



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

May 23, 2018

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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Have you ever felt that something big was getting ready to happen? Have you ever felt that God was getting ready to move in a mighty way? Have you ever felt that you wanted to be a part of something bigger than yourself? Have you ever felt that you were ready for a great adventure? If yes, then your time has come.

There have been two meetings and the third one is planned for next Wednesday May 30th @ 6:00 pm in the youth room. The reason for these meeting's are to discern who God is calling us to be as the BODY OF CHRIST in the coming conference year.

We have, are, and need lots of body's to make up the BODY of Christ. You and I as baptized Christians and members of the church are a part of the BODY OF CHRIST. We do not all serve the same purpose. Some teach, some sing, some greet, some run the sound, some are trustees, some show hospitality, and so on, but we are all part of the Body of Christ with different roles and functions. As a result of the meeting mentioned above we have come to realize among other things that God is calling us and will use us if we are willing to meet the needs of our community in the following ways:

1. A bus ministry
2. A ministry to single parents
3. A visitation ministry to newcomer's in Manchester (kind of a Christian welcome wagon)
4. A ministry that would increase our visibility through social media
5. A ministry to cross cultural barriers (English as second language).

Ministry takes place when a need is put before the body of Christ and the body of Christ works to meet that need in the name of Christ. These are just some of the items that have come to our attention as we have met. You are invited to attend and be a part of these brainstorming sessions. We need your input because all of us are smarter than any of us. As we continue in this process we will begin to move into the plan ahead method, which is as follows:

Predetermine the change that is needed.

Lay out your steps

Adjust you priorities

Notify key people

Allow time for acceptance

Head into action

Expect problems

Always point to the sucesses

Daily review your progress.

See you Sunday at the Father's House,

Brother Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

My music degree is in Music Education K-12. I did a great deal of substitute teaching that first year after college but managed to land a job teaching middle school music for about the last 13 weeks of that school year. It was fun and I loved being in the classroom with the kids, but after a few weeks I begin to realize what a *terrible* disciplinarian I am and just exactly how much WORK is involved in teaching in public school! It was during this time that I discerned that the Lord wanted me in MINISTRY rather than in public education! And when I was offered that job full-time for the next fall I politely turned it down!

As a result of this experience, I began to develop a very deep respect for persons who teach. So let me say to those of you who teach – **THANK YOU!** Thank you for your service and your heart! I know you are likely at times overworked and underpaid and perhaps even underappreciated, but know that what you do is of vital importance to students and families!

And since I'm passing out accolades, let me say a special THANK YOU to **JUDY BROOKS** who directs our Christian Learning Center and all the

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staff of CLC. I really enjoy working with all of you in ministry here at Manchester First. When you see a teacher, be sure to give them a big hug and a kind word!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



This week, we head to a principle found in 1 John 1:9, where we discover that not only is it important to be honest with everyone, but it's even more important to be honest with God. God already knows what's going on in your heart, but He wants to hear from you— even when it's to confess the times we've messed up.

Bottom Line: Being truthful with God helps keep you close to Him. We don't have to worry about telling God what we've done wrong. Our honesty with God will keep our relationship with Him strong.

Remember! VBS is set for Friday July 13 from 5:30-8:30 (supper will be provided) and Saturday, July 14 9:00 AM -12:30PM (lunch will be provided).

Jacqueline Connelly
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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



Bobby Taylor's mother, Louise Taylor Sullivan, passed away May 10, 2018 after a long illness at Woodbury Health and Rehab. Graveside services were held May 12, 2018 at McMahan Cemetery.



Thank you for investing in the lives of our teenagers!!!! THANK YOU to everyone who has agreed and volunteered to be a prayer partner for Big Stuf. We will be starting to make those pairings this week. If you volunteered to be a prayer partner, you will be getting some information about “your partner” this week. We have a need for supper over the summer on the following dates:

- 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



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; 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	Eric Frantz
Sabrina Gilliam	Bernice Thornton	Dorothy Bon
Sharon Brown	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
Harold & Terry Brown	Denise Dix	Nancy Daniel
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

Attendance:	May 20
Sunday School	86
8:25 Service	65
10:55 Service	77

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	May 20
Sunday School	53.00
Missions	668.00
Good Samaritan	75.00
Coffee Time	19.00
Youth Fund	100.00
Music Ministry	300.00
Special Missions	919.00
Memorials to General Budget	165.00
Pastor's Discretionary	00.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	8,717.00
Year-to-date offering	171,851.00
Offering needed to date	186,940.00
(+/-) Difference	-15,089.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

May 27	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Daniel Hawkins
June 3	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Daniel Hawkins

Building Checker

Week of May 27	Craig Johnson
Week of June 3	Dennis Bryan

Coffee Time

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

Altar Guild

May	Debra Thorington
June	Tina Niederhauser

Counters

May	Richard Dix & Topsy Layne
June	Frank Langham & Ed Turner

Greeters

May 27	8:25	Topsy Layne, Bobby Layne
	10:55	Julie Giffin, Mike Giffin
June 3 & 10	8:25	Brenda & Freddie Fibelkorn
	10:55	Ann & Ben Spaulding

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 27	Bea Ferrell
June 3	Karla Childs

Memorials/Honorariums

A gift was given to the General Budget & Good Samaritan in memory of Robert Fritts by Nancy Daniel & Levil M. & Judy H. Hester.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Jill Courtney by Nancy Daniel & Patrick & Joane Cassady.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Louis Taylor Sullivan by Patrick & Joane Cassady.

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Lou Spurlock Morris by Nancy & Bobby Cummins.

A gift was given to the General Budget in honor of Matilda Locke for her 97th birthday by Mary Francis Brantley.

****From the Coffee County Children's Advocacy Center:**

Dear Members of Faith Mission First United Methodist Church,
On behalf of all of us at the Coffee County Children's Advocacy Center, thank you for your continued support of the Advocacy Center. This year has been quite busy so far, but thanks to your support, we are able to help all of the children and families that have needed us. Thank you again for your support and for helping us advance our mission of helping children who are victims of abuse. Please continue to keep all of the children in our community in your prayers.

WANTED – Garden Tiller – If you are able to do this, please contact Debbie Wright at 931-800-9780.

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GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY is May 27, 2018!
Please bring stuff for Good Samaritan this
coming Sunday! Thank you!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The **Sanctuary Handbell Choir** is now on summer break.

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 (cash only please), 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 28, 2018 – Office Closed, Memorial Day

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

May 30, 2018 – Pastor’s Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Youth Room

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!

*****Our Baby Bottle Fundraiser has begun! If you did not pick up a bottle on May 13th, 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 17th. Call the office at 728-4624 or email manchesterfumc@gmail.com with any questions.*****

Thank you! – Thanks to our WORSHIP TEAM from Manchester First who provided music this past Saturday for the “Summer at the Pavilion” series out at Summitville United Methodist Church. You did a GREAT job and I was really proud of our team! - Dana Brooks

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