

September 23, 2020

Midweek Visitor

The Midweek Visitor
First United Methodist Church
Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers
September 23, 2020
Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the pandemic, we removed all the hymnals from the Sanctuary a few weeks ago and are no longer (temporarily) using bulletins. But you can still follow an order of service on your smart phone or tablet! Look for the QR code (printed on 8.5”X11” paper) on the table in the rear of the sanctuary, at the welcome center and at the ramp entry. Open your smart phone’s camera app and point at the code. You will see a small orange icon appear on your screen. Click the icon you’ll be directed to the page on our church website which has the weekly order of service (it will say “Worship Order”). You can open the worship order and follow it or even download to your device if you like! You can also access it by simply going to our website, www.manchesterfirst.org Hover over the “home” tab and scroll down to “Worship Order!”



Deadlines

Items to be put in the newsletter are due to the office no later than Monday at Noon; items to be put in the bulletin are due to the office no later than Thursday at noon. Thank you!

Prayer Request

Simply go to www.manchesterfirst.org and place your cursor on the “Home” tab. There you will scroll down to “PRAYER REQUESTS.” Fill out the form and submit your prayer requests and our staff will pray for you. This is available 24/7. Of course, the church staff is available during the day at 931-728-4624 to talk with you when you have prayer request.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Hello Church Family!

In just 19 short days Randa and Josh will be getting married and due to COVID we have a number restriction.

All members of Manchester FUMC are invited to join us via Facebook live in our private group. If you would like to be added to the group please let Randa, Reesa or Rachel know by October 1, 2020

See you Sunday,
Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

This past weekend the Tennessee Annual Conference made history by having our first ever VIRTUAL Annual Conference meeting. As you know the Conference is normally held in June each year but was canceled this year due to the pandemic. It was challenging on several levels. The voting process was particularly challenging because of the limited amount of time allowed for each item. And the obstacles of syncing video and audio together while accommodating several hundred Clergy and Lay members was pretty obvious, too! Still, the online experience was not nearly as scary as I thought it might be! And the very best part? I was able to “attend” Conference this year in my house shoes, in a recliner in a comfortable room with perfectly controlled temperature! But I really missed seeing my ministry colleagues in person and also the singing. Oh my, the singing at Annual Conference has traditionally been heavenly! United Methodists love to sing and we’re quite good at it! So, I certainly missed that part!



A NOTE FROM DANA...

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As the AC came to a close late Saturday afternoon, I couldn’t help but think about the great heritage we have as United Methodists. Late in his life, John Wesley wrote, “I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America, but I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.” I do not believe that God is finished with the people called “Methodists” just yet! There is a lot of work for us to do with regard to love, justice, and mercy. Wesley also said, “God grant that I may never live to be useless!” God help us to stay true to our calling!

Grace and Peace,
Dana

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10).

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This week the main focus of the Hangout Youth Department is gearing up for Youth Sunday next week. All youth participating should meet me in the sanctuary on Sunday at 8am. I know it's early, but I know you can do it! We will have breakfast for you during Sunday School time, and we will take you to lunch after the 11:00 service.

BigStuf dates have been released, and I have looked at our calendar and found a good week for us. Looks like our best option will be June 28-July 2. This will be at the new location in PCB, Edgewater Resort. We've never been there, so that will be exciting! I will be ordering spots on Tuesday of this week.

I've also been looking at options for this winter. Right now, I am torn between BigStuf's Wknd and Xtreme Winter. BigStuf hasn't released dates and locations for Wknd yet, but Xtreme Winter is in Gatlinburg over Christmas break.

Lots of planning going on right now in the Hangout Youth Department which means that we have lots of great things to look forward to! It's a great time to be a Hangout Youth! If you haven't joined us and would like to, we meet for Sunday School from 9:45-10:45, and Sunday and Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30. Sunday School meets in the Youth Room, and on Sundays and Wednesdays we start off in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Hangout next Sunday!

Stay well and be a blessing,
Ami Shedd
Manchester FUMC Hangout Youth
manchesterfumchangoutyouth@gmail.com



HEALTH CHECK VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers on Sunday mornings for both services to assist with the **HEALTH CHECKS** at the front door ramp and the basement door. This would include taking temperatures and giving out masks and hand sanitizer for those you need these items. If you are able to volunteer please email the church secretary at manchesterfumc@gmail.com or call the church office at 728-4624 with the dates and services you are available.

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This week in Children's Church, we head to 1 Kings 19:14-21 and 2 Kings 2:1-15 and take a look at a different sort of friendship between Elijah and Elisha. God knew Elijah needed help and directed him to Elisha. Elisha came alongside Elijah and stayed with him to the very end. Elisha knew the importance of encouragement.

Bottom Line: Friends encourage one another.

Our kids are growing up in a world that can feel like everyone is out for themselves. God has a different way for us to live. God wants us to take time out to encourage others. Kids will find out how they can be friends who use their words and actions to build others up.

Jacqueline Connelly
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



September 30
Fried Chicken/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Banana Pudding

October 7
No Meal Fall Beak



It is time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper and plastic boxes and brochures at the ramp entrance under the coat rack. Please bring shoeboxes to the church on November 8th, 15th and 22nd. They will be blessed on the altar November 22nd before they are taken to the distribution center. Thank you for your participation.

I Will Support My Church With My Presence

Attendance:	September 20
Sunday School	40
8:25 Service	40
10:55 Service	49
Facebook Live	327

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of September 20
Sunday School	7.00
Youth	660.00
Memorial to the General Fund	25.00
Pastor Discretionary	16.00
Missions	730.00
Required Weekly	9,204.00
Budget Contribution	4,511.00
Year-to-date offering	319,336.00
Offering needed to date	349,572.00
(+/-) Difference	-30,416.00

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker	
Week of September 27	Daniel Porter
Week of October 4	Mike Anderson
Altar Guild	
For the Month of September	Sue Wakeman Debra Thorington
For the Month of October	Joane Cassidy Kay Pratt
Counters	
For the Month of September	Deborah Amacher Mark Williams
For the Month of October	Virginia Mckee Butch Niederhauser
Greeters	
Week of September 27	Sarah and Tom Potuk Kimla and Roger Weeks
Week of October 4	Lois and Claus Thormaehlen Leslie Trussler and Ed Henley
Kitchen Monitors	
For the Month of September	Ann Spaulding
For the Month of October	Topsy Layne

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!

Memorials & Honorariums
A gift to the General fund was given in Memory of Bob Leonard by Jack and Kaye Smoyak.

Member Prayer Concerns

God's World & Our Nation
All in the military service and their families

Bernice Thornton	Judy Starr
Bob Truesdale	Ed Turner
Mason Phillips	Evans Baird
Sandy Matlock	Troy Rose
Matilda Locke	Diane Conklin
Nellie Leonard	Billie Danford
Mary & Don Rounds	DeeAnna Morton
Betsy & Hursel Shanks	Jennifer Burroughs
Mr. Ed & Mrs. Sue Yother	
Dorothy Bon & her daughter Becky	

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.



September 23 – September 29, 2020 Church Family Birthdays

Sept 23	Patty Roberts
Sept 25	Barbara Honeycutt
Sept 27	Ken Kimble
Sept 29	Jerry Bailey

If you have a birthday during the above listed time and it is not listed above, please call the church office and a note will be made in PowerChurch and listed on next week's birthday