



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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A NOTE FROM DANA...

A few days ago, I was talking with a local pastor friend of mine who does a great deal of ministry with our jails. There are remarkable things happening for the Kingdom of God at the jail. In fact, there have been well over 200 inmates baptized there in the past year or so. This pastor was telling me that one of the things he says to the new converts is "WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!" Then he went on to say that most of these folks really never thought that they could live their lives differently until they met Jesus! Quite frankly, that is something I have really never thought of. But his statement got me to thinking about how very important FAMILY is. I believe God ordained the concept of family. I have been blessed to have been raised up in a "traditional" God-fearing family setting. There wasn't a whole lot of money at our house but there was a great deal of love. Then I was fortunate enough to marry a woman who shares the same family values that I do and let me tell you, we have certainly been blessed by having a close, loving family (including our newest member, baby Emerson!). Not everyone has pleasant memories of family life. But I believe that the defining factor is LOVE. Not the love that the world constantly redefines, but the pure, unconditional AGAPE love of God that flows from God's heart to ours! This love supersedes other types of love and it is God's love that Wesley said woos us to God and changes our hearts. "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God." Aren't you?

Grace and Peace,

Dana



On Sunday, we'll head to 2 Chronicles 10 and discover what happens with Solomon's son, Rehoboam. When he took over as king over Israel, people pleaded with him to make life easier for them. Rehoboam

The School year has started that has teachers and students asking, "Where did the summer go"? That same fact has parents saying, "Yes, finally." If you walk down the hallway at most schools or if you go to a classroom, somewhere within easy reach of the teacher's desk is a supply list or a wish list. Teachers need to have certain things so that they can provide the best possible environment for learning. I got to thinking about a wish list for the church and if you were here on Sunday night for the Ice Cream Social, you will be familiar with many of the things on the wish list. As we concentrate on being the Body of Christ, there are some things that we need from the body. These things consist of, but are not limited to:

- 1: Driver's and rider's for a new and improved bus ministry. The church will pay the expense for anyone who will get their CDL licenses and health card so that we can run the routes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
2. Musicians for a modern worship service beginning the first Sunday in January 2019.
3. Those who can provide meals for youth on Sunday evenings
- 4 Those who can serve as sound techs on Sunday Morning as we air live on FACEBOOK EACH WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 19, 2018
5. Those willing to help plan events to celebrate our rich history and concentrate on inactive members.
6. Those willing to visit newcomers to the community at least one time a month .

These are the things the Body of Christ needs to be doing to reach the community for Christ. Please pray about how God would have you to help. Be SOMEBODY in the Body of Christ

See you Sunday,

Brother Randy

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)

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received counsel on both sides of this issue. Rather than acting on the advice from his father's advisers, he acts on the foolish advice of his friends. This ends up causing a split in the nation of Israel, creating Israel and Judah.

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, hang out with wise people. It's been said that we are the sum total of our five closest friends. Who we choose to spend our time with influences not only the choices we make but who we are. We pray that kids learn that when they surround themselves with wise friends, they will be more likely to make wise choices throughout every area of their life.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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Hangout is still talking about prayer on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night's and we still have 3 BigStuf sessions left on Sunday nights. We'd love to have you join us!

I would like to thank you so much for your prayers, for the meals you've prepared, and for your love. I truly appreciate it. Grandad was a wonderful man! It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving family of God!

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
Bill & Ruth Jones	Noelle Brooks	Pat Jones

Please keep our Nursing Home Residents and Homebound Members on your prayer list even though they may not be listed above.

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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:	August 12
Sunday School	84
8:25 Service	61
10:55 Service	92

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of August 12
Sunday School	87.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Youth Fund	370.00
Coffee Time	15.00
Missions	783.00
One Day of Hope	200.00
Memorials to Budget	100.00
Pastor Discretionary	5.00
Music	50.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	7,591.00
Year-to-date offering	273,245.00
Offering needed to date	299,104.00
(+/-) Difference	-25,859.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of August 19 Charles Roberts
Week of August 26 Rogers Starr

Coffee Time

August 19 & 26 JaNelle Burt
September 2 & 9 Alisa Mitchell

Altar Guild

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

Counters

August Doris Hendrix
September Debra Armacher & Mark Williams

Greeters

August 19 8:25 Eric Frantz & Billie McEwen
10:55 Phyllis & Richard Dix
August 26 8:25 Jonathan Shedd & Billie McEwen
10:55 Phyllis & Richard Dix

Kitchen Monitor

August Patricia Anderson
September Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

August 19 & 26 Kay Smoyak
September 2 & 9 Kay Pratt

Bakers/Visitors

August 19 Lois Thormaehlen
August 26 Pat Cassady (Baker)
Joane Cassady (Visitor)

Usher (8:25 am)

August Jonathan Shedd
September James McKelvey

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*****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. The phone number to her room is 615-280-6814. 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:**

- December 16 at 8:25 am
- December 23 at 10:55 am

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

- August 19 at 8:25 am – Eric Frantz
- August 26 at 8:25 am – Jonathan Shedd
- November 4 at 8:25 am – Jonathan Shedd
- December 16 at 10:55 am – Ed Turner

*****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.

The Sallie O'Neal Anniversary Fellowship will meet at the home of Lois Thormaehlen on Monday, August 20 at 7 pm. Nancy Simpson, a volunteer at Life Choices, will be sharing with our group. We invite all ladies of the church to come join us! For more information and directions, call Lois at 931-580-5908.

Memorials

*A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Paul Liles Hodges by Mrs. R. E. Smith.

*A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Coolidge Holt by Roger & Kimla Weeks.

*A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Roger Allen by Pay & Joane Cassady.

*A gift was made to the Music Ministry in memory of Coolidge Holt by Rev. Dana and Pamela Brooks.



Coolidge Holt passed away on August 11, 2018. The funeral was August 13, 2018 at Manchester Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Randall Brown officiating. He was buried at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens. The family requests memorial donations be made to the Manchester First United Methodist Church or Tennessee Tech Military and Veterans Affairs Veterans Center. His daughter is Susan Yother and his granddaughter is Ami Shedd.



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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choirs Resuming Practice:

Sanctuary Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room (room B19). Come and help us make a joyful noise for the Lord!

The Men's Chorus meets for practice **each Sunday at 5 p.m.** (please note that we recently changed the practice time!) We're still looking for a few good (SINGING) men!

The Sanctuary Handbell Choir will resume practices on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17** (not the 10th as previously announced). We meet each Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you're interested in ringing bells, please see Dana.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETURNS – For many years Evans Baird (who served as our choir director here for over 20 years) directed the Rotary Club Christmas choir as a musical gift to the community of Manchester. Due to his failing health, Mr. Baird had to retire from this event about five years ago. However, the Rotary Club has plans to bring back the Christmas Choir under the direction of our minister of music, Dana M. Brooks. Rehearsals will be on Monday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church beginning September 10. The program is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m. both nights. You are invited to come be a part of the choir! First Presbyterian is located at 1101 Jackson Street here in Manchester.

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet at 7 pm in room 218 every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

*****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 931-607-4176.***

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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