



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...

We live in days that disappoint us and days that sometimes we do not have the words to express how we feel. Things happen and we are at a loss for words. It is hard to know how to respond to these events. Many times, we want to know all of the details; many times, we listen for the rumors and details that are really beyond our need to know.

What we need to know is, we don't need to know everything. We need to spend time in prayer for the innocent people who are hurting and did not ask to be put in the middle of unfair situations.

There has been unfortunate situations in our community involving church members that are beyond description. The thing that makes it worse is that as bad as it is, sometimes people add to it by speculation and rumors. My heart breaks over the tragedy that has happened in our community. We are left with scores of questions.

Upon hearing about the situation, a fellow pastor who knew that church members were involved in a gruesome situation sent me a note of encouragement. The words are a great comfort to me, these are her words, "I don't really have words for you, but I do have prayers." Those words were a great comfort to me and I hope they are not only a comfort but an encouragement as well.

Let us surround each person involved in this tragedy with our prayers, asking God to show mercy, grant comfort, provide peace, hand out healing, and in time, bring closure to the brokenness of the lives involved.

Randy

I am honored to be asked by the Manchester Rotary Club to direct the 2018 Christmas Choir! Many of you recall that Mr. Evans Baird led this choir for about 20 years. His last concert was in December 2013. He retired because of health issues.

Evans also has a very special connection to Manchester First UMC because he was the choir director here for about 20 years! And of course, Mr. Baird taught music in public school here for many years, influencing hundreds of children and youth.

So, I feel that there are some pretty "big shoes to fill" here! I am very excited to work with the Rotary Club to revive this annual Christmas tradition. I ask for your prayers as the mass choir begins to learn the music and prepare for the concerts later this year. And if you would like to join the choir, please come! We are rehearsing each Monday evening at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 1101 Jackson Street here in Manchester. Check the announcement elsewhere in the MidWeek Visitor for more details!

Grace and Peace,

Dana

God grants to people the ability to earn that which is God's already: money and wealth.

"Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." (1 Chronicles 29:12)



Sunday, we'll see a different part of Nehemiah's story. In Nehemiah 5:1-12, we discover that while everyone was building the wall, an issue arose. Some of the Israelites were severely mistreating each other. Even though Nehemiah was in charge of rebuilding the wall, he stopped the building of the wall to confront the issue. He cared enough about the people to help them figure out a solution.

Bottom Line: Don't wait for someone else to help people in need. When kids see people in need, we pray that they take initiative to help instead of thinking it is someone else's problem. God can use them along with the trusted adults in their life to make an impact in the lives of others.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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This week, we are preparing for Youth Sunday, which is September 16th at both services. I hope you'll join us.

I'm ordering spots for Warmth in Winter (February 1 – 3) and BigStuf (July 7 – 11) this week, so if you would like to go, I need to know!

On November 10th, we will be hosting a Missions and Ministries Day. We will be inviting youth from other local churches as well as other churches in our district.

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 Cassidy	Bobbie Barclay	Matilda Locke
Jonathan Shedd	Jason Conrad	

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:	September 9
Sunday School	78
8:25 Service	50
10:55 Service	86

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of September 9
Sunday School	45.00
Coffee Time	17.00
Missions	383.00
One Day of Hope	330.00
Memorials to Budget	20.00
Memorial to Youth	740.00
Youth	280.00
Good Samaritan	350.00
Communion Rail	87.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	5,080.00
Year-to-date offering	300,494.00
Offering needed to date	336,492.00
(+/-) Difference	-35,998.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of September 16	Eric Beachboard
Week of September 23	Brett Henley

Coffee Time

September 16 & 23	John & Shandra Richardson
September 30	Topsy & Bobby Layne

Altar Guild

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

Counters

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

Greeters

September 16 8:25 Lois & Claus Thormaehlen
 10:55 Kimla & Roger Weeks
 September 23 8:25 Lois & Claus Thormaehlen
 10:55 Kimla & Roger Weeks

Kitchen Monitor

September Judy Brooks
 October Mary Rounds

Sunday School Greeters

September 16 & 23 Ann Stevenson
 September 30 Barbara Honeycutt

Bakers/Visitors

September 16 Melissa Cope (Baker)
 Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitors)
 September 23 Bea Ferrell

Usher (8:25 am)

September James McKelvey
 October Rich Wakeman

Good Samaritan Volunteers

September 17 Max & Judy Hester, Jim Thorington,
 Doris Hendrix, Topsy Layne, Deborah Blanton
 September 24 Marie Kimble, Ann & Ben Spaulding,
 Karla & Mike Childs

*****Please pray for Mary Frances Brantley during this time.** 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!***

*****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!

*****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!***

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

We are celebrating 60 years of our pre-school here at First United Methodist on October 28, 2018. There will only be one service at 10:55 am on that day so we can celebrate together. After the service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal together. We need your help! Pictures, memorabilia, and stories about the school, anything you would be willing to share, please drop off at the office labeled so we can get the items back to you or you can email them to the church. We want to make this day special; thank you in advance!

Memorials

A gift was made to the General Budget in memory of Coolidge Holt by Nancy and Jack Daniel.
 A gift was made to the Youth Fund in memory of Coolidge Holt by Mark & Susan Yother, Max & Judy Hester, Mattie Lee & Earl Eaton, Nancy & Bobby Cummins, and Linda & Randall Layne.



Wednesday Night Menus

September 12: Hamburgers/Buns with Trimmings, baked beans, coleslaw. Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

September 19: Herb roasted chicken, oven roasted potatoes, honey glazed carrots, tossed salad with dressing and a roll. Dessert: Banana Pudding



Charles Elmer Wells, father of Jennifer Clark, passed away on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Stonecrest Medical Center in Smyrna, TN. His funeral was Tuesday, August 28, 2018. He was buried at Hillsboro Methodist Cemetery. He was a member of Hillsboro Methodist Church and his daughter is a member of Manchester FUMC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

786 McMinnville Hwy, Manchester, TN

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.** in the choir room (room B19).

The Sanctuary Handbell Choir will resume practices on **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.** 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. Come and help us celebrate the Christmas season!

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 Marcrom 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)

The **Sallie O’Neal Anniversary Fellowship** will meet at the home of Kay Pratt on Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m. We invite all ladies of the church to join us for a time of fellowship. Please call Lois Thormaehlen at 931-580-5908 for a ride and more information! Hope to see you there! Thanks!

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