



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

August 29, 2018

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

A retired man became interested in the construction of an addition to a shopping mall. Observing the activity regularly, he was especially impressed by the conscientious operator of a large piece of equipment. The day finally came when my friend had a chance to tell this man how much he'd enjoyed watching his scrupulous work. Looking astonished, the operator replied, "You're not the supervisor?"

As you and I LABOR for the kingdom of God, let's make sure that our work is intentional, steady and well done! After all, you never know who might be standing by watching your work!

Grace and Peace,

Dana



In our first week of September, we start at the beginning of Nehemiah's story in Nehemiah 1:1-2:9. We discover that Nehemiah was working for King Artaxerxes when his brother brought news from the exiles living in Judah. When he heard about the devastation in Jerusalem, Nehemiah was heartbroken. He recognized the huge need, but before he did anything he prayed. Nehemiah knew that whatever he would do, he'd need God's help to accomplish it.

Bottom Line: Be on the lookout for what needs to be done. Before you can do what needs to be done, you have to see what needs to be done. We hope the story from Nehemiah inspires kids to be more aware of the needs around them. These don't have to be huge either. Our homes and schools are filled with opportunities

What an awesome day we had yesterday with our new friend Denny Heiberg and his wife Cindy. His message was spot on and very timely for our church and our time in history. His challenge was for us to remain focused on the mission of Christ and not to lose sight of the target that we have in front of us.

The other thing that occurred to me as God was speaking to me through Denny was that we have left out something in our faith promise commitment. We have focused on Global, Regional, and Local missions. We have left out Personal Missions. Each one of us baptized Christians are given a responsibility to be in mission and ministry to the world around us.

I hope, if you have not already done so, that you consider two things:

- 1.) What is your ministry in the church? Usher, greeter, Sunday school teacher, Card sender, shut-in visitor, phone caller, and the list goes on.
- 2.) What is your mission in the community? One Day of Hope, driving folks to doctor appointments, visiting inactives, visiting first time visitor's and the list continues on and on.

Missions is not just Global, regional, and local - it is personal too. Ask God to show you, listen and watch for his answer. So many times we say, Somebody should, or Why doesn't somebody do _____. You are SOMEBODY!!!!!! The answer is up to you.

See you Sunday, where everybody is Somebody

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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where we can show initiative, we just have to be open to seeing them.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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We have dates for Warmth In Winter and BigStuf!!!!
Warmth In Winter is February 1-3 at the Opryland Hotel. If you want to go I need a \$10 deposit by September 6. Your total cost will be \$100 and your deposit money will go toward your total.
BigStuf will be July 7-11 at the Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, FL. If you'd like to go, I will need a \$10 deposit by September 12. Again, your total cost will be \$100 and your deposit money will go toward your total.

If you ever have a chance, please come "Hangout" with us! This is an amazing group of kids and they just bless my socks off!

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	Pat Jones	Bob Williams
Robert Cassady	Mike Childs	

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:	August 26
Sunday School	73
8:25 Service	57
10:55 Service	77

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of August 26
Sunday School	56.00
Music	25.00
Coffee Time	18.00
Missions	280.00
One Day of Hope	350.00
Memorials to Budget	95.00
Memorial to Youth	470.00
Memorial – Wesley Wanderers	50.00
Radio Bible Class	60.00
TMS – Mission	120.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	5,383.00
Year-to-date offering	285,709.00
Offering needed to date	317,798.00
(+/-) Difference	-32,089.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of September 2 Buddy Riddle
Week of September 9 Joey Hendren

Coffee Time

September 2 & 9 Alisa Mitchell
September 16 & 23 John & Shandra Richardson

Altar Guild

September Sue Wakeman & Debra Thorington
October Joane Cassady & Kay Pratt

Counters

September Debra Armacher & Mark Williams
October Virginia McKee & Butch Niederhauser

Greeters

September 2	8:25	Debra & Jim Thorington
	10:55	Anita & Ed Turner
September 9	8:25	Jonathan Shedd & Billie McEwen
	10:55	Anita & Ed Turner

Kitchen Monitor

September Judy Brooks
October Mary Rounds

Sunday School Greeters

September 2 & 9 Kay Pratt
September 16 & 23 Ann Stevenson

Bakers/Visitors

September 2 Debra & Jim Thorington
September 9 Kay Pratt (Baker)
Frank Langham (Visitor)

Usher (8:25 am)

September James McKelvey
October Rich Wakeman

Please pray for Mary Frances Brantley during this time. She went home August 24, 2018. Her address is 2719 Murfreesboro Highway, Manchester, TN, 37355. She said she is doing good. We are happy she is better and has gone home!

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*****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

*****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 for our new study *Waiting for Wonder: Learning to Live on God's Timetable*. This book by Marlo Schalesky is the study of the Biblical character Sarah, a woman who waits for God's promises to come to pass. As she waits, she discovers God in the "not-yet" places of life, and that is a lesson we all need to learn well. We'll begin September 2 at 10 o'clock in the classroom at the far end of the adult wing of the top floor. Come join us. For more information, contact Karla Childs at 723-4192.

****Meal on Wheels** is a program administered from the Senior Citizen Center here in Manchester. Hot meals are prepared and delivered to older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. Volunteers are needed to deliver these meals and provide a daily visit to those in need. Please consider volunteering one hour of your time weekly to help with this worthwhile program. For more information, call Lois Thormaehlen at 931-580-5908. Thanks so much!

****Life Choices** letter to the church dated August 2, 2018: "Thank you so very much for your time and effort in making our Baby Bottle Campaign a success! We want everyone in your church family to know how much every penny counts. Manchester FUMC has raised \$1,566.49!! Would you please share with them how grateful Life Choices is for their faithfulness in supporting this ministry? These funds will be used to fulfill the mission of Life Choices to expand the kingdom of God on earth by preserving the sanctity and dignity of human life and ministering to all family members needing pregnancy support. Our caring counselors do this by promoting sexual purity, deterring the abortion-minded, and providing pregnancy care services. Thank you for

partnering with us through this baby bottle campaign. With you and with the Lord, we are changing the face of our community!"

*****Thursday night Bible Study** will resume on September 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jim and Debra Thorington. Rogers Starr will be leading a study on Revelation. Anyone interested in studying Revelation or being a part of a Bible study group, please join us.*******

*****ATTENTION***** There is a self defense class on September 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. It is free to all who attend. It is for everyone! There will be pizza and drinks. This will be a good class for anyone who wants to learn what to do to defend yourself from the bad guy!*******

*****LABOR DAY IS THIS WEEKEND, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS HOLIDAY.*****

Memorials

A gift to the Wesley Wanderers in memory of Coolidge Holt was made by Bob & Nellie Leonard.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Donna & Coolidge Holt was made by Gladys Barclay.

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Coolidge Holt was made by Jerry & Sue Reid and Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Hendrix.

A gift to the Youth Fund in memory of Coolidge Holt was made by Bud & Pam Riddle, Jeffery & Rita Dunn, Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Martin, Elizabeth S. Turner, Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Stevenson, Ellen Young, and Ken & Marie Kimble.

Honorariums

A gift to the General Budget in honor of Roger & Kimla Weeks was made by Bob & Nellie Leonard.

A gift to the General Budget in honor of The Bobby Layne Family was made by Bob & Nellie Leonard.



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

→The church received an email from Denny Heiberg about visiting with us on Sunday, August 26: “As Cindy and I reflected this morning on our experience yesterday with the family of Manchester First UMC, we are overflowing with gratitude for the privilege of being with you and your people and to have the opportunity to share the core of God’s mission for his church: Making Disciples.” If you would like to read the full email, I have put copies on the Welcome Center. Thank you.

Choirs Resuming Practice:

Sanctuary Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room (room B19). Come 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.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO – As a part of the ongoing work of the “Body of Christ” visioning team, we are putting together a “promotion video” (or maybe several videos!) featuring YOU! All that’s required is that you allow us to video tape you witnessing to reasons why you are a part of this church family! If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center or talk to 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.

*****The deadline is approaching!** October 13th is **One Day of Hope**. Manchester FUMC is collecting shampoo (or donations to purchase shampoo). 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.” We are also collecting children’s and adult’s shoes (adult shoes should be suitable for factory work). Please put the size on each pair of shoes and zip tie them together before donating. Children’s books are also being collected. English and Spanish books are welcome. The deadline for collection is September 15th (the deadline has been extended). For more information, contact Maggie Smith at 931-607-4176 (cell). At this time, Manchester FUMC is not collecting clothing. Please contact Jane Marcom at 931-247-5792 (cell) for clothing donations.***

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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