

# MANCHESTER BULLETIN

## The Manchester church of Christ

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### DECEMBER 8, 2024

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry Millette
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
2	We Praise Thee O God
117	God is the Fountain Whence
1001	Hark the Herald Angels Sing
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	Isaiah 9:6-7
SERMON	Danny Campbell
997	O Come O Ye Faithful
383	Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
LORD'S SUPPER	Barry Fogal
CLOSING PRAYER	Matt Saulnier
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Danny Campbell
WEDNESDAY EVENING	DECEMBER 11, 2024
SONG LEADER	Gerry Millette
PRAYER	Dave Skerry
DEVO	Matt Saulnier
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin

### Minister

Danny Campbell: 804-223-2452

### Elders

Barry Fogal: 603-326-8004

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)

- **New Notice: December 25 (Christmas day):** there will be no evening service
- **New Event: December 29 (Sunday): 6p:** Sing & Snack (bring snacks), followed by game time at 7p (bring some games!)
- **New Notice: January 5 (Sunday):** starting during fellowship time will be a Gander Brook Ladies Retreat meeting. There are lots of ways to get involved. See Kimberly or Margery for info.
- **New Notice: January 29 (Wednesday):** 5th Wednesday Singing Night  
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- **Weekly Recurrence:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 2nd Monday of the Month Ladies' (only) dinner - Longhorn at 5:15p  
(New info: 12/9 Ladies' dinner: bring a wrapped gift up to \$5 value for a swap!)  
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- **December 13 (Friday): 4p start, until it's done:** Wrapping Party at the building for the Giving Tree items. Bring a finger food to share along with your creative wrapping skills!
- **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 14 (Saturday): 4p:** Adult Christmas Party at the Skerry's. Yankee Swap limit is \$20. Bring food to share.
- **December 15 (Sunday):** Christmas Caroling! Caroling will be at two places. The sign-up sheet is now at the back of the auditorium. There are more details on it too.

## New Prayer Requests

- Freda's son, **Bill**, who lives in Florida went in for emergency surgery 12/5 for a cyst on his liver/kidneys
- **Freda** asks for prayers for her arthritis, as it has been acting up lately
- **Penny**, as she deals with health issues

## Continuing Prayer Requests

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

Congratulations to Gary & Judy on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Sephira, born on 11/27! Prayers are appreciated as new waters are navigated.

The Giving Tree gifts need to be back to the building by **Wednesday, 12/11!** They need to be unwrapped. There are still plenty of tags to choose from. Thank you for your generosity!

The Coffee Fund is running low. Please consider feeding it! (There is a can near the coffee maker.)

### November Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
11/3	\$3200	\$4680	+ \$1480
11/10	\$3200	\$2991	- (\$209)
11/17	\$3200	\$4010	+ \$810
11/24	\$3200	\$3524	+ \$324
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>	<b>\$15,205</b>	<b>+ \$2405</b>

### December Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
12/1	\$3200	\$4233	+ \$1033
12/8	\$3200		
12/15	\$3200		
12/22	\$3200		
12/29	\$3200		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>		

Wednesday night suppers are ongoing! Cost is **\$5 per person**, which goes directly to the cooks to help cover their costs.  
(There will be *no supper on Wednesday January 1st.*)

Kerstin will be sending a package (or several) to both Cade and his flight. Please see previous bulletins or speak to her if you would like to contribute.

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.

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## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

# SUPERSONIC

“‘Antipode’ plane could blast from London to New York in 20 minutes, creator claims” was the headline (Source: [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk)). Got my attention, of course. I’ve never been to Europe, and the idea of one day going there in less than ½ hour is attractive to me.

It’s just a concept, not a full-blown project. However, the Antipode does use currently available technology developed by NASA and other organizations. So, one day, this plane, springing from the mind of the designer Charles Bombardier (would you fly in an experimental plane designed by a man named “Bombardier”?), might be a reality.

I can see it now: one day in the future, I’ll leave the house, get in my Driverless Car, head out to the Airport and fly to London – for lunch! Exciting.

That is, if Artificial Intelligence hasn’t rendered all of us obsolete. If the Robots haven’t taken all our jobs. The future is still unpredictable. It’s difficult to know, our great plans notwithstanding, what the future holds. It hasn’t happened yet!

That’s the thing about planning, speculating on what the future holds when it hasn’t arrived yet; making plans based on uncertain future events. It’s not that change is not coming; change is always coming. However, the form change takes doesn’t always match our speculations. The future we think is on the way, whether good or bad, is usually different upon its arrival than we thought it would be.

When Jesus arrived, He was so different from the expected Messiah that they crucified Him. He was so different from their expectations that many opposed the God who had sent Him. Not different from the Messiah described by the prophets, but different from their expectations.

James tells us, “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you *ought* to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.” (James 4:13-16). We’re told in Proverbs 16:9, “A man’s heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.”

So, what do we do about this? First, we must acknowledge that “this is our Father’s world.” And His will *will* be done. We can plan. We *should* plan – but we should do so submitting our wishes to Him, as our Master did in the garden (“Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine be done.”) That’s the kind of planning the Lord wants from us. And if we plan in submission to our Father, we will have more peace. Because we have entrusted even our plans to His wisdom.

-Danny Campbell

