



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 pastor was walking down the sidewalk one day when he spotted a little boy and a little girl playing in a sandbox. As he got closer, he could hear them just “chit-chatting” with each. Curious as to what they were talking about, he walked up and said “What are you children doing?” The little boy replied, “We’re playing church!” “Oh” said the pastor, “Well, don’t you realize you’re supposed to be *quiet* in church?” To which the little girl replies “Oh it’s OK! WE’RE IN THE CHOIR!”

All of our choirs here at Manchester First are starting back now after our brief summer break. Please check the MidWeek Visitor each week to see when the choirs meet. This is a great time to become a part of the music ministry of the church!

Grace and Peace,

Dana

I SCREAM!

YOU SCREAM!

WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!!

Well, the screaming is over! This Sunday night August 12th @ 6 pm we, the church, the Body of Christ, will gather in the fellowship hall to share in an ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

There will be other dessert favorites as well. If you can make a freezer of Ice Cream or other dessert, please notify the church office. The Body of Christ group will present the program, which will be informational in nature as they will talk about what they have discerned God's call to be for us for the current conference year. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and find your niche for the coming year in the life of this congregation.

Don't miss this exciting unveiling of God's preferred future for Manchester First United Methodist Church.

See you Sunday,

Randy Brown



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)

Sunday, we look to something Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:3: “Wise people see danger and go to a safe place, but childish people keep going and suffer for it” (NIRV). Without thinking, people can rush into a situation and soon discover that they are in trouble.

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Solomon warns us to make sure we know what we're facing before we move forward with a decision.

Bottom Line: If you want to be wise, look before you leap. Kids face all sorts of decisions where they have to decide if they will keep going or pause to evaluate the best option. This happens as they learn to navigate friendships, technology, and priorities. We hope that kids discover that pausing to ask, "What's the wise choice in this situation?" can save them from getting hurt. Have a great week!

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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School has officially started!!! I'm not sure myself or the Hangout kids were prepared, but it came anyway!

We are still talking about prayer. In Sunday School, we are doing a prayer challenge called Draw the Circle. On Wednesday nights, we are doing a book called the Circle Maker that goes with the prayer challenge. We've drawn prayer circles around our church and walked almost every inch of the property covering it in prayer.

On Sunday nights, we are revisiting our BigStuf sessions from this summer. We are being reminded that we are all called to be Original. Sometimes that means that we stand out and sometimes it means that we make difficult decision.

Please keep us in your prayers as we dig in to our studies as well as in to this school year.

Thanks for all your love and support! We appreciate it more than you know!

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		

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 5
Sunday School	87
8:25 Service	55
10:55 Service	88

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of August 5
Sunday School	96.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Youth Fund	350.00
Coffee Time	14.00
Missions	375.00
One Day of Hope	35.00
Memorials to Budget	50.00
Communion Rail	8.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	11,128.00
Year-to-date offering	265,654.00
Offering needed to date	289,757.00
(+/-) Difference	-24,103.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service Building Checker

Week of August 12 Bill Tracy
Week of August 19 Charles Roberts

Coffee Time

August 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

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Greeters

August 12 8:25 Melony & Troy Rose
10:55 Brian & Alison Stacy
August 19 8:25 Eric Frantz & Billie McEwen
10:55 Phyllis & Richard Dix

Kitchen Monitor

August Patricia Anderson
September Judy Brooks

Sunday School Greeters

August 12 Pam Riddle
August 19 & 26 Kay Smoyak

Bakers/Visitors

August 12 Bobby & Topsy Layne (Bakers)
Anita Turner (Visitor)
August 19 Lois Thormaehlen

Usher (8:25 am)

August Jonathan Shedd
September James McKelvey

*****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.

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 was made to the General Budget in memory of Paul Liles Hodges by Doris Inez Hendrix.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, the wonderful food that was prepared, and your love shown to me during my back surgery and continuing recovery period. I feel so blessed to belong to this church and experience the love of my church family. I hope to be back at church soon.

Nancy Daniel

*****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.*****

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choirs Resuming Practice:

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

Men's Chorus – Resumed weekly rehearsals this past Sunday. The Men's Chorus meets for practice each Sunday at 5:00 P.M. (Please note that we recently changed the practice time!)

Sanctuary Handbell Choir – Start Back After Labor Day (September 3, 2018) likely on Monday, September 10 at 6:00 P.M. in the Choir Room

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

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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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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