

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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Worship Times

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time: 10:30 AM

Bible Classes: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening: 6:00 PM

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Class:
10:00 AM

Wednesday Evening Devo &
Bible Class: 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 13, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry Millette
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
560	Living by Faith
469	Faith is the Victory
470	Victory in Jesus
SCRIPTURE	Karl Davies
VERSE	2 Chronicles 7:14
SERMON	Danny Campbell
524	I Know Whom I Have Believed
383	Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
LORD'S SUPPER	Gary Diaz
CLOSING PRAYER	Will Hamel
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Matt Saulnier
WEDNESDAY EVENING	OCTOBER 16, 2024
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
PRAYER	Dave Skerry
DEVO	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin



FAMILY NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

DATES TO SAVE!

(More information in foyer unless otherwise stated)

- **Weekly Recurrence:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowshiping; see Tracy M with questions
- **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!
- **November 9:** Friendsgiving at the building starts at 2p. ***The sign-up sheet is now in the foyer!***
- **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)

New Prayer Requests

- Prayers for peace for **Darlene C**(hamberlain) as she gets ready to move and is waiting for more details.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **John Matthew's** health
- **Cade** in his deployment
- **Juan's** continuing court dates
- **Lee**, Dave's friend
- Alex's sister, **Sam**, and the pregnancy

October Budget Vs Contribution			
DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
10/6	\$3200	\$3622	+ \$422
10/13	\$3200		
10/20	\$3200		
10/27	\$3200		
Total	\$12,800		

Darlene C(hamberlain) has various size pots of coleus house plant cuttings looking for good homes. She is also looking to downsize on other plants. She has: one large arrowhead plant (houseplant); one large shamrock plant (houseplant); two medium pots of mint; and, one medium pot of chives. Please call, email, text, or see her in person at church if you're interested.

Darlene C(hamberlain)'s move has been postponed. She will reach out when things are finalized.

If you are interested in helping with Disaster Relief Effort, this is a good organization: <https://giving.disasterrelieffort.org/>

Larissa is in need of rides on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pick up on the north end would be at 8:40a, then a ride home at 11:30a from the west side. Rides are needed until sometime in June.

Larissa is willing to help with gas costs.
Talk to Margery if you think you can help out!

10/20: Sunday Evening Service
Please park in the parking spaces along the building for evening service. (These are the spaces to your left as you come in to the parking lot.)

Wednesday night suppers have started!
COOKS ARE NEEDED! The sign-up sheet is hanging in the foyer.
Cost is **\$5 per person**, which goes directly to the cooks to help cover their costs.

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 to your address book - this should help your email recognize us as a trusted sender!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

FAMILY TRADITIONS

“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

Colossians 3:12-14 NKJV

The Sellers (Kimberly's maiden name) and Campbell Families couldn't have been more opposite in their approach to gatherings at Christmastime, a fact that came into focus in the first two Christmases we celebrated at our respective homes in Maine and Arkansas.

Kimberly's family, proper and traditional, aspired to hold the perfect Holiday Celebration: all food and decorations “just so;” the gifts purchased and wrapped with great thought given to the gift and to the person who would be receiving it; everything planned and executed well. It was very nice, but a bit of an ordeal. I'll never forget the Family Meetings, intended to organize everything but more often turned into conflict, but I'm pleased to report that everybody always forgave each other.

The next year I brought Kim down to Arkansas. Though when I was a child, we always had a Christmas tree and Christmas presents, our approach had always been pretty casual. And by the time Mom and Dad's children had grown up and left the home, Mom and Dad, pretty much, checked out on the whole thing! They were tired!

So when we arrived two days before the 25th, there were no presents at Mom and Dad's house. There was no tree. There were no Christmas lights. No nuthin'! And, to me, no surprise. We bought all presents on Christmas Eve, then drove back to the

house, where Mom dug into her bag and started throwing gifts at us from her chair. Unwrapped. In a Christmas tree-less, Christmas light-less house. On Christmas Eve!

My wife, objecting vigorously to both the date and lack of wrapping, lobbied for a compromise: she would overlook the timing if we would at least wrap our presents. We all agreed. So she thought.

Kim went into a bedroom to wrap our presents, trusting we would do the same, while the rest of us stayed out in the living room. Wrapping nothing. After a while my bride emerged and was surprised and upset to discover she'd been had. And we gave out the gifts, most without wrapping, Kimberly's beautifully wrapped. Somehow, we managed to enjoy ourselves – even Kim, who forgave my treasonous siding with the “no wrapping faction”.

Both of those family houses are now owned by other people, but the good memories linger. And though our initial approaches and attitudes toward the day were very different, Kim and I forged our own family traditions, to which our children faithfully adhere and which will necessarily be adjusted as they marry and create their own. My parents even changed as the grandchildren came – they bought a tree!

Attitudes I am pleased to say always accompanied the Sellers and Campbell Families included love, tolerance and a sense of humor. We came together because we loved. We tolerated because we were family. And we had a sense of humor because that was key to survival!

What attitudes and actions accompany you when you gather with the saints? Especially when one's behavior annoys you?

-Danny Campbell

