

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY 22, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Danny Campbell
SONG LEADER	Kevin Dawson
42	How Majestic Is Your Name
608	He Gave Me a Song
97	I Sing Praises
SCRIPTURE	George Abood
VERSE	Matthew 28:18-20
SERMON	Danny Campbell
346	He Lives
376	He Paid a Debt
LORD'S SUPPER	John Ogunsuyi
CLOSING PRAYER	Rich Therrien
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Gerry Millette

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

SONG LEADER	Kevin Dawson
PRAYER	Dave Skerry
DEVO	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin

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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
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:** Tuesday ladies class (1st and 3rd Tuesdays meets at 10-11:30a at All American Assisted Living in Londonderry. Contact Margery with questions.)
- **Weekly:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Weekly:** ****FEBRUARY SUPPERS ARE CANCELLED****
Wednesday night suppers: starting at 6p and cost a \$5 donation, which goes directly to helping reimburse the cooks. The Cook's sign up sheet is in the foyer. *Cook's are needed starting in March!*
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 3/9). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** **NEW DATE** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 2/28), starting at 8.30a.
- **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: fourth Saturday of the month (next 2/28), from 9a-2p. Girls 13+ are encouraged to join! Let Tracy M know you're coming!

Date Change:

- The Men's Prayer Breakfast from 2/21 has been rescheduled to 2/28 at 8.30a

If anyone saw or moved the box of winter decorations, please let Margery know. It was in the teacher supply room and is no longer there.

Wednesday night suppers are CANCELLED for the remainder of February.

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New Prayer Requests

- Darlene's 95-year-old neighbor, **Carol, and her son**, are now sick with the same symptoms Darlene recently had. Her son helps her with a lot, but is unable to help while sick. Prayers are requested for a quick recovery for both of them.
- Noreen's sister, **Beverly**, is on hospice and is declining. Prayers are requested for Beverly and for her entire family, including her five children
- **Garrett**, a friend of Justin Chase, is currently at Massachusetts General Hospital experiencing vision loss in his right eye. Doctors believe it may be related to a shunt he has in place to help prevent seizures
- **Freda** was admitted on 2/19 to the Elliott Hospital for pneumonia and was expected to remain there for at least two days

Updated Prayer Requests

- **Darlene** would like to thank everyone for their prayers and check-ins while she was sick. She is feeling much better.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Giselle, Cam, & baby Noemí**
- **Moise & Lydia**
- **Steve R & family**
- **Cade & his family**
- **Kas's mom**
- **Will H**
- **Steve R**
- **Alex**
- **Mary Jane & family**
- **Carol E**

February Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
2/1	\$3200	\$3420	+ \$220
2/8	\$3200	\$8986	+ \$5786
2/15	\$3200	\$2527	- (\$673)
2/22	\$3200		
Total:	\$12,800		

Cancellations and important public announcements will be posted to the Calendar on our website! Check it for weather cancellations, general events, etc.

- Any items for the Bulletin need to be sent to the church email by 6p 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

OUR MISSION TODAY

The world is a whirlwind right now. On Thursday morning in England, Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor (the deposed Prince Andrew) was arrested. It was his 66th birthday. Suspicion of Misconduct in Public Office. Linked to Jeffrey Epstein. Police searched his former homes, showing us that even the mighty can fall when secrets unravel and truth comes calling. Power, privilege, hidden sin – no one is exempt.

On Friday, the Supreme Court struck down President Trump's sweeping global tariffs in a 6-3 ruling. The Court said he exceeded his authority. The President responded by almost immediately declaring another global tariff under other laws and authorities. What's that going to mean for us? People worry and fret, considering the "uncharted waters" it seems we've been in for a long time.

The Ukraine matter goes on and on for five years now. Talks continue, but there is no breakthrough. Difficult, inconclusive, frustrating. Meanwhile, lives are lost and the people freeze in darkness while battles continue. Families are displaced, homes destroyed, lives upended.

In Iran, protests continue amid deep economic collapse – the currency in free fall, inflation crushing daily life. The regime cracks down harshly on demonstrators. Tensions with the United States boil over – President Trump hinting at possible military strikes, military buildup in the region, talks in Geneva making some progress but no deal in sight while the Iranian people suffer under sanctions, repression, and despair.

Troubling times, indeed! And I'm certain I've forgotten something. My children call me, faithful, trusting in God, but concerned. Like us.

In times like these it is important to remember that our God is still in charge. Even as Israel fell because of their sin, God dealt with the agent of that fall – King Nebuchadnezzar. God "introduced Himself" to that powerful king

and he finally recognized Who the Real Power in the world is – the Almighty.

Because our God rules, we can obey difficult commands such as Romans 13:1-8, where we are commanded to respect rulers as God's servants, instituted to protect citizens, wield the sword against evil and maintain order. Governments have a God-given duty to secure borders and safeguard the innocent from harm. Yet when authority falters – in scandals, overreach, unjust actions, or failure to protect the vulnerable – we obey God first (Acts 5:29). Our mission isn't to rage, despair in every political storm. It's to live obediently, faithfully, joyfully, influencing ourselves, our neighbors, and even the world to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

What's that look like in practice? We pray earnestly for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-4), even those we disagree with. We ask God that they be given wisdom, restraint, justice. We share grace daily: we help a neighbor squeezed by rising costs, we support refugees fleeing war-torn regions, we offer a listening, caring ear to someone who is wallowing in shame because of past sins. We forgive freely, releasing bitterness so joy can flow.

Beloved, troubles test our faith, but Christ's mission endures: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). In scandals, point quietly to redemption through Christ. Don't get "sucked in" to the debates and wars of the day – be salt and light – obedient witnesses, faithful servants, joyful influencers drawing others to the One who calms the storm. His grace is sufficient for us all. Let's live it out today, one faithful step at a time.

-Danny

