



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
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A NOTE FROM DANA...

Wow! We had a great day at Manchester FUMC on Father's Day! It was a special day for me because at both services I was thrilled to see fellow ordained like-minded United Methodist Clergy worshipping with us. Lee and Judy Stevenson were present, Lee grew up in this church and Judy was ordained an Elder last week at annual conference. At the second service, a class mate from seminary and his wife were present. Larry Bird--not the one that played basketball-- was with us. He was a member of the South Georgia Conference for Forty years and retired last year. He and Dana worked together when Dana was on his staff in Claxton, Georgia.

We have a great connection in the United Methodist Church and that was displayed in a special way this past Sunday. Don't forget to be in prayer for Project Transformation and for Life Choices as the summer progresses. These are two vital ministries that we are involved in as a church - pray and volunteer to serve in these two areas. Annual Conference was last week and you will be hearing a report from those that attended in the near future. Thanks to **Dana Brooks, Mike Giffin, Jim Thorington, and Rachel Brown** for their commitment in representing this church and district at Annual Conference!

Sincerely,

Bro Randy

Thanks to **Mike Giffin** for using his pressure washer and cleaning the step and side walks around the church.

Thanks to **Mike Anderson** for continuing to make sure we have a cool building to meet and worship in on Sunday and Wednesdays.

In one of the churches I served very early in my ministry career, there was an elderly, very cantankerous, gentleman who complained about EVERYTHING! He just seemed to be bitter all the time! He was most especially upset that we had a woman in that church who chaired the board. "Don't you know the Bible says women are to keep silent in church?" (quoting I Corinthians 14:36). Having no desire to enter theological debate with him and growing weary of his complaining about it one day I said to him, "I am going to ask Helen to resign and I want YOU to be Board chairperson!" To which he replied, "Oh, I couldn't do that!" I quickly pointed out to him that he should be careful about tearing down the character of someone else who is doing a job that he refuses to do himself. He didn't say much about it after that!

If you and I are truly filled with the joy of the Lord, we likely will not be hateful like that man in my church. So, let me offer to you ten rules for happier living:

1. Give something away (no strings attached)
2. Do a kindness (and forget it)
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel)
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant)
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough)
7. Pray (or you will lose the way)
8. Work (with vim and vigor)
9. Plan as though you'll live forever (because you will)
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow (because you will on some tomorrow)

Grace and Peace,

Dana



This month we have been talking about CONFIDENCE, or living like we believe what God says is true. Our example this week of someone who lived with this kind of confidence was Samson. From the start, Samson was set apart to lead God's people. His life had many ups and downs as he tried to live from his own strength, but ultimately his confidence in God allowed him to carry out the plan for his life.

Bottom Line: God is stronger than anyone.

Believing that God is stronger than anyone can give us the confidence to put our trust in what He can do more than what we can do. We can only do so much on our own. We need God's help to accomplish God's plan for our lives. Next week, we'll head to a principle found in 1 Kings:18. Elijah had confidence that God could do the impossible. He believed that God would send fire from heaven to prove that He was the all-powerful God of the universe.

Bottom Line: God can do the impossible. This simple bottom line is packed with some amazing truth. God has the power to do anything! When we believe that, it changes everything. We hope kids discover how they can live differently knowing this truth about God. Hope to see you Sunday at church!

Mrs. Jackie

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Please continue to pray for the youth and leaders who are in Panama City Beach, Florida at Big Stuf. God is up to some Big Stuf in the lives of the kids and adults on that trip.

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.

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What is Project Transformation?

Project Transformation is a Methodist-sponsored, summer day camp for elementary age children run by college interns. Our conference has sites in Davidson County and in Woodbury, the one we support. A key component of each day is the opportunity for volunteers to interact with the children in a one-on-one reading/listening setting. Statistics have proven the huge benefit of this program in maintaining or increasing the reading levels of participants. Plus, they receive the Word of God through interactive stories and Bible instruction.

How can Manchester FUMC participate? We have 3 opportunities to be a part of Project Transformation.

- 1) PRAY for the children, interns, families, churches, and volunteers
- 2) VOLUNTEER to listen and/or read to students July 23-26. (Sign up at the Welcome Center.)
- 3) DONATE money for Family Fun Night, books, craft supplies, athletic equipment, and snacks.

Project Transformation needs YOU on the mornings of July 23-26 to read with children at Woodbury UMC from 9:15 - 12:15. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center** and simply check the days that you will be able to volunteer. Plans are to leave our church about 8:30; a brief training will be provided the first day you attend.

MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

God's World & Our Nation

Jay Newton; Terra Bingham; Allen Stone; Michael Starr; Cameron Wainright; 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	Peggy Miller
Marshall family	Lillian Nolan	Michael Garoppo
Harold & Terry Brown	Carly Freeman	Nancy Daniel
Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents)		
Don Wesley, Dana Brooks uncle		

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:	June 10 & 17
Sunday School	82 79
8:25 Service	69 67
10:55 Service	63 85

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	June 10 & 17
Sunday School	96.00
Good Samaritan	100.00
Youth Fund	909.00
Missions	1,900.00
Pastor's Discretionary	33.00
Coffee Time	43.75
Project Transformation	50.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution (10 & 17)	12,773.00
Year-to-date offering	210,575.00
Offering needed to date	224,328.00
(+/-) Difference	-13,753.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

June 24	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elizabeth Miller
July 1	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Madison Miller

Building Checker

Week of June 24	Mike Childs
Week of July 1	Tom Connelly

Coffee Time

June 24	Frank Langham
July 1	Mike & Julie Giffin

Altar Guild

June	Tina Niederhauser
July	Sue Reid & Pam Riddle

Counters

June	Frank Langham & Ed Turner
July	Jerry Reid & Bill Tracy

Greeters

June 24	8:25 Lois & Claus Thormaehlen	10:55 Donna McCluskey & Mike Keeling
July 1 & 8	8:25 Judy & Max Hester	10:55 Doris & Roy Hendrix

Kitchen Monitor

June	Brenda Fibelkorn
July	Virginia McKee

Sunday School Greeters

June 24	Doris Hendrix
July 1	Melissa Cope

Bakers/Visitors

June 24	Pat Cassady (Baker)	Joan Cassady (Visitor)
July 1	Jim & Debra Thorington	

Congratulations!!!!

*Ashley Henley married Garrett Sager at Manchester FUMC on May 26, 2018. Garrett is the son of Kraig and Susan Sager. Ashley is the daughter of Brett and Chrissy Henley of Manchester, Tennessee.

*Elizabeth Wakeman married Ryan Pacini of Boulder, Colorado at Evergreen Lake, Colorado on June 2, 2018. Ryan is the son of Maureen and Rick Pacini of Fort Collins, Colorado. Elizabeth is the daughter of Susan and Richard Wakeman of Manchester, Tennessee. The couple will be living in Boulder, Colorado.



Jerry Bryan Bartlett, of Manchester, was killed in a motorcycle accident Saturday, June 9, in Georgia. He was 69. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 13 at 1pm at Manchester Funeral Home. He was buried in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. Mr. Bartlett was a long time member of the Manchester Rotary Club, a Mason, and a member of Manchester FUMC. He was a pharmacist and a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Memphis. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

***REMINDER – It is summertime! Therefore, you will only be getting the newsletter every other week from now until the end of July. I will need 2 weeks notice for any announcement you wish to be put in the newsletter. Thank you!

JUNE 20, 2018

MIDWEEK VISITOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time is given equally to everyone, but how we use it determines its true value.

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” Psalm 90:12

Missing – The baskets used to put the bread in for communion are missing! If found, please return to Ami Shedd. Thank you!

June 24, 2018 – Good Samaritan Sunday! Bring all your donations for Good Samaritan this Sunday, June 24, 2018!!

July 4, 2018 – Office Closed for Independence Day!

ALL CHOIRS are now on a short summer break (no rehearsals in the next few weeks).

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. Kids will go on an icy cool adventure where they’ll discover that Jesus will always love them! This VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch. Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and multisensory Bible adventures are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and sturdy shoes.) Your kids will also participate in an out-reach project, called Projects-With-A-Purpose, that will let the kids in our community show Jesus’ love to others. Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us for a Sunday Celebration on July 15, a dramatic, polar-style celebration of God’s love you won’t want to miss.

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)

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!

*If you like great Southern Gospel music, there are a couple of local opportunities: (1) Our friends at Trinity Baptist Church are hosting the TRIBUTE QUARTET on Thursday evening, **June 21st** at 7 pm. A freewill offering will be received. (2) BRIAN FREE AND ASSURANCE will be performing at the Summer at the Pavilion series at Summitville United Methodist Church, Saturday, **July 21st** at 6 pm. Tickets are just \$10. Children 12 and under are free with a school supply donation. Contact Sheila Bunch at 931-409-9822 for more details.

*****Our Baby Bottle Fundraiser has ended!** If you did not return your bottle to the church on Father’s Day, June 17th, please return it (empty or full) to Life Choices in Manchester (931-954-5381). They request all bottles be returned to them by July 10, 2018.***

The **UMW group** will meet on **June 26, 2018** at 10 am in the Parlor.

The **Wesley Wanderers** will meet on **June 28, 2018** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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