

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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MAY 17, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry Millette
SONG LEADER	Kevin Dawson
611	Heavenly Sunlight
3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
71	As the Deer
SCRIPTURE	Dave Skerry
VERSE	Matthew 28:18-20
SERMON	Danny Campbell
396	No Not One
376	He Paid a Debt
LORD'S SUPPER	Rich Therrien
CLOSING PRAYER	Freddie Hillhouse
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry Fogal
WORSHIP TECH	Alex Normandin
COORDINATOR	Danny Campbell

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

MAY 20, 2026

SONG LEADER	Kevin Dawson
PRAYER	Gerry Millette
DEVO	Dave Skerry
WORSHIP TECH	TBD

Minister

Danny Campbell:
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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:** 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:** 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. *The last one before summer will be June 10th!*
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 6/8). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 6/20), starting at 8.30a.
- **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: fourth Saturday of the month (next is 6/20 instead of 6/27), from 9a-2p. Girls 13+ are encouraged to join! Let Tracy M know you're coming! *This will be the last one until September.*
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- **NEW EVENT: Sept 18-20: Martha's Vineyard Ladies Retreat, hosted by Niagara Falls Church of Christ**
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- **May 22-25:** Gander Brook's Work & Worship weekend.
 - Register at www.Ganderbrook.org/events
- **June 6 (Sat), 9a-2p:** Warwick Church of Christ 2026 Ladies Day, "Precious in the Sight of God"
- **June 20 (Sat), 9a-2p:** June Craft Saturday will be 6/20 (instead of 6/27) - there will be a Gramamma celebration/shower for Margery starting at 11a. She is "expecting" a grandbaby boy by the end of July! Please let Tracy M know if you're attending or would like to help.
- **Sept 26 (Sat), 11a:** Craft Saturdays resume with a Ladies Fall Luncheon!

There are some upcoming Friday night discussions, led by Kevin D.

- These are held on Friday nights (see calendar on Meetup)
- Start at 7p for food/fellowship, 7.30-8.30p Bible discussion
- Hosted at his home (Allenstown)
- Topic: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
- May 22: Session #5 - Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief & Loss (https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home_groups_you_organize)

The last Wednesday night supper before the summer will be June 10th. They will resume September 16.
Thank you to all who have participated in the program!

New Prayer Requests

- **Caleb** had surgery on his wrist for a badly torn ligament and will be out of work for at least 6 weeks. Prayers for speedy, proper recovery are requested.

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Priscilla & family**
- **Christine**
- **Marco T**
- **Alex N**
- **Linda T**
- **Justin C's sister, brother-in-law, & expected twins**
- **Kimberly C's sister & her husband, Van**
- **Cade, Paige, & family**
- **Moise & Lydia**
- **Will H**
- **Carol E**

Gander Brook is in need of kitchen help the week starting 6/27.

Contact Linda K, Margery, or visit their website to sign up. (Our "own" Terri A will be serving at camp the same week!)

As announced Sunday 5/3:

Kevin D is being considered for a deacon role. Please take a few moments and get to know both Kevin & Janah over the next couple of weeks.

There will be NO Ladies/Craft Potluck in May, July, or August! They will resume in September.

Gander Brook Campership coin savings cans are in the foyer!

Please feed the coffee can! (Next to the coffee.) Thank you!

May Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
5/3	\$3200	\$5335	+ \$2135
5/10	\$3200	\$4591	+ \$1391
5/17	\$3200		
5/24	\$3200		
5/31	\$3200		
Total:	\$16,000		

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

FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake” (Psalm 23:1-3). In a dangerous, confusing world of chaos, dangers and threats, the Lord our Shepherd faithfully guides us through the Valley to Provision and Peace.

This promise holds, no matter how difficult or dangerous things might appear to be. Our Bibles repeatedly show God protecting His people and advancing His purposes amid opposition and even persecution. The Shepherd protected Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah, Hezekiah, Daniel, Nehemiah, the Apostles and so many others as they followed Him. Though their lives often were difficult and dangerous; though some of them died because of their loyalty to the Shepherd, they were never abandoned by Him.

The early church exploded under Roman persecution. After Stephen’s martyrdom, believers scattered – yet “those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Later, an early Christian teacher, Tertullian, observed, “The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” Persecution drove the gospel outward, planting congregations across the empire.

Persecution continues, even today. It was only a few years ago that Egyptian Orthodox Christians working in Libya were rounded by ISIS up and beheaded on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. One of the victims, not religious before that awful day, was so moved by the courage of those believers that he threw in his lot with them. He is reported to have said, “Their God is my God” rather than trying to save his skin. May God have mercy on the souls of these fallen and may they be rewarded because they

died in the name of Christ. May the Shepherd protect them.

In Nigeria, Boko Haram, an Islamic group, kidnaps, murders, tortures – “breathing out threatenings and slaughter”. They need our help. They need our prayers. May the Shepherd protect them.

In China, the government tries to restrain the house church movement, but it continues to grow despite the imprisonment and torture of leaders. They need our help. They need our prayers. May the Shepherd protect them.

Today’s turbulent world – full of cultural upheaval, moral confusion, economic fear and geopolitical threats – prompts us to cry out to the Shepherd. We walk through valleys of uncertainty, yet He comforts us with His “rod and staff” (Psalm 23:4). He provides for us, setting our tables “in the presence of my enemies” and ensures “goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life” (Psalm 23:5-6).

History and Scripture show us that God uses difficulty to refine character, scatter the seed of the Gospel, and display His power. Joseph’s pit became a palace. Paul’s prison became a pulpit. Persecution became propulsion.

Therefore, trust the Shepherd. He leads not around trouble but through it to green pasture. His paths of righteousness restore our souls for His name’s sake. In confusion, He provides clarity. In danger, He grants peace. We may face lions or storms; we may, for a season, endure abandonment and, like Elijah, feel as though we are the only one left; but the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for the sheep will never abandon us. He will bring us safely home.

-Danny

