

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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NOVEMBER 3, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry Millette
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
567	Restore My Soul
589	Leaning On the Everlasting Arms
613	Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	Ephesians 2:8-9
SERMON	Danny Campbell
319	Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
350	When My Love to Christ Grows Weak
LORD'S SUPPER	Mike Girling
CLOSING PRAYER	John Ogunsuyi
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Rich Therrien
WEDNESDAY EVENING	NOVEMBER 6, 2024
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Matt Saulnier
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

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Gerry Millette: 603-315-1136

Deacons

Benevolence: David Skerry

Education: Doug Paul

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



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
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 2nd Monday of the Month Ladies' (only) dinner - Longhorn at 5:15p

- **November 2 (Saturday):** Seabrook church of Christ Ladies Day - topic: "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" Psalm 139:14; speaker - Alana Purdy
- **November 3 (Sunday):** Gander Brook Ladies Retreat planning participants meet in the ladies classroom during fellowship
- **November 9 (Saturday):** Friendsgiving at the building starts at 2p. *The sign-up sheet is now in the foyer!*
- **November 10 (Sunday):** Next Regional Gander Brook Ladies Retreat meeting at 2:30p at the Concord church building
- **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)
- **December 14 (Saturday): 9a-2p:** Ladies Sewing/Crafting/Potluck time in the fellowship hall. Bring your projects, machines, and a dish to share! Contact Tracy M with questions.
- **December 15 (Sunday):** Christmas Caroling! More details to come.

New Prayer Requests

- **Linda T** needs prayers for her safety and peace of mind
- **Nicole H's coworker** had a procedure done Friday after being out unexpectedly.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Deniza and her family**
- **Darlene C**(hamberlain)'s upcoming move
- **John Matthew's** health
- **Cade** in his deployment
- **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	\$3452	+ \$252
10/20	\$3200	\$7272	+ \$4072
10/27	\$3200	\$3268	+ \$68
Total	\$12,800	\$17,614	+ \$4,814

Darlene C(hamberlain)'s move is Friday, 11/15. **New Info:** She needs strong backs, many hands, and large vehicles. She will provide Dunkin Donuts, coffee, and a UHaul. She would like to start loading mid-morning, but would also take help from people who can help after they get out of work. She will have more details prior to 11/15. Please see her at church, call, or text her if you can help. Thank you for your help and prayers.

On Saturday, 11/2, beginning at 9 am and continuing until 9 am on Sunday morning, we will be holding a Prayer Vigil, asking God to elevate righteous men and women to positions of authority throughout these United States on Election Day.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the back for you to take a 30-minute shift (or multiple).

Please sign up and pray. The government rests upon His shoulders (Isaiah 6:6-7)!

Thank you to all who have helped and continue to help with Larissa's transportation need. Margery will be coordinating more rides come January.

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.

If you are interested in helping with Disaster Relief Effort, this is a good organization that is run through a church of Christ:
<https://giving.disasterreliefeffort.org/>

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

MY ANGRY FRIEND

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.”

Matthew 5:7

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Matthew 6:14-15

I had a friend that never, as far as I can recall, showed mercy to anybody. Never. I suppose I am exaggerating a little bit, as she was not violent. She went to church every Sunday (and Wednesday!). She volunteered for many years at Bible Camp. But in all the Church-Going, Bible-Reading and Camp-Going, she somehow missed out on the messages about grace and mercy. They never “sank in”.

She had a great memory. Especially of offenses against her; or of mistakes, no matter how small, that others had made in her presence; or of those benighted souls who had come to conclusions other than her own. Against such people, her words were bitter and harsh.

Not surprisingly, her negative approach and hard attitude toward others bore bitter fruit in her own life. People, mostly family, tolerated her. But nobody really liked her. She had no friends as far as I could tell. Maybe one. But it seemed to me that that friend was more one who “put up” with her rather than really enjoyed her company. She was financially comfortable, but it came hard; she “scratched it out.”

Seldom, if ever, was she surprised by unexpected blessings.

She didn’t give mercy and seldom required it, because she made few mistakes. Good thing, too, because few, outside of family, were “waiting in the wings” to help her if she hit a rough spot. Hers was a cold, gray, hard, unfriendly and graceless life. She could have done so much better!

I suppose she felt justified. After all, she had married the meanest man in the county, and he left her “high and dry” with two children, one who, due to a disability, was unable to care for himself. Still, others, given similar (or worse) situations, nonetheless dealt with their anger, forgave those who harmed them, and walked in God’s contentment and peace.

Are “channels of blessing” poised to overflow toward you with good things, yet dammed up by your own unwillingness to forgive? Are relationships waning or dying altogether because you won’t show mercy? Is your life cold, gray, unfriendly and graceless because you won’t cancel the debt owed you by someone else, even though our Savior paid for all of our sins with His own perfect blood? If so, you need to change.

If you want to be happy, you will learn to forgive. If you want to receive mercy, you will learn to be merciful.

-Danny Campbell

