

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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JANUARY 12, 2025

CALL TO WORSHIP	Barry Fogal
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
797	Lord, We Come Before Thee Now
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SCRIPTURE	Rich Therrien
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LORD'S SUPPER	Barry Fogal
CLOSING PRAYER	Karl Davies
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert
COORDINATOR	Matt Saulnier
WEDNESDAY EVENING	JANUARY 15, 2025
SONG LEADER	Matt Saulnier
PRAYER	Rich Therrien
DEVO	Rich Therrien
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb Oehlert

Minister

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Elders

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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 fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Monthly Recurrence:** 2nd Monday of the Month Ladies' (only) dinner - Longhorn at 5:15p
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- **NEW EVENT: Starting January 25 (Saturday), 9a-2p:** Craft and potluck lunch time will be held every 4th Saturday of each month. All ladies welcome. Let Tracy M know if you will be coming via email, which is in the church directory.
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- **January 29 (Wednesday):** 5th Wednesday Singing Night

TODAY, January 12th is the deadline to let the office know if you need an annual contribution notice. Please *email* the office at mhtchurch@icloud.com

Margery is scheduling Larissa's rides for the next 3 months. Rides are needed for Monday and Wednesday mornings to and from her English class on Dubuque Street. See Margery if you can help.

"Dearest Church,
I hope this note finds everyone healthy and happy. I am doing as well as can be expected away from my family and friends. It helps to have people at home who I know are praying for us and showing their support through letters, cards, and care packages. This support boosts us not only physically but also mentally. It is such a joy to receive those things and feel the love that comes with them. The encouragement from our spiritual family is nothing short of amazing!
Thank you to all involved in uplifting me and those serving with me.
Most sincerely, Cade Dumas"

Please see the body of the Bulletin email (or email the church) for Cade's address if you wish to send anything to him or his comrades. He can receive packages through Amazon (s/h is free for those with Prime). Cards are also appreciated.

New Prayer Requests

- Juliette's cousin, **Dayanara**, who is about 7 months pregnant, is showing symptoms of preeclampsia. If symptoms do not improve, she will need an emergency delivery.
- **Darlene C**(hamberlain) reports that her sister, Marsha, may only have a week before she passes. Darlene is requesting prayers for **herself and her other sister Wendy** as they make difficult decisions.
- **Julia O** recently had surgery for scoliosis, and is back home recovering as of 1/5. She will be out of school for several weeks while she recovers. Prayers for quick and uneventful recovery are requested.

Updated Prayer Requests

- **Gary C** is now in rehab at Hackett Hill Center (191 Hackett Hill Rd, Manchester). He would like visitors!
- The lady that Darlene C(hamberlain) knows who recently had a house fire is grateful for the church's prayers. She has given Darlene some gifts to show appreciation, which Darlene will have with her.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Mary R and the family**
- **Max G**
- **Cade** in his deployment

January Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
1/5	\$3200	\$2403	- (\$797)
1/12	\$3200		
1/19	\$3200		
1/26	\$3200		
Total	\$12,800		

The Cordaro's are moving! They are looking for any extra boxes. Please see Darlene if you have any they can have.

Wednesday night cooks are needed starting January 8th!
Sign up sheet is in the foyer.
Contact Linda C with questions.

Wednesday night suppers are ongoing!
Cost is **\$5 per person**, which goes directly to the cooks to help cover their costs.

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

THE TROUBLED PROPHET

“So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,

‘Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who can tell *if* God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?’

Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to the Lord, and said, ‘Ah, Lord, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You *are* a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm. Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for *it is* better for me to die than to live!’

Then the Lord said, ‘*Is it* right for you to be angry?’” **(Jonah 3:5-4:4)**

Jonah, having been chastised by God and expelled from the belly of the great fish, finally went to Nineveh and preached, as God had commanded.

A great revival followed; Jonah should have been happy; but he wasn't. Because Jonah hated the Ninevites.

Knowing God's mercy, he feared that they would repent and the Lord would forgive.

He was so angry that God had forgiven his enemies that he complained to God about His mercy, even telling God to kill him!

God didn't kill Jonah. Because He loved him, God took the time to teach him a lesson; we know not whether he ever heeded. But we see illustrated in this simple story the soft-hearted penitence of the “bad” people contrasted with the stubborn unforgiveness of “respectable” people.

Why did Jonah hate the people of Nineveh so much? Probably because the Ninevites were Assyrians, a cruel, warlike people, enemies of Israel, skilled in destruction and brutality. Who wouldn't hate them?

Yet God loved them. And Jonah's dislike of God's love for the unlovable Assyrians almost destroyed Jonah; the prophet came close to rejecting God himself. The book ends with Jonah in the “valley of decision”; did he ever change his mind and forgive those who God had forgiven? We don't know.

Why is God's love so difficult for us to accept sometimes? Why does He care so much for the “wicked” that it irritates the “righteous”? Why won't He behave like He should?

Good thing, for us, that He doesn't behave like us. “For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God . . .” **(Romans 3:23)** We all need forgiveness. Have mercy on us, Father!

-Danny Campbell

