

# MANCHESTER BULLETIN

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

CALL TO WORSHIP	GERRY MILLETTE
SONG LEADER	GARY DIAZ
141	HEAVENLY FATHER, WE APPRECIATE YOU
989	SOON AND VERY SOON
851	I'LL FLY AWAY
SCRIPTURE	FREDDIE HILLHOUSE
VERSE	PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16
SERMON	DANNY CAMPBELL
399	JESUS CALLS US
UNKNOWN #	NAILED TO THE CROSS
LORDS SUPPER	JOHN OGUNSUYI
CLOSING PRAYER	RICH THERRIEN
ANNOUNCEMENTS	BARRY FOGAL
WORSHIP TECH	CALEB OEHLERT
COORDINATOR	GERRY MILLETTE
<b>WEDNESDAY EVENING</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 25, 2024</b>
SONG LEADER	MATT SAULNIER
PRAYER	DAVE SKERRY
DEVO	DANNY CAMPBELL
WORSHIP TECH	CALEB OEHLERT

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### Deacons

Benevolence: David Skerry  
Education: Doug Paul

### Worship Times

Sunday Worship - 9:30 AM  
Fellowship Time - 10:30 AM  
Bible Classes - 11:00 AM  
Sun. Evening - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class - 10:00 AM  
Wed. Evening Devo & Bible Class - 7:00 PM



# FAMILY NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

## DATES TO SAVE!

*(More information in foyer unless otherwise stated)*

- ▶ **NEW EVENT: September 27: Friday Night for the Father**
    - 4.30p doors open; 6p dinner (taco/burrito bar)
    - A list of ideas **is posted** in the foyer. There are both inside and outside things to do. Please RSVP on the list. See Margery with questions or more ideas.
  - ▶ **NEW EVENT: September 29: Card Shower for Brian & Nelsy Cleavitt, and Rick & Leslie Potter**
    - Congratulations to both couples on their marriages! We'd like to honor them with a card shower during morning fellowship time. See Margery or Kim C if you have questions or would like to help.
  - ▶ **NEW EVENT: Monday October 14: Ladies' Monthly Dinner**
    - There will be a Ladies' Dinner every 2nd Monday of each month. The first dinner will be 10/14 at 5:15p at Longhorn (in Manchester next to the Mall of NH). Please join us!
- **October 4:** Ladies Fun Night/Sleepover at Nicole H(artford)'s in MA.
  - **October 11-13:** The 29th Annual Northern New England Lectures at the Lakes Region church of Christ
  - **November 9:** Friendsgiving at the building (more details to come)
  - **November 15-17:** Manchester, CT Youth Rally
  - **November 15-17:** "Is the Bible Reliable" presented by Eric Lyons at the Lakes Region church of Christ
  - **December 14 (Saturday):** Adult's Christmas Party at the Skerry's (more information to come)

### \*October 4: Ladies Fun Night/Sleepover New Information\*

Please RSVP to Nicole H(artford) or Margery if you're interested in attending the Ladies Night/Sleepover. Fun, food, movie, activities, sisterhood! Bring sleeping bags and air mattresses for a good ol' fashioned sleepover! Starting time to be determined.

## New Prayer Request:

- From: Darlene C(hamberlain): she requests prayers for her search for low income senior housing. She is looking in the Concord area and Suncook Valley, as this keeps her near her job and Alan's group home. If anyone does know of a place, please let her know.

## Continuing Prayer Requests

- Juliette's **uncle**
- Alex's sister, **Sam**, and the pregnancy
- Dave's friend, **Lee C**

On Tuesdays after Ladies Class (starting 9/24), any ladies who want to meet after can bring their lunch and handwork. You can work and chat for a bit!

See Tracy M with any questions.

## September Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
9/1	\$3200	\$6454	+ \$3254
9/8	\$3200	\$6371	+ \$3171
9/15	\$3200	\$2630	- (\$570)
9/22	\$3200		
9/29	\$3200		
<b>Total</b>	\$16,000		

Wednesday night suppers have started!

The sign-up sheet is hanging in the foyer.

Brian & his wife are looking for temporary housing from mid-September through the end of the year. If you think you can help out, please reach out to him!

Dave is (still) looking for a full or queen size bed with linens for a member. If you can help out (even with just one of the two), please see him.

A letter is posted in the foyer regarding Freed-Hardeman's nursing students medical mission.

Please remember:

- Any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 7p on Thursday.
- Any items for the News & Notes need to be sent to the church email by 6p on Tuesday.

Please be sure to add [mhtchurch@icloud.com](mailto:mhtchurch@icloud.com) to your address book - this should help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

# RUN, TONY! RUN!

Every so often, I enjoy watching the old movie, "West Side Story". Recently, on Dale's visit, we watched replays of a few of the songs. He's a fan, too, and Kimberly, my "Broadway Baby", needs no encouragement to partake. We're partial to the original movie from back in the sixties, not the recently re-made version from a few years ago.

A few years ago, while watching the movie with Kim and Hannah before she left for college, something hit me that I hadn't thought about before. So as the final credits rolled and the policemen escorted Chino off to jail, I looked at my bride and said, "I hope Maria's next boyfriend doesn't listen to her very much." Because, well, let's face it! If Tony hadn't listened to Maria, Bernardo wouldn't have stabbed Riff. Which led to Tony killing Bernardo. And if Anita (Bernardo's girlfriend) hadn't listened to Maria, Tony would have stayed put in the Candy Store. And Chino wouldn't have found him and killed him!

All of the bloodshed. Because of Maria. All because of well-meaning, pure-in-heart, Maria. All because of pretty, petite, Maria. All because of not-so-bright Maria. She asked her friends to do really dumb, dangerous things. And they did them! Why did anybody listen to her?

I suppose with Tony it was obvious. He was in love. And as Samson teaches us in the Old Testament, "Love makes fools of us all . . ." But Anita couldn't see that Maria's poor judgment was not working out well? "Go ahead, Tony. Break up the fight. You can do it!" "Anita, I need you to deliver a message to Tony. He's hiding from the police over in the candy store. You

know, where the Jets, who hate you, hang out. Please? I love him!" Really?

The Bible warns of us that there are people we shouldn't heed. For example, The Adulterous Woman (**Proverbs 7:6-27**). Sinners, "greedy for gain", Who Entice (**Proverbs 1:10-19**). The Presumptuous Prophet (**Deuteronomy 18:20-22**). Maria was not like any of those people. So, why did disaster follow in her wake?

Perhaps this passage says it best: "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." (**Proverbs 13:20**). Foolishness, immaturity and letting our emotions "get the best of us"; or letting ourselves be influenced by such people; will take us down a difficult, perhaps deadly, path. Maria never had bad intentions. She never meant to cause harm to anyone. But she was young, inexperienced and unwise. And her foolish immaturity, mixed with the immaturity of those around her, led to disaster. Who "has your ear"? Who influences you? Who do you need to "keep at arm's length? Who should you talk to less; and pray for more?

-Danny Campbell

