



The Midweek Visitor

First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers

September 5, 2018

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Serving the people of Manchester since 1813
Senior Pastor, Rev. Randall T. Brown



A NOTE FROM DANA...

Our son Aaron has always been an avid Tennessee Football fan. So much so that when he was in high school, he talked Pam and I into letting him paint his room orange and white!

Now, I know he must have been a bit disappointed this past Saturday when the Vols lost their opening game of the season. I was thinking about this when I was driving to the church today and noticed a flag in someone's yard that, from a distance looked to be a very worn American flag. But as I got closer, I realized that where the stars were supposed to be, there was a giant orange "T" and the stripes were orange and white! Yet another committed Tennessee football fan!

While it's already too late for Tennessee to win EVERY game this year, it's not too late to choose our favorite team and pull for them! Avid fans will pull for their team even if they lose. I like to think that God is just like that with us. In the "game" of life, "we win some and we lose some." But even if our failures are our fault, God still is very much FOR US and He wants us to live in victory through Jesus so that we can rightfully claim the prize of eternal life.

Hey, I've read the back of the Book and WE WIN!

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)

Happy September!

Hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend.

A busy fall season is upon us. There have been a group of people meeting together for the last several months, prayerfully trying to discover what it means to be the Body Of Christ in our community in this current time in our history.

This group of faithful prayer warriors, students of the Bible, and listener's for God's voice have been very faithful in their task. God has laid on our hearts to ask you to be involved as well.

1.) We need some folks to help in the bus ministry, we need a couple of drivers, and we need a few people who will ride the routes with drivers in case of emergency. Contact church office to help.

2.) We need your participation in our Wednesday evening activities. Youth and Children's ministry are always in need of volunteers. Please see Jackie or Ami to help.

3.) We are asking you to pray about being a visitor to new families in the area. Manchester is experiencing some growth, and we need people who will take the vision, love, and warmth of Manchester First United Methodist Church to newcomers in our area.

4.) We are having several events throughout the year to celebrate our heritage and invite back folks that use to be a part of this Body. On the last Sunday of October, we are having the 60th Anniversary of the Christian Learning Center ministry of this church. To help with this see Jackie or Judy.

5.) We are working hard to take our worship service to the people. We are exploring the possibility of a new contemporary service to attract people we are currently missing. We are using electronic media to broadcast services to a wider audience than ever before. Dana is doing an awesome job with working out the issues with this, if you would like to help him please contact him.

See you Sunday

Randy

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Sunday, we will continue talking about initiative and look at Nehemiah 2:11-18 where Nehemiah plans to rebuild the wall.

Bottom line: "Don't wait for someone else to do what needs to be done."

We are excited about resuming our Wednesday night classes September 12. We have the Crazy Tie Guy and his family coming that first night to entertain us with their juggling and they weave stories about Jesus into their act as well. I hope you'll join us in the sanctuary that night, it promises to be a lot of fun! Have a great week!

Mrs. Jackie

Jacqueline Connelly

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This week at Hangout, we are preparing for our Youth Sunday service on September 16. I hope you'll join us. I need deposits for Warmth in Winter (February 1 – 3) this week if at all possible.

Deposits for Big Stuf (July 7 – 11) are due by September 12.

We've got a great group of kids! Come Hangout with us sometime!

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

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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 Cassady	Bobbie Barclay	Matilda Locke
Jonathan Shedd		

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 2
Sunday School	75
8:25 Service	58
10:55 Service	75

I Will Support My Church With My Gifts

	Total of September 2
Sunday School	46.00
Coffee Time	10.00
Missions	570.00
One Day of Hope	50.00
Memorials to Budget	50.00
Memorial to Youth	40.00
Youth	40.00
Good Samaritan	100.00
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	9,705.00
Year-to-date offering	295,414.00
Offering needed to date	327,145.00
(+/-) Difference	-31,731.00

In addition to last week's offering to TMS Global of \$120, a cash donation for the Heiberg's of \$689 was received!

I Will Support My Church With My Service

Building Checker

Week of September 9	Joey Hendren
Week of September 16	Eric Beachboard

Coffee Time

September 9	Alisa Mitchell
September 16 & 23	John & Shandra Richardson

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 9	8:25	Jonathan Shedd & Billie McEwen
	10:55	Anita & Ed Turner
September 16	8:25	Sarah & Tommy Potuk
	10:55	Kimla & Roger Weeks

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Kitchen Monitor

September Judy Brooks
October Mary Rounds

Sunday School Greeters

September 9 Kay Pratt
September 16 & 23 Ann Stevenson

Bakers/Visitors

September 9 Kay Pratt (Baker)
Frank Langham (Visitor)
September 16 Melissa Cope (Baker)
Roger & Kimla Weeks (Visitors)

Usher (8:25 am)

September James McKelvey
October Rich Wakeman

*****Please pray for Mary Frances Brantley during this time.** She went home August 24, 2018. 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!

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.

****Meal on Wheels** is a program administered from the Senior Citizen Center here in Manchester. Hot meals are prepared and delivered to older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. Volunteers are needed to deliver these meals and provide a daily visit to those in need. Please consider volunteering one hour of your time weekly to help with this worthwhile program. For more information, call Lois Thormaehlen at 931-580-5908. Thanks so much!

*****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!***



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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Memorials

A gift to the General Budget in memory of Donna & Coolidge Holt was made by Carolyn Norfleet.

A gift to the Youth Fund in memory of Coolidge Holt was made by Tommy & Sarah Potuk.

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!



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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.** (please note that we recently changed the practice time!) We're still looking for a few good (SINGING) men!

The Sanctuary Handbell Choir will resume practices on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 (not the 10th as previously announced). 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.

The **Casual Chess Club** will meet at 7 pm in room 218 every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Since this past Monday was a holiday, we will meet at 7 pm on September 10, 2018.

*****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)

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