



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

September 26, 2018

Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
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Did you know?

1. That this coming **Sunday, September 30th**, we are having only one worship service which will be at 11:00 a.m. This is in keeping with our 5th Sunday tradition. Coffee time is at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m.
2. That we are getting close to another One-Day of Hope event. Sign up now if you have not already done so. The Date is **Saturday, October 13th**, at the fairgrounds.
3. That on **Sunday, October 14th**, we will be the host to a Stones River District event. We will be hosting a Listening Session concerning General Conference. This will be from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and you are invited to attend.
4. That on **Sunday, October 28th**, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Christian Learning Center ministry here at Manchester FUMC. We will only have one worship service that day which will be followed by a covered dish meal. More details in this newsletter and during Sunday Morning announcements.
5. That on **Saturday, November 3rd**, you are invited to attend a live simulcast for the Wesleyan Covenant Association. This event will also take place here at Manchester FUMC. You are invited and encouraged to attend. More details later.
6. That the Body of Christ group is busy praying, planning, dreaming and discerning the future of what God is calling us to be in this community and

beyond. There are 5 areas that they are sensing that God is calling us to focus in on: A.) A bus ministry to provide transportation on Sunday mornings and Wednesday night. B.) Expanded use of media to broadcast our worship services. C.) Greeting newcomers to our church and community D.) Offer contemporary worship services and E.) outreach to in-actives.

Now you DO know,

Bro Randy



A NOTE FROM DANA...

As you know several of us from Manchester First attended the NEW ROOM CONFERENCE last week in Brentwood. It was my first time there and I was blessed by all of the speakers they had but I most especially enjoyed the worship. The worship band was very good. During one of the sessions the facilitator asked for those who were "overseers" to come forward so that they could lay hands on these folks and pray for them. Many people came forward and it was a powerful moment. In his prayer, the facilitator said something to this effect: "Lord we know that by this time many of these leaders are just TIRED! But we also know that, in the Bible, some of your greatest acts came through folk that were tired!" This really spoke to me and I was reminded of this illustration. Imagine a wick that is placed in oil, and then lit. If the oil runs out, the wick burns out soon too. As long as there is oil, the wick doesn't burn out. As long as we are living in dependence on the power of the Holy

Spirit, we don't burn out. The question to ask is this: what's burning?

Grace and Peace,

Dana



Today in children's church and Sunday School, we learned about Moses, from his humble beginnings floating down the Nile in a basket to his triumphant escape with the Israelites when God parted the Red Sea for them. We also studied his last words from Deuteronomy 33:29 "Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will tread on their heights." When he wasn't allowed to lead the Israelites into the promised land, he left his people with a blessing instead of being angry about being denied that opportunity.

Wednesday will be the last class in which we talk about Nehemiah and we'll head to Nehemiah 3-4, 6:15-16, and 8:1-17 and read that God helped Nehemiah and the people finish the wall in only 52 days! They were able to celebrate all that God had done for them, not only during those 52 days but also throughout their history as His people. They heard God's word and remembered how God had been faithful to them. They had a lot to be thankful for! **Bottom Line: Look for ways to celebrate what God has done.** When we realize that God is doing amazing things in our lives, we can't help but give Him thanks. We pray that throughout this month looking at Nehemiah's story, kids will see how God helps them each and every day. We hope they learn to celebrate God's continued work in their lives.

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly
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Last Wednesday, we resumed our study on the book *Circle Maker*. We talked about how God gives us dreams big and we sometimes settle for something smaller that we can do on our own. In Sunday School this week, we talked about "buying in" to the dreams God gives us by stepping out in faith and that sometimes that makes us look weird.

Sunday night, we talked about how loneliness has been proven to cause all sorts of health related issues, not to mention anxiety and depression. Jesus had a circle of friends He did life with and we should too, but that circle should tilt us toward God, not to the world.

There are still a few spots left for Warmth In Winter and BigStuf. Your \$10 deposit secures your spot on the list!!!

Be Blessed!

Ami Shedd

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)

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.

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| 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 | Matilda Locke |
| 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 |
| Ava Brazelton | | |

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

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| Attendance: | September 23 |
| Sunday School | 64 |
| 8:25 Service | 47 |
| 10:55 Service | 80 |

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts
Total of September 23

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Sunday School | 39.00 |
| Coffee Time | 10.00 |
| Missions | 550.00 |
| One Day of Hope | 200.00 |
| Youth | 120.00 |
| Required weekly | 9,347.00 |
| Budget Contribution | 12,600.00 |
| Year-to-date offering | 317,145.00 |
| Offering needed to date | 355,186.00 |
| (+/-) Difference | -38,041.00 |

I Will Support My Church With My Service
Building Checker

Week of September 30 Fred & Sandy Matlock
Week of October 7 Wade Stevenson

Coffee Time
September 30 Topsy & Bobby Layne
October 7 & 14 Ami Shedd

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 30 11:00 Joey Hendren & Kay Pratt
October 7 8:25 Sarah & Tommy Potuk
10:55 Leslie Trussler & Ed Henley

Kitchen Monitor
September Judy Brooks
October Mary Rounds

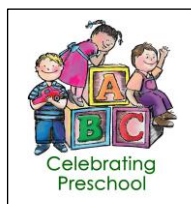
Sunday School Greeters
September 30 Barbara Honeycutt
October 7 & 14 Beverly Smith

Bakers/Visitors
September 30 Beverly Smith (Baker)
Debra & Jim Thorington (Visitors)
October 7 Karla Childs

Usher (8:25 am)
September James McKelvey
October Rich Wakeman

Thank you for your service to Manchester FUMC!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 11:00 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!

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 no later than Thursday at noon. Thank you!



Wednesday Night Menus

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

October 3: No Meal – Fall Break

Memorial

A gift to the One Day of Hope Fund in memory of Russell Bryan was given by Jim & Debra Thorington.

“Thank you, Church Family, for the cards, flowers, calls, food and prayers while recuperating from my fall. You are a special people and I am most appreciative of your care and concern. Sincerely, Mary Frances Brantley”



It is time for Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes again. There are paper and plastic boxes at the Welcome Center.

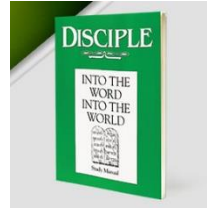
Please bring shoeboxes to the church by November 11 or 18. They will be blessed on the altar November 18 before they are taken to the distribution center.

Thank you for your participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Chorus meets for practice **each Sunday at 5:00 PM** in the choir room (room B19).

The Sanctuary Handbell Choir meets each Monday evening at 5:00 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 p.m. 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)

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.**



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.

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