



# *The Midweek Visitor*

**First United Methodist Church**

*Our mission is to lead persons to Christ and disciple believers*

**February 28, 2018**

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

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As I look at my calendar it is March. For you basketball fans March Madness is finally here. March is the beginning of spring; new life is all around us.

Here are a few things ahead of us in the month of March.

March 11 daylight savings time begins

March 22 and 23 Community Wide Easter Cantata

March 24 Church wide/ Community Easter Egg Hunt

March 25 Palm Sunday

March 26-30 Holy Week and Spring Break for local schools.

April 1 EASTER SUNDAY that's no April fool hoax.

Please take the month of March with all of its special and regular opportunities and invite your unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors to join you at the Father's House.

See you Sunday,

Brother Randy



## **A Note from Dana:**

Martin Luther once said "If we consider the greatness and the glory of the life we shall have when we have risen from the dead, it would not be difficult at all for us to bear the concerns of this world. If I believe the Word, I shall on the Last Day, after the sentence has been pronounced, not only gladly have suffered ordinary temptations, insults, and imprisonment, but I shall also say: "O, that I did not throw myself under the feet of all the godless for the sake of the great glory which I now see revealed and which has come to me through the merit of Christ!"

Jesus never promised us our Christian life would be easy. But He promised it would be WORTH IT!

Dana

**Because all that we have belongs to God,  
our goal in using that which belongs to him  
is to glorify God.**

"So whether you eat or drink or  
whatever you do,  
do it all for the glory of God"  
(1 Corinthians 10:31).



Wednesday night we will be asking the key question: **Have you ever received unexpected kindness?** Often the best kindness is the kindness that feels completely random. We hope to help kids discover how they feel when someone surprises them with kindness and help them figure out the unexpected ways they can show kindness to people in their life. In **Matthew 25:35-40**, we'll revisit one of Jesus' teachings on kindness. For one reason or another, people are overlooked every day - no one even notices them, much less shows kindness to them. But Jesus says that when we show kindness to one of the least of these, it's as if we're showing kindness to Him. We hope to discover how they can show kindness to people who are overlooked in their world.

Bottom line: **Be kind to people who are overlooked.** Everyone deserves to be treated like they're valuable, no matter who they are. We hope kids start to see people who have needs and work with the adults in their life to show kindness and meet those needs.

**Have a great week!**

**Mrs. Jackie**

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I hope this finds you happy and well. Thank you to everyone who came Sunday night to the movie night. It was a great time of fellowship with good food and a good movie. Thank you, Rachel Brown, and Reesa Brown for cooking the lasagna and brownies. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you, Ami Shedd, for going and getting the kids week in and week out.

We are now making sure that we have the names of all high school graduating seniors for the class of 2018. If you know of one please let me know by March 1, 2018. As always, I have an open-door policy and will be happy to discuss any issue or concern you may have.

Thank you for allowing us to be on this part of your teenager's journey, please know that I count it an honor and blessing.

In the grip of HIS Grace, Randa



Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, March 24 (if it rains we will reschedule for March 31). I would appreciate it if you could donate some wrapped, non-chocolate candy for us to put in the eggs! Thank

**7/13-14** Vacation Bible School – *Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love Is Cool*, where kids chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus – the coolest friend of all.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Sanctuary Choir will meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room.

The DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY will meet this coming Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in Room 219.

**“Amazing Love-How Can It Be”** Rehearsals for the Community Outreach choir’s performance of “Amazing Love, How Can It Be” have begun. We are practicing on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Trinity Baptist Church, located at 1513 McArthur Drive here in Manchester. Rehearsals are one-hour long. You do not have to be a member of a choir to participate. If you are interested, please see Dana for the music and companion products.

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](http://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).



SPRC is advertising for the Church Office Secretary position. Susan Yother has been serving in this position and has notified us of

her plans to resign. If you know of anyone interested or you are interested please contact the Church office or Jim Thorington, SPRC Chair.

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**Wednesday Night Menus**

**Feb. 28:** Homemade meatloaf, baked potato half, broccoli casserole, roll, tossed salad/dressings & peach cobbler with ice cream.

**March 7:** Homemade vegetable soup, ham/turkey & cheese wraps, fruit salad and yellow cake with chocolate icing

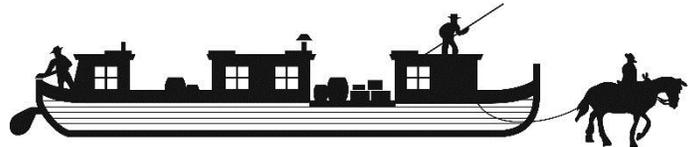


The Sallie O’Neal Fellowship invites you to join us as we “shower” the Mike Marshall family. A blue bin is located at the Welcome Center and items may be

placed here. Some suggestions include:

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| Toilet paper | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Paper Towels | Toothpaste          |
| Garbage bags | Hand soap/bar soap  |
| Body Wash    | Dishwashing liquid  |
| Kleenex      | Laundry Detergent   |
| Dog/Cat food | Cleaning Supplies   |

We thank you so much for partnering with us to reach out to this family in need as Mike rehabs from his stroke.



**Good Samaritan Workers:**

**March 19:** Ben & Ann Spaulding, Lois Thormaehlen and Anita Turner

**March 26:** Marie Kimble, Max & Judy Hester and Mike and Karla Childs

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It has been my pleasure working as the secretary for Manchester FUMC for the last nine months. Unfortunately, things just did not work out and this Friday is my last day. I truly appreciate your patience, everyone that helped in the office and all the kind words.

Love, Susan

**I Will Support My Church With My Presence**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>
Sunday School	93
8:25 Service	61
10:55 Service	108

**I Will Support My Church With My Gifts**

	<b>Feb. 25</b>
Sunday School	79.00
Missions	1,895.00
Good Samaritan	50.00
Coffee Time	18.00
Youth Fund	.00
Music	
Pastor's Discretionary	
Required weekly	9,347.00
Budget Contribution	5,860.25
Year-to-date offering	6,2394.00
Offering needed to date	74,776.00
(+/-) Difference	-12,382.00

**I Will Support My Church With My Service**

<b>Acolytes</b>			
March 4	8:25 Natalie Fibelkorn	10:55 Elijah McCoy	
March 11	Megan Fibelkorn	Elizabeth Miller	

**Building Checker**

Week of March 4	Troy Rose
Week of March 11	Ben Spaulding

**Coffee Time**

March 4 & 11	Kay & Jack Smoyak
March 18 & 25	Wade Stevenson

**Altar Guild**

March	Kay Smoyak
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**Counters**

March	Mike Anderson & Brett Henley
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**Greeters**

March 4 & 11	8:25 Janelle Burt & Ed Holland	
	10:55 Allison & Brian Stacy	
March 18 & 25	8:25 Sarah & Tommy Potuk	
	10:55 Betty & Jerry Watkins	

**Kitchen Monitor**

March	Sue Reid
April	Lois Thormaehlen

**Welcome Center**

March 4 & 11	8:25 JaNelle Burt
	10:45 Carolyn Norfleet

**Bakers/Visitors**

March 4	Jim & Debra Thorington
March 11	Kay Pratt & Frank Langham

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