



# The Midweek Visitor

**First United Methodist Church**

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

**July 18, 2018**

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



God is on the move. Hallelujah!  
 God is moving in our midst.  
 God moved in great ways at our Vacation Bible School last week.  
 God is moving in mighty ways with our Project Transformation Volunteers as we go to be with the children in Woodbury next week. If you have not signed up it is not too late. Please contact the church office for more details.  
 God is on the move, as the Body of Christ team is working and praying hard to discern God's call for us in the coming year. We are planning a Fellowship time on August 12 to launch the program for the coming year. More details are on the way.  
 Special things are being planned for our ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ON JULY 29--5TH SUNDAY. The youth, under the leadership of Ami Shedd, are continuing to do great things and God is blessing and increasing that ministry. When September gets here, we have an exciting line up of programs, ministries, and studies related to our Fall Wednesday Night Live. Details are coming soon.  
 Continue to pray for Manchester FUMC.  
 Continue to invite others to church.  
 Continue to be the church/the Body of Christ.

See you Sunday,

Bro Randy



## A NOTE FROM DANA...

In Psalm 12:8, it says "the wicked freely strut about." Sometimes, those who seek to oppose believers can be proud or cocky. "Their tongues practice deceit. The poison of vipers is on their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood." (Romans 3:13-15)  
 Christians should not worry, though, because the boasting of such evildoers against the righteous incites the Lord take action: "I will now arise," says the Lord.

(Psalm 12:5) God's remedy for believers feeling persecuted or defeated is to simply supply us with the WORDS OF THE LORD! God's Word is FLAWLESS! In your battles, stop running to God to complain about your problem. Find His pure Word which He gave you to defeat your enemies and rise up in victory over them! Others' advice may be helpful, but only the Word of the God will put the devil to flight! We don't fight battles alone! Know that we have an Advocate in Christ!

## Grace and Peace,

**Dana**



What a week! We had a great VBS with 46 kids in attendance. Thank you to everyone who made this happen. I want to give a special shout out to Doris Hendrix. She always cheerfully picks up the 15 (give or take) children who ride the bus to VBS and Wednesday night classes. Because of her, we reach out to some children who wouldn't be able to attend without her. One of the best parts of this year's VBS were the kids who joined us Sunday morning. We had 7 children from the apartments across the street join us for Sunday school and 5 VBS kids who don't attend our church come to our second service with their parents! What a blessing!  
 Now, for what we're talking about in Sunday school! Yesterday we heard an important story about confidence found in Matthew 14:22-33. Peter and the rest of the disciples were out on the Sea of Galilee when they noticed a figure walking on the surface of the water. When they finally realized that the figure was Jesus, Peter called out and asked Jesus to invite him onto the water. Jesus did. And Peter took a stroll on top of the waves. However, only when Peter is focused on Jesus is he able to stay above water.  
**Bottom Line: Stay focused on Jesus.** When we put our confidence in Jesus, we are able to find the courage to make the wise choice in a difficult situation. Jesus may not be asking us to walk on

water, but He does have something planned for us. We hope kids start to understand some practical ways for how they can focus on Jesus and what He wants for their life.

Next week, we'll head to Acts 4:1-22. Peter and John didn't care that they were arrested for talking to others about Jesus. They had so much confidence in Jesus that they would keep talking about Jesus even if it meant dying for their faith.

**Bottom Line: When Jesus is with you, you can face anything.** Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we don't have to fear anything that happens. God can give us the confidence to trust Him no matter what.

Mrs. Jackie

**Jacqueline Connelly**  
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Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to work with the youth here at FUMC. It is truly an honor and it is not something that I take lightly. I want you to know that I love these kids and my mission is to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus.

We've got a lot going on as we wind up the summer. We just finished helping with VBS and will be helping with Project Transformation on July 26 and 27.

Please keep Hangout Youth Ministry in your prayer as we prepare for a new school year!

Thanks again for giving me this opportunity!

**Be Blessed!**

**Ami Shedd**

**The wealth we have is determined by God.** "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deuteronomy 8:18

**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	Mary Francis Brantley
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)		Karla Childs
Don Wesley, Dana Brooks uncle		Bill & Ruth Jones
Lynn Erwin		

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>July 1 &amp; 8 &amp; 15</b>
Sunday School	96 96 83
8:25 Service	57 76 52
10:55 Service	96 76 110

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

**Combined Total of July 1 & 8 & 15**

Sunday School	178.00
Good Samaritan	250.00
Youth Fund	618.00
Coffee Time	37.00
Missions	1,551.00
Music	75.00
Pastor's Discretionary	42.00
One Day of Hope	100.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution (July 1+8+15)	32,795.00
Year-to-date offering	246,619.00
Offering needed to date	261,716.00
(+/-) Difference	-15,097.00

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MIDWEEK VISITOR

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

#### **Acolytes**

July 22 8:25 Megan Fibelkorn  
10:55 Elijah McCoy  
July 29 11:00 Elijah McCoy

#### **Building Checker**

Week of July 22 Butch Niederhauser  
Week of July 29 Jerry Reid

#### **Coffee Time**

July 22 Patricia Anderson  
July 29 Jonathan Shedd

#### **Altar Guild**

July Sue Reid & Pam Riddle  
August Mattie Eaton & Deborah Amacher

#### **Counters**

July Jerry Reid & Bill Tracy  
August Doris Hendrix

#### **Greeters**

July 22 8:25 Sue & Jerry Reid  
10:55 Susan & Bob Truesdale

#### **Kitchen Monitor**

July Virginia McKee  
August Patricia Anderson

#### **Sunday School Greeters**

July 22 Anita Turner  
July 29 Lois Thormaehlen

#### **Bakers/Visitors**

July 22 Bea Ferrell  
July 29 Beverly Smith (Baker)  
Debra & Jim Thorington (Visitors)

#### **Good Samaritan**

July 23 JaNelle Burt, Max & Judy Hester,  
Ben & Ann Spaulding  
July 30 Marie Kimble, Mike Childs, Lois  
Thormaehlen, Mattie Lee Eaton

\*\*\***Please pray for Mary Francis Brantley during this time.** She fell and broke her hip. She had a hip replacement and is recovering at Life Care Center of Hickory Woods 4200 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN 37013. Her phone number to her room is 615-501-3500.  
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**\*Deepest Sympathy** – Debra Thorington's Aunt Dorothy "Dot" Driggers passed away July 9, 2018 in Geneva, Alabama. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Thoringtons and their family at this time.

\*If you like great Southern Gospel music, BRIAN FREE AND ASSURANCE will be performing at the Summer at the Pavilion series at Summitville United Methodist Church, Saturday, **July 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

\*\*\***Needed: Male volunteers to be Greeters Sunday mornings! These are the dates we need male volunteers to help greet Sunday Mornings:**

- **July 29 at 10:55 am**
- **August 19 at 8:25 am**
- **August 26 at 8:25 am**
- **November 4 at 8:25 am**
- **November 11 at 8:25 am**
- **December 16 at 8:25 am & 10:55 am**
- **December 23 at 10:55 am**

\*\*\***From Randa Brown to the church:** Thank you just does not seem like enough! Thank you for four wonderful and amazing years and all the support, encouragement, love, and prayers that you gave to me and my team and the youth kids. Thank you for the going away celebration last week. Thank you for all the cards and notes and gifts. I cherish them and you more than you know! You know how to make a girl feel special! Manchester FUMC I will forever be thankful for you and our time together in shared ministry! My prayer is that God will continue to bless you in ways you don't even know yet are possible!  
Again, thanks and much love,  
Randa

\*\*\***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!

\*\*\***Ticket Available for the New Room Conference 2018**\*\*\* Wade Stevenson has a ticket for the New Room Conference September 19-21, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Brentwood. Please email him if you are interested in going – [stevensonw@charter.net](mailto:stevensonw@charter.net). The price of the ticket is \$102.47. There are 11 people from our church going. Please let him know by July 29, 2018 if you are interested.

\*\*\***Good Samaritan Sunday is Sunday, July 22, 2018!** Please do not forget to bring your items to donate for Good Samaritan this Sunday!\*\*\*

#### **Memorial**

A gift was given to the General Budget in memory of Dorothy Driggers by Pat & Joane Cassidy.

**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!

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

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Administrative Board Meeting – July 23 at 7pm in Chapel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our choirs will be resuming rehearsals in the next few weeks. Please keep watching the Mid-Week Visitor for details!

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet August 6, 2018 at 7 pm in room 218.

**\*\*\*One Day of Hope is October 13, 2018.** Once again, Manchester FUMC will collect shampoo bottles. Bags given to Guests of Honor at the event will include shampoo, soap, deodorant, razors, and toothpaste. We have consistently provided enough money or items to fill 600 bags (\$3,000 value). One church has thrown down a challenge! They will be collecting 3,000 tubes of toothpaste (\$3,000). Let us meet their challenge by collecting enough shampoo or money to equal 3,000 bottles. If every member gave \$5 or 5 bottles of shampoo, we would have more than enough to meet the challenge. We have the ability to purchase in bulk if you would rather give money. Either way, we appreciate your generosity. Checks may be made out to either ODOH or Coffee County or to the church. In the “for” area, please put “hygiene items” or “shampoo.” The deadline for your donation is Labor Day (September 3, 2018). For more information, contact Maggie Smith. Children’s books are also being collected. English and Spanish books are welcome. If you have books your children do not read, this is a great way to get them out of the house and help a child! Clothing items needed are Children’s clothing (up to age 12), Children’s underwear, socks, and shoes, Winter coats (all ages), Work Shoes and boots (men and women), and work clothing primarily for factory work (men and women).\*\*\*

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)

**UMW Meeting** – July 24 at 10 am in the Parlor

**Wesley Wanderers** – July 26 at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall

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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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