



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

September 19, 2018

Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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These are busy days for Manchester First. School is in full swing and so are our program ministries for the semester.

The children are off to a great start, Jackie and her team are reaching out to the community in very effective ways.

Ami and her team are hitting full stride with youth activities and ministries.

The music ministries of this church are amazing.

That leads me to this point, the Body of Christ Group is being led to try to start a different type of service to meet the taste of young people and young families. Please be in prayer as this process moves forward. Prayerful consideration is going to be given to a variety of different options.

We also are needing people to volunteer in the area of bus ministry, welcoming new comers to the community, and contacting inactives of our congregation.

As I conclude my section for this week. Let me share a quote with you that I ask you to prayerfully consider:

THE QUESTION IS NOT IF YOU ARE CALLED TO SERVE, BUT WHERE.

Randy

A NOTE FROM DANA...

Sir Robert Watson Watt, the inventor of the radar was arrested himself for speeding. He had been caught in a radar trap. Shortly after this irony he wrote this poem:

*"Pity Sir Robert Watson Watt
Strange target of his radar plot,
And this, with others I could mention,
A victim of his own invention."*

The Scripture teaches us that we reap what we sow (read Galatians 6:7,8).

In God's economy, things are hardly what the world expects. In some moments, we plant but never really see the harvest, at least not a harvest that is directly related. In other moments, we receive a harvest that we didn't plant! God's kingdom is a world of walking by [faith](#) not sight. Faith that God will bring good things from all that we plant even when we don't see it. And faith that there will be much grace even when we are not able to plant!

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)

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With our Wednesday night classes getting back online, the Orange curriculum will be taught then. This Wednesday we will continue studying about Nehemiah. We'll see how Nehemiah dealt with some distractions in Nehemiah 2:19-20, 4, and 6. Not everyone liked what Nehemiah was doing. He had enemies who tried to distract the people from finishing the wall. But he saw through their plan and stayed focused on the job God gave him to finish. Bottom Line: Stay focused on what needs to be done. From cleaning their rooms to finishing their homework, kids have all sorts of things that need to be done. But it often doesn't take long for cleaning a room to become playing with the toys you're supposed to be picking up. We hope kids will see that focusing on the task at hand is important. God has all sorts of jobs for us to do. We can trust Him to give us the focus we need to finish them.

Mrs. Jackie

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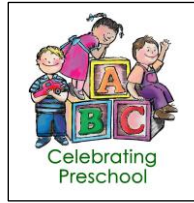
We survived Youth Sunday! I think it went well, I hope you do to!

Warmth In Winter (Feb 1-3) and BigStuf (July 7-11) deposits are due ASAP. I have 22 spots for Warmth In Winter and 25 for BigStuf. It will be first come, first serve. Your deposit will secure your name on the list!!!

Thank you for all your love and support of the youth at Manchester First!

Be Blessed!

Ami Shedd



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!



Wednesday Night Menus

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

September 26: Beef Tacos with Shredded lettuce, tomato, and sour cream, black beans, fruit salad. Dessert: Ice Cream Sundaes



Thursday night Bible Study/Beta Cell Group 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!***

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





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

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Tuesday, September 25 – UMW meets at 10:00 in the parlor.

Thursday, September 27 – Wesley Wanderers meets at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETURNS

The Rotary Club has brought back the Christmas Choir under the direction of our minister of music, Dana M. Brooks. The first rehearsal went very well with lots of good musical sounds already. Rehearsals continue on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. It's still not too late to join. Just come to the rehearsal and sign in. First Presbyterian is located at 1101 Jackson Street here in Manchester.

The program is scheduled for Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1 at Trinity Baptist Church, 7:00 PM both nights.

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	Jason Conrad
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
Jonathan Shedd	Bobbie Barclay	Matilda Locke

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 16

Sunday School	86
8:25 Service	71
10:55 Service	87

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts
Total of September 16

Sunday School	53.00
Coffee Time	17.00
Missions	175.00
One Day of Hope	150.00
Memorial to Youth	200.00
Youth	390.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	4,051.00
Year-to-date offering	304,545.00
Offering needed to date	345,839.00
(+/-) Difference	-41,294.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service
Building Checker

Week of September 23	Brett Henley
Week of September 30	Fred/Sandy Matlock

Coffee Time

September 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 23	8:25	Lois & Claus Thormaehlen
	10:55	Kimla & Roger Weeks
September 30	11:00	Joey Hendren & Kay Pratt

Kitchen Monitor

September	Judy Brooks
October	Mary Rounds

Sunday School Greeters

September 23	Ann Stevenson
September 30	Barbara Honeycutt

Bakers/Visitors

September 23	Bea Ferrell
September 30	Beverly Smith (Baker) Debra & Jim Thorington (Visitors)

Usher (8:25 am)

September	James McKelvey
October	Rich Wakeman

Good Samaritan Volunteers

September 24	Marie Kimble, Ann & Ben Spaulding, Karla & Mike Childs
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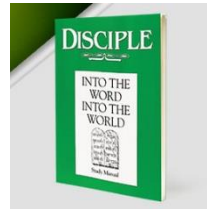
Memorials

A gift was made to the Youth Fund in memory of Donna Turner Holt & Coolidge Holt by the Xixis Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The men’s chorus meets for practice **each Sunday at 5:00 PM** in the choir room (room B19).

The Sanctuary Handbell Choir will resume practices tomorrow evening, **SEPTEMBER 17**. We meet each Monday evening at 6:00 PM in the choir room. If you’re interested in ringing bells, please see Dana.



DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY- If you are interested in Disciple 2 Bible Study, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, October 7, 3:30- 4:45 in room 219.

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)



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 of 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 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.

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September 23 is Good Sam Sunday. Bring your canned goods and non-perishable items and place them in a box by the door.