

January 13, 2015



First United Methodist Church

# The Midweek Visitor

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Manchester, TN  
37355



## Sunday Service

**Early: 8:25 a.m.**

**Late: 10:55 p.m.**

## Sunday School

**10:00 a.m.**

**Youth**

*(Check schedule)*

**Sunday 6:00**

**Weds 6:00 p.m.**

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## Meetings

**Admin Board Meeting**  
**Monday January 25**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Missions Com Meeting**

**Sunday Jan.17 at 5:30 in  
the parlor**



*Notes from*

*our Pastor*

*Rev. Randy Brown*



Your church staff is reading a book entitled, "One Word, that will change your life." It is a small book, a quick and easy read that is based on the principle of choosing one word that will help guide you through the year. You get to pick your word. The book is designed to help you hear from God what your word is for this year. My word is "Focus" and my verse is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God...."

I have placed in key locations the word focus that constantly reminds my what my word is for the year. This keeps me in focus and helps me not to get distracted so much. Others on staff have chosen words like positive, forgiveness, discipline, nature, and others are still discerning what their word is to be for 2016.

I hope you will search out this book, read the book, and put the one word principle into practice this year. If you need help getting the book please contact the church office and we will help out.

As a reminder JANUARY 31ST IS A FIFTH SUNDAY, WE WILL ONLY HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THAT DAY @ 11:00 POT LUCK FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO FOLLOW.

Sunday School will be at the regular time, Coffee time will start at 9:30. Make plans now for this exciting day.

On January 20 our Wednesday Night activities start back. Jim Thornington will be leading this class.

Contagious Christianity will be meeting also and I will be leading that study. Both studies will be from 6:00 - 7:00 on Wednesday nights.

Ash Wednesday Service is February 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

My text for Sunday's sermon is Luke 22:47-52 The title is taken from Jesus when he says "NO MORE OF THIS". Come see what he was talking about See what else he did in these six verses.

See you Sunday,

Bro. Randy



### A NOTE FROM DANA...

Pastor Randy mentioned Dr. Bill Hinson in his message this past Sunday. Dr. Hinson was pastor of (at that time) the fastest growing UMC congregation in the nation in Houston, Texas (a church which grew from about 2,000 members to over 12,000 members during Dr. Hinson’s 18 year appointment there!). I heard Bill tell the story once of how his chairperson of the Council on Ministries was pitching the name of person in his congregation to serve on some committee. Dr. Hinson asked about the person’s credentials and spiritual character to which his chairperson replied “Well Dr. Hinson, there’s really only one thing wrong with this guy. He does tend to cuss a little when he gets drunk!” They wisely continued their search!

Thomas Merton once wrote “The greatest temptations are not those that solicit our consent to obvious sin, but those that offer us great evils masking as the greatest goods.” Proverbs 28:13 says “He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them shall have mercy.” And my mother’s favorite verse was Numbers 32:33 “Be sure your sins will find you out!”

We cannot escape the fact that we are great sinners. But neither can we deny that we have a great Savior who offers forgiveness and life in lieu of and in spite of our sin! I am glad to serve a Savior like that, aren’t you?!

Grace and Peace,  
Dana



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I hope that this finds you happy, healthy and warm. I was not made for cold or winter, however I am trying to stay positive and remember that warmer, brighter, sunnier days are ahead. Are you looking for a place to be in service and ministry at Manchester FUMC? If so then I have just the place for you. In the youth department we have a problem. Well, actually it is not really a problem, more of an opportunity. As you probably have seen and noticed over the last year or so our youth program has grown and because of that we are in need of adults who are willing to spend one Sunday night a month from 5:30-8:00 with some amazing teenagers. We eat, play games, hangout and spend time in God's Word. If you are willing to give up one Sunday night a month, to help with eternal gain please let me know a.s.a.p. You will be blessed and a blessing to others. Warmth in Winter is January 29-31, 2016 and we have 21 people from this church going. That is AMAZING we took 10 last year. I would like to match each of these 21 people up with a person from our congregation as prayer partners. The only thing that the prayer partner has to do is write 1 note or card to their partner and of course pray for us while we are gone during the weekend. However, you can do more than one card, note if you so choose. I will leave that up to you. If you are willing and able to be a prayer partner for one of the 21 people going to please let me know ASAP!!!!!! If you have a youth going to warmth in winter please make sure I have their forms and money ASAP. I am very excited about what God has in store for us at Warmth in Winter 2016!!!! I still have a few open spots for people to fix snack supper for us on Sunday and or Wednesday nights. If you are willing to help me out with this please let me know ASAP. Thank you for allowing us to come along side you and walk on this journey of faith and life. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to let me know.

In the grip of HIS grace, Randa



Our SNL Program (Sunday Night Love) will begin **Sunday night January 24**. If your child has not attended this fun and educational program, please give it a try! We will start the month studying Moses and will learn ways to worship God. There are crafts, food and fun each time we meet.

Children's Choirs will resume **Wednesday, January 20**. The kids will be learning songs and lessons about Esther, Jonah, Moses, David and Paul. We will have a mini-concert in the spring. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to learn and grow in their faith.

February is a month in which we show love to others. I'm asking your children to bring their friends this month for our **February Friend Frenzy!** There will be a MAJOR prize for the person who brings the most friends in February. Tell your kids to start working now!

This week, in our Orange Curriculum, we'll look at Proverbs 21:23: **"Those who are careful about what they say keep themselves out of trouble."** We want kids to understand the power of showing self-control with the words they say. Wouldn't it be a better world if we all heeded this advice? See you Sunday! **Cindy Lamb, Director of Children's Ministries**

**Our Deepest Sympathy to the family of Coolidge Holt, Susan & Mark Yother and the entire family.**  
**Donna Holt passed on January 6, 2016**

**The family of Donna T. Holt would like to express sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness shown over the last few years and especially during our time of loss. Over the years we have felt your prayers, received calls and cards of encouragement and visits with Daddy. Your presence at the funeral home and the meal for the family were also wonderful expressions of love for us. Coolidge and the Girls (Linda, Denise, Susan & Lissa)**

**Thank You to everyone that cooked and helped out with the Bereavement dinner for Donna Holts Family.**  
**Thank You, Mary Rounds & Ann Spaulding**

Thank You so much for your prayers, cards and gifts to the church in memory of Joe Greenwood. A family service will be held in Cambridge, Ohio. Love, Kay, Rod, Dee & Diane

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

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b><u>Jan.10</u></b>
Sunday School	94
8:25	81
10:55	108
Hispanic Service	-
Total:	189

**I Will Support My Church With gifts**

	<b><u>Jan.10</u></b>
Sunday School	53.00
Missions	310.00
Good Sam	100.00
Coffee Time	12.00
Youth Fund	205.00
Children’s Ministry	50.00
Bereavement Meals	100.00
Wesley Wanderer’s	50.00
Memorial Fund	50.00
History	25.00
Building Fund	80.00
Security System	80.00
Budget Contribution	9,294.28
Required Weekly	9,400.00
Year-to-date	18,828.53

Thank you sincerely for all the prayers and support. Also, a special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies for my beautiful shawl to comfort me in the loss of my wonderful father, Otto P. Newhart. A Christian Funeral and burial will be held on Saturday January 16, at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Cemetery. Karen Newhart, Church Secretary

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

**Acolytes: January 17: 8:45 am: Megan Fibelkorn**  
**11:00 am: Chandler Carter**

**Altar Guild: January 17: Marie Kimble & Karla Childs**

**Building Checkers: Wk of January 17: Wade Stevenson**

**Counters: January: Roy Hendrix/Lois Thormaehlen**

**Coffee Time: January 17: Judy & Stann McHann**

**Greeters: January 17: TBA**

**Welcome Center January 17: 8:25 am: Ed Holland**  
**11:00 am: Pam Riddle**

**Kitchen Monitor: January: Mike Childs**

**Sound Tech: January 17: 8:25 am: Matt Duran**  
**11:00 am: Jared Hershman**

**Visitors: January 17 :Melissa Cope & Susan & Mark Yother**

**Good Sam Workers: Jan. 25: Beverly Smith, Nancy Gilliam, Ann & Ben Spaulding, Topsy Layne**