May each of us experience this new life.

Brother Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

In a Peanuts cartoon Lucy demanded that Linus change TV channels, threatening him with her fist if he didn't. "What makes you think you can walk right in here and take over?" asks Linus.

"These five fingers," says Lucy. "Individually they're nothing but when I curl them together like this into a single unit, they form a weapon that is terrible to behold."

"Which channel do you want?" asks Linus. Turning away, he looks at his fingers and says, "Why can't you guys get organized like that?"

There is a lot of talk about "unity" among churches nowadays. But let's not mistake unity for agenda! We would do well to practice this tenet of John Wesley: "I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field."

Grace and Peace,

Dana



This month in Sunday School, we will be talking about honesty. Honesty is a reflection of the Character of God. We'll start the month in 2 Kings 5 and learn more about the prophet Elisha and his servant named Gehazi. After Elisha helped Naaman, Gehazi saw Elisha turn down an extravagant gift from Naaman. But Gehazi decided that he could take advantage of the situation and take the gift for himself. He went behind Elisha's back, denied his actions, and inevitably lost Elisha's trust.

Bottom Line: When you're not truthful, you lose trust. If you continually tell lies and hurt people with dishonesty, eventually you will lose the trust of those around you. We hope kids realize that honesty helps them build relationships with others. Did you know that there is an app put out by the writers of the curriculum we use in the Children's Department (Orange) to help you talk to your kids about what they're learning at church? It's called "Parent Cue." You put information about your child in the app and you can view videos we use. It will also give you ideas about questions you can ask your kids and conversation starters about the topics we're covering. And it's FREE!!! I hope you'll check it out!

Mrs. Jackie

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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



Thank you to everyone who has participated in the envelope fundraiser so far. You guys rock!!!! We have TWO more weeks of this fundraiser. 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 it to Randa. I am in need of several people to fix dinner for the youth during the summer. If you are willing and/or able to help with that, then please let Randa know ASAP!!!!

In the grip of HIS Grace,

Randa



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

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

God's World & Our Nation

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

McHann family	Jimmy Stephens	Ed Turner
Susan Wood	Brian Cassady	Dave Owen & family
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	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 Good Samaritan fund in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by Earl & Mattie Lee Eaton.

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A gift was given to the Children's Ministry in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by Tom & Jackie Connelly.

A gift was given to the Good Samaritan fund in memory of Robert Fritts by Mike & Julie Giffin and the Upper Room Sunday School Class.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Mrs. Regina "Cookie" Brassfield by Donna McCluskey.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>April 29</u>
Sunday School	93
11:00 Service	128

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	<u>April 29</u>
Sunday School	58.00
Missions	255.00
Good Samaritan	275.00
Coffee Time	23.00
Youth Fund	3,739.00
Children's Ministry	100.00
Gideons	100.00
Pastor's Discretionary	0.00
Required weekly	9,347.00

Budget Contribution	15,644.00
Year-to-date offering	148,980.00
Offering needed to date	158,899.00
(+/-) Difference	-9,919.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

May 6	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elijah McCoy
May 13	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Madison Miller

Building Checker

Week of May 6	Charles Roberts
Week of May 13	Richard Wakeman

Coffee Time

May 6 & 13	Brenda Fibelkorn
May 20 & 27	Doris & Roy Hendrix

Altar Guild

May	Debra Thorington
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Counters

May	Gary Nester & Jay Trussler
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Greeters

May 6 & 13	8:25 Katy & Brad Riddle
	10:55 Sandy & Katherine Hawkins
May 20 & 27	8:25 Topsy & Bobby Lane
	10:55 Julie & Mike Giffin

Kitchen Monitor

May	Pam Riddle
June	Brenda Fibelkorn

Welcome Center

May 6	8:15 Jim & Debra Thorington
	10:45 Pam Riddle
May 13	8:15 Ed Holland
	10:45 Dennis & Brenda Bryan

Bakers/Visitors

May 6	Debra & Jim Thorington
May 13	Kay Pratt (Baker)
	Frank Langham (Visitor)



****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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, May 6, 2018.

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** will meet on **May 7, 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.

*****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 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.

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, **May 3, 2018** at Noon at the Manchester City Hall Boardroom, 200 West Fort Street, Manchester TN 37355.

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!

Good Samaritan Workers

May 21 – Max & Judy Hester, Marie Kimble, Donna McCluskey

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