



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

July 4, 2018

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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Manchester First United Methodist Church is a church that is making a difference. As the Body of Christ, we are to share, care, give, and minister to the community in whatever way possible. You have been doing that in a variety of ways and the response has been overwhelming. See below:

From Partners for Healing: Partners for Healing appreciates your generous gift to help provide medical care to the working uninsured of our area. Thank you for your continued support. PFH

From Life Choices: Thank you for all the support you extend to Life Choices. We are very grateful for you. Blessings, Mindy Lefueheus

From FUMC Woodbury: Dear Pastor Randy & Congregation, Thank you for your support of Project Transformation. We are very grateful that you provided a wonderful meal for our Family Fun Night. Please convey our heartfelt gratitude to all involved. Blessings Jolm Wesley Hembree

Sincerely,

Bro Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” (Proverbs 18:10)
In the midst of the terrible ordeals of life, we often don’t know exactly to whom we should turn. There’s a great story in 2 Kings 20, where Hezekiah was facing the end of his life because an awful sickness had fastened itself upon him. Who did he turn to? He “turned his face to the wall and prayed!”

The “wall” is the tower of the presence of God! When we no longer set our eyes on human solutions, we are no longer distracted by the things of this world. Instead, we race to safety inside the “tower” of the Lord! And, in Hezekiah’s case, he was healed! This “tower of the Lord” is a supernatural tower! It is so strong that it can turn the sun backward 10 degrees, a feat that boggles the human mind when we consider the laws of physics. Leave your present fears behind you and RUN into the safety of the tower of the Lord. It is the one place you really ARE SAFE!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



In July, we continue our discovery of confidence with an incredible example found in Daniel 3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found their faith put to the test when they chose to obey God rather than bow down to the golden statue. They remained confident in God’s power, and God rescued them from the fiery furnace.

Bottom Line: Trust that God is always with you. Not only has God been faithful to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but also God has proven his faithfulness to all sorts of people throughout history. We can live with confidence knowing that God will be with us in every situation we face.

Next week, we’ll look to John 1: 43-51. John recounts the start of Jesus ministry when He was starting to choose the 12 Disciples. One of those disciples was a guy named Philip. Philip was so overwhelmed when he met Jesus that he couldn’t wait to tell others. Philip found his friend Nathanael and invited him to meet Jesus. Turns out that Jesus had big plans for Nathanael too!

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Bottom Line: Find friends who help you trust Jesus. We all need people in our life who will help us live fully alive. We want kids to figure out who, in their life, is encouraging them to have faith in Jesus.

We're looking forward to VBS coming up July 13 & 14. I hope you know someone who can attend!

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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Please continue to pray for our teenagers as they go thru the transition of Randa leaving and Ami stepping in to the role of Interim Director of Youth Ministries.

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.

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

***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!

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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)		Karla Childs
Don Wesley, Dana Brooks uncle		Bill & Ruth Jones
Mary Francis Brantley		Kaylee Skipper

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 24
Sunday School	81
8:25 Service	65
10:55 Service	68

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	June 24
Sunday School	50.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Youth Fund	10.00
Coffee Time	18.00
Project Transformation	75.00
Children	20.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution (10 & 17)	3,749.00
Year-to-date offering	213,824.00
Offering needed to date	233,675.00
(+/-) Difference	-19,851.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Acolytes

July 8	8:25 Megan Fibelkorn
	10:55 Daniel Hawkins
July 15	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn
	10:55 Elizabeth Miller

Building Checker

Week of July 8	Wade Stevenson
Week of July 15	Richard Dix

Coffee Time

July 8	Mike & Julie Giffin
July 15 & 22	Patricia Anderson

Altar Guild

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

Counters

July	Jerry Reid & Bill Tracy
August	Doris Hendrix

Greeters

July 8	8:25 Judy & Max Hester
	10:55 Doris & Roy Hendrix
July 15 & 22	8:25 Sue & Jerry Reid
	10:55 Susan & Bob Truesdale

Kitchen Monitor

July	Virginia McKee
August	Patricia Anderson

Sunday School Greeters

July 8	Ben Spaulding
July 15 & 22	Anita Turner

Bakers/Visitors

July 8	Kay Pratt (Baker)
	Frank Langham (Visitor)
July 15	Melissa Cope (Baker)
	Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitors)

Honorariums

A gift was given to the General Budget in honor of Bob Smith for Father's Day and his birthday by David & Lucy Smith.

*****Please pray for Mary Francis Brantley during this time. She fell on Tuesday, June 26 and broke her hip. The doctors say she may need a hip replacement. She is at St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital.*****

Kaylee Skipper is the Project Transformation Intern from Woodbury that Manchester FUMC is sponsoring. She just finished her first year at MTSU and went to Coffee County High School, where she was a member of the softball team. She is highly involved in the Wesley Foundation. Please keep her and her work at Woodbury and for the continued success of Project Transformation in your prayers!

Bell Buckle United Methodist Church and Pastor Eric Little wanted to inform us that they are currently seeking a part time administrative assistant, with a projected start date of August 1. The full description of the position is on their website as is the online application form: www.bellbuckleumc.org/apply-now-solicitarse-ahora.html If anyone is interested, please go to the link above and apply. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 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. They told Suzanne there are 15 unaccounted bottles that need to be returned to Life Choices. The total donated so far is \$1,338.00. GREAT JOB MANCHESTER FUMC!!*****

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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