



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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By the time you get this Mid Week Visitor, it will be August. Where did the summer go? It sure flew by fast, didn't it? Now the phrase is "Back to School Time." It is also "Back to Church" time.

We are going to kick off our back to church time with a church wide Ice Cream social. This will take place on Sunday August 12 @ 6:00 p.m. During this time, you will have a chance to sample all different kinds of homemade and even store bought ice cream and various toppings. The rumor is out that Rachel and Reesa Brown are making their famous BROWNIES.

Our program for that night is to unveil the plans, hopes, and dreams for how we can live into being the BODY OF CHRIST in this community. We have five different areas that we feel God is leading us to focus on. A person representing each of those areas will give a brief description of ministry opportunity's that are available for you to be involved in as we reach out to the Manchester area. After the presentations are over, each area will have a station for you to chat with fellow church members concerning involvement in that area. There will also be a time for questions and to sign up to be involved in a particular area. We hope you will make every effort to be present for this fun and informative evening. The Body of Christ needs you. If you can make a freezer full of your favorite home-made Ice Cream or bring your favorite toppings, please notify the church office that you can help out in that way.

See you Sunday,

Bro Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

One of my favorite sermon illustrations is about a seminary professor who was leading his class in a discussion about The Exodus. "It's highly unlikely that the Exodus happened exactly as it says in Scripture," he said. "Reason being that archeologists have suggested that at the time of the Exodus, the Red Sea was only about 7 inches deep."

One of the students raised his hand. "That is even a GREATER miracle then because it means that Pharoah and his army drowned in only 7 inches of water!" What we believe, and particularly what we believe about the Bible, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! It is very important that we read and study the Holy Scriptures. One significant way to do that is through a Sunday School class or small group. Our Christian education is a life-long process and one that really helps us practice what we preach!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



God wants us to invest our time in that which counts for eternity.
 "...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16)

In August, we will be talking about wisdom in Sunday School. More specifically, the connection between wisdom and God's character, as shown through God's big story. We'll also discuss that wisdom is a reflection of the character of God. We'll start the month with Jesus and our only glimpse into His life as a child. In Luke 2:41-52, we discover that Jesus knew His Father's house was where he needed to be. We're told that Jesus grew in wisdom, faith, and friendship. This is the model we should follow as we seek to grow in our own relationship with God.

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, search for wisdom. Kids are growing up in the information age. There is access to more data than we could possibly need or imagine. But our knowledge is only as good as how we apply it. We pray that kids find value in searching for wisdom through God's Word, trusted friends, Small Group Leaders, and their family. Wisdom is out there; we just need to find it.

Mrs. Jackie

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Well, summer has come to an end! We ended it with a week of service at Woodbury UMC helping with Project Transformation. We read to kids, made slime, helped with games, and had a good time! Please be in prayer for our students (and teachers, please) as they go back to school. Hangout will continue to meet on Sundays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. My office hours will be mainly in the afternoons if you need to find me, but I'm always a text or phone call away!

Be Blessed!

Ami Shedd

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 Frances 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	Lynn Erwin	Nancy Daniel
Wayne & Sandy (Patty McHann's parents)		Bob Leonard
Don Wesley, Dana Brooks uncle		Bill & Ruth 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.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	July 22 & 29
Sunday School	74 82
8:25 Service	42 ----
10:55 Service	91 130

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Combined Total of July 22 & 29
Sunday School	138.00
Good Samaritan	170.00
Youth Fund	30.00
Coffee Time	52.00
Missions	1,500.00
Project Transformation	40.00
Mustard Seed Ranch	150.00
One Day of Hope	25.00
Memorials to Budget	65.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution (July 1+8+15)	7,907.00
Year-to-date offering	254,526.00
Offering needed to date	280,410.00
(+/-) Difference	-25,884.00

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I Will Support My Church With My Service Building Checker

Week of August 5 Tom Potuk
Week of August 12 Bill Tracy

Coffee Time

August 5 & 12 Mike Childs
August 19 & 26 JaNelle Burt

Altar Guild

August Mattie Eaton & Deborah Amacher
September Sue Wakeman & Debra Thorington

Counters

August Doris Hendrix
September Debra Armacher & Mark Williams

Greeters

August 5 & 12 8:25 Melony & Troy Rose
10:55 Brian & Alison Stacy

Kitchen Monitor

August Patricia Anderson
September Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

August 5 & 12 Pam Riddle
August 19 & 26 Kay Smoyak

Bakers/Visitors

August 5 Karla Childs
August 12 Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers)
Anita Turner (Visitor)

*****Please pray for Mary Frances Brantley during this time.** She has moved to The Bridge at Hickory Woods, 4220 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN 37013. Their phone number is 615-501-0270. Check the newsletter for news as to when she will be going home.***

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

- November 11 at 8:25 am
- December 16 at 8:25 am & 10:55 am
- December 23 at 10:55 am

Here are the Male Greeters who volunteered for the following days:

- July 29 at 10:55 am – Ed Turner
- August 19 at 8:25 am – Eric Frantz
- August 26 at 8:25 am – Jonathan Shedd
- November 4 at 8:25 am – Jonathan Shedd

*****NEEDED: Usher to fill schedule for April, August, and December (1 person for all three months) for the early service (8:25 am). If you are interested, please call Suzanne Smead at 931-728-4624.**

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!

The church nursery has moved from Room 105 to Room 108. Parents, make note, when dropping off your children before the service, take them to Room 108.

** *WOMEN are INVITED* to join the Mary and Martha class on Sundays from 10 - 10:45. Currently, we are studying women of the Bible; come learn about Martha, the woman at the well, and the Syrophenician woman in the next few weeks. We meet on the top floor at the end of the hall in the adult wing. For more information, call Karla Childs @ 723-4192.

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?
What if we carried it around in our pockets?
What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
What if we used it when we traveled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?
Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Memorials

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Dorthy Driggers was given by Earl & Mattie Lee Eaton.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Roger Allar, Kay Pratt's brother, was given by Richard & Phyllis Dix.

With Sympathy – Paul Hodges passed away on July 26, 2018 in Hospice Care in Chattanooga, TN. He was the son of A. Houston and Betty Hodges. His visitation will be on Wednesday, August 1 at 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Coffee County Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The American Cancer Society.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choirs Resuming Practice:

Sanctuary Choir – Wednesday, August 1, 7:15 P.M. in the Choir Room

Men's Chorus – Sunday, August 5, 5:00 P.M. in the Choir Room (Note Time Change!)

Sanctuary Handbell Choir – Start Back After Labor Day (September 3, 2018)

Praise Team – Return to Lead Worship on Sunday, August 12 at the 8:25 A.M. service

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). 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 Work Shoes and boots (men and women) and Children's shoes. If you will, put the size on each pair of shoes and zip tie them together before donating. For more information, contact Maggie Smith at 931-728-3764.***

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)

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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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