

MANCHESTER BULLETIN

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JULY 26, 2026

CALL TO WORSHIP	Gerry M
SONG LEADER	Chris Frontiero
#	TBD
#	TBD
#	TBD
SCRIPTURE	George A
VERSE	Acts 17:10-12
SERMON	Danny C
#	TBD
#	TBD
LORD'S SUPPER	David S
CLOSING PRAYER	Will H
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Barry F
WORSHIP TECH	Caleb O
COORDINATOR	Gerry M

WEDNESDAY EVENING

JULY 29, 2026

SONG LEADER	Danny C
PRAYER	Will H
DEVO	Gerry M
WORSHIP TECH	Joann J

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)

- **Weekly:** Tuesday ladies class 10am, meets at church building. (Contact Margery with questions.)
- **Weekly:** Tuesdays after Ladies Class: lunch & handwork fellowship; see Tracy M with questions
- **Weekly:** Wednesday night suppers will resume on 9/16.
- **Weekly:** Friday night discussions, led by Kevin at his home in Allenstown. See the calendar on meetup for more information. (https://www.meetup.com/southern-new-hampshire-christian-faith-group/events/?eventOrigin=home_groups_you_organize)
- **Monthly:** Ladies Dinners at Longhorn: second Monday of the month (next 7/13). Meet there at 5.15p.
- **Monthly:** Men's Prayer Breakfast: third Saturday of the month (next 7/18), starting at 8.30a.
- **Monthly:** Ladies Craft & Potlucks: 9a-2p: **Resuming 9/12 with 11a Luncheon and devo. See Tracy M.**

- **Sun, July 26:** Kids' Day! 11am - 2:30 pm. Lunch provided. All teachers, please see Kimberly C for info.
- **Sept 5-7:** Gander Brook Singles Retreat. Online registration is now open.
- **Sept 18-20:** Martha's Vineyard Ladies Retreat, hosted by Niagara Falls Church of Christ
- **Sept 17-19:** Gander Brook Ladies Retreat "Light in the Darkness." Online registration is open. Paper reg. is in foyer.
- **Sept 24-26:** Gander Brook Men's Retreat "Reaching Your Potential as a Leader"; Online registration is now open, Ganderbrook.org
- **Oct. 3rd:** New Haven Church of Chrstr Ladies Day
- **Sept. 7th:** Labor Day Picnic at the Skerrys'
- *****Save the date: Dec. 12th: Christmas party for adults at the Skerrys**

Congratulations to Darlene for receiving recognition for the Employment Leadership Award

Wednesday the 29th will be a song service

Kevin D is being considered for a deacon role. Please take time and get to know Kevin & Janah.

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

New Prayer Requests

- **Sophia - Juliette's mother, mass in chest, possible cancer**
- **Jayden - infection in knee**

- **Michelle M- Grandfather, Marco, not well and safe travel home from Costa Rica**

Continuing Prayer Requests

- **Giselle and Cam**
- **Candy**
- **Caleb**
- **Christine**
- **Alex N**
- **Linda T**
- **Carol E**
- **Cade, Paige, & family**

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Labor Day Picnic a the Skerrys' on Sept. 7th at 12pm. Bring a dish to share. Contributions for meat can be given to David or Cecilia.

Ladies Craft/Potlucks will be resuming 9/12 with a special luncheon at 11am. and will continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month. See Tracy M for info/to help.

There will be a set-up day Saturday, July 25th, at 8:30 am for Kids Day.

July Budget Vs Contribution

DATE	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
7/5	\$3200	\$3999	\$799
7/12	\$3200	\$4246	+\$1046
7/19	\$3200	\$2260	-\$940
7/26	\$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.

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WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“WAITRESS OF DOOM”

A few days after a disappointing visit to one of our favorite restaurants, Kim and I decided to return. Though we have always loved the food there, a rude, dismissive waitress cast a dark shadow on our last visit. So, before stepping inside, we prayed together for God's favor. Protected. Right?

Guess who greeted us as we entered the restaurant? That's right – the same “Waitress of Doom”, this time serving as both hostess and our server. We braced ourselves for another difficult experience. The service began poorly: although seemingly pleasant, she was (again) inattentive. We waited an extremely long time for our food, while watching others, who came in after us, devour their meals. And I had to ask for a refill on my coffee! This never happens at this restaurant.

For our part, we were determined to be pleasant and patient. After all, we had prayed for God's favor. But I must admit, we were beginning to wonder. It didn't seem to be going well at all.

And then it happened: The waitress approached our table and said, “I just want you to know that your meal is going to be paid for by the restaurant. You shouldn't have had to wait so long. I'm sorry.”

We were stunned. We had prepared to endure a difficult situation with as much grace as we could muster, only to be humbled by God's intervention for our good. What began as a test of patience ended in free meals, softened hearts and renewed faith that when we talk to God, He is listening. Our prayer for favor had been

answered – not in the way we initially expected. It might have been better!

God's favor often appears during inconvenience rather than ease. We often pray for smooth paths, only to encounter obstacles that test our faith. As Proverbs 3:5-6 advises, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” When we choose to pray rather than condemn, and exercise patience in place of bitterness, we are aligned with this teaching and can joyfully expect God to direct us.

James 1:2-4 offers further wisdom for such moments: “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.” Ephesians 4:32 urges, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Any time the disciple chooses against vengeance, bitterness and a complaining spirit, trusting in God to make things right, he wins! Even if the “win” is not immediately apparent.

Our recent experience has reminded us to pray and look to the Lord to deal with difficult people and situations. When we do this, God provides. I pray that we can all learn this valuable lesson, of much greater worth than a free meal!

Danny

LESSON NOTES

“Searching and Discovering”

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Bible Reading/Birthday/Anniversary Calendar July 12-18, 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/26/2026	7/27/2026	7/28/2026	7/29/2026	7/30/2026	7/31/2026	8/1/2026
1 Samuel 26-27	1 Samuel 28-29	Luke 13	1 Samuel 30-31	2 Samuel 1-2	2 Samuel 3-4	Luke 14
Gaylan G, III Bday Peter S Bday		Peter & Barbara Anniv.	Stephen R Bday	Juliette T Bday	Gary D Bday	