

Jr./Sr. HIGH YOUTH GROUP - Meets Sunday evenings 7-8:30pm in the youth rooms downstairs. Any questions, please contact Kathy Clawges, kclawges@gmail.com or text/call 856-912-1148.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY – Meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-8:00pm in the Sr. High Room and is for all Jr. & Sr. High School students. Questions, contact Kathy Clawges.

PARENTS DIGG will be meeting Sunday, January 28th after the 9:30 service from 10:45am-12:45pm. All will meet in Room F102 for a potluck meal; then our children will be cared for, free of charge by trained Church-staff. We will resume our Five Love Languages Study (view and discuss a short DVD). Come enjoy food, fellowship and strengthen your marriage while making new friends. Contact Lauren Jones for more information, 609-707-0727 or Ldr0501@gmail.com. Kindly RSVP by January 22nd and note our next two meetings, 2/25/18, 3/25/18.

RACE TO UNITY – A panel discussion on race and unity, Monday, Jan. 15th 9am-11am at 2nd Baptist Church 319 Mill St., Moorestown. Childcare provided.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) – Breakfast meeting, Sun., Jan. 21st at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Speaker is BJ Williamson who is currently a missionary in Ecuador. Contact Bob Murray 856-366-6137 or Greg Scott, 609-280-9539.

MEN'S CLOTHING for the Eyes of Our Hearts Camden Breakfast Mission – the UMM is collecting clothing, winter coats, socks, toiletries for the Camden Breakfast mission. There will be drop-off spots in Fellowship Hall at the UMM breakfast and at Coffee Hour and in the Narthex near the white cabinets by the Pleasant Valley entrance. Contact Greg Scott.

SAVE THE DATE – We will again be attending the annual Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference on Sat., April 14, 2018 in Allentown, PA as a group of men from First UMC. More info to follow for this all day event. Contact Greg Bryan at gresu23@comcast.net or Greg Scott at gregescott@comcast.net.

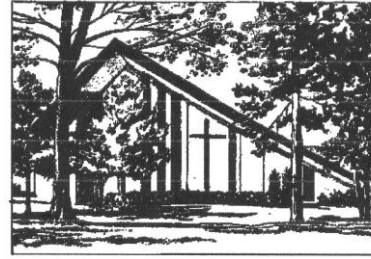
PRAYER FOR THE MONTH – Prayer lists for the current month are available on the First Aid Table in the Narthex. The prayer list is also available through the prayer link on the church web site.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – Crafts for Good and My Abba's Hands will be hosting a Blankethon on Monday, January 15, 2018 from 10:00am-3:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be making fleece no-sew blankets and machine sewn flannel blankets. Everyone is welcome to come (young, old and in-between) and help. The blankets will be given to the homeless. **For the fleece blankets**, please bring 2 yards of 60" wide fleece. No white, please, but colorful designs and solids are great. Also a pair of sharp fabric scissors and a ruler. Contact Cindy Cope at 609-790-7456 for more info. **For flannel blankets**, bring 4 yards of 44-45" flannel, sewing machine, neutral colored thread and basic sewing supplies. More info, call Rae Caputo at 609-417-4444. Blankets take about 1 – 1½ hours to complete. If you want, bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

USHERS NEEDED! We need two new ushers for the 11:00 a.m. service. There are five teams of five ushers at 11:00 and each team ushers for one month at a time, meaning that you will probably only usher two months of the year. In addition, the 11:00 service has a special group of ushers that serve communion once a month on the first Sunday, and we need to fill a couple of slots there. If you are interested in helping for either of these needs, please call Jerry Mengel, 609-702-0551.

CENTRAL REGION BACK TO BASICS – Leadership Training for the Capital District is Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9-11am at Medford UMC, 2 Hartford Rd., Medford, NJ. There is no fee but pre-registration is requested by January 22 by going to www.gnjumc.org/central-region-back2basics-training-registration-form/

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE – The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.



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SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP – meets to discuss the morning's sermon. Sundays at 11:00 in Room E-203. Questions, call Sue Harris, 856-234-6906.

9:30 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – Join us as for an in-depth study of Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

11:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL – A study of the Holy Spirit – T.D. Jakes "Anointing Fall On Me; Accessing the Power of the Holy Spirit". Led by Gerald Jackson, 609-333-3220.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP – See the back of your bulletin for a list of the Bible studies, prayer groups, fellowships and other opportunities that are happening here.

PRAYER AND FASTING – Every week Sunday Evening Prayer Vigil & Fast 6-6:45 p.m. in the Prayer Room. Questions call Nadine Mack 856-266-7589.

BIBLE STUDY – Saturday mornings 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

IHN HOSTING WEEK – January 14-21. Take a look at the sign-up sheet hung in the narthex to see where you can be of help.

CHURCH COUNCIL – meets Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm in the Heritage Room. Members, including those newly elected are asked to attend.

SERMON SERIES – Jumping in the Deep End. A 3 part series beginning today based on our Conference Mission Director's Presentation on how the church can find new ways to do mission and ministry.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – Those who are interested in joining our church, we will begin a series of new member classes, Wednesday evenings starting Wed., January 17, 24, 31st, and February 7th. Classes start at 7:00 p.m. and will meet in the Parlor. If you have questions, call the church office, 856-235-0450.

HELP WANTED – The Sunday School department needs 4 volunteers on a rotating schedule that would be interested in providing care for a child with special needs. Also needed is a person to assist in the 4th-6th grade room on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30. If you are interested in finding out more about these positions or to volunteer, contact Karen Murray 856-222-1120 or education@meetwithGod.com.

THE GREATER NJ EVANGELICAL NETWORK – for Renewal and Growth is scheduling a special event with Keith Boyette, President of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, and Walter Fenton, Vice President of Strategic Development. Walter will share about current issues and the direction of the denomination and the Bishops' Special Council on the Way Forward, share the timeline of events that will unfold between Jan. 2018 and Feb. 2019, then briefly discuss what we know of the options on the table from the Council. Keith will present on the mission and focus of the WCA, its current goals, and vision for the future. Both presentations will be followed by ample time for Questions & Answers. The ENRG-Sponsored WCA meetings will be held at two sites: Friday evening Jan. 19, 2018, 6pm at the Ocean Grove Youth Temple in Ocean Grove, NJ and Sat., Jan. 20 at 8:30am at the Brooklawn American Legion #72 in Brooklawn, NJ. (which is south of the Walt Whitman Bridge). Please note: these will be basically identical meetings, so attend the one which best fits your schedule or location. The meetings are free. If attending call the church office to register, 856-235-0450.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH
JANUARY 14 – JANUARY 21, 2018**

SUNDAY, January 14, 2018	8:30 am	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:30/11:00 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
	2:30 pm	Light Harbor at Avista
	3:00 pm	Holy Land Meeting - Parlor
	6:00 pm	Youth Handbells – Room M202
	6:00-6:45 pm	Prayer & Fasting – Prayer Room
	7:00-8:00 pm	NO Youth Groups tonight
	7:00 pm	Peggy Campolo – Sanctuary
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	9:00am-3:00 pm	Crafts for Good Blankethon – Fellowship Hall
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study – Heritage Room
	5:30 pm	Prayer & Pilates – Heritage Room
	6:30 pm	Education Commission – Room F103
	7:00 pm	Adult Handbells – Room M202
	7:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
TUESDAY	2:00 pm	Bible Study - Parlor
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee – Parlor
WEDNESDAY	7:00 pm	Church Council – Heritage Room
	10:00am – 1:00 pm	International Women’s Friendship Group – Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	Prayer & Pilates – Heritage Room
	6:30-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study – Youth Rooms
THURSDAY	7:00 pm	New Member Class – Parlor
	7:00 pm	Unemployed Ministry Meeting – Room E204
	9:00-11:00 am	First Place for Health – Heritage Room
	4:30-5:15 pm	Primary Choir & Young Followers Dinner – Fellowship Hall
	5:15-5:45 pm	Primary Choir Rehearsal – Room M201
	4:30 pm	Jr./Wesley Choir, CHUM/Trailblazers Choir Rehearsal – Room M201
	5:15 pm	Jr./Wesley Choir, CHUM/Trailblazers Dinner – Fellowship Hall
	6:30-7:15 pm	Youth Choir – Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Gospel Choir – Parlor
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir – Choir Room
FRIDAY	6:30 am	Men’s Prayer Group – Parlor
SATURDAY	7:30 am	Men’s Small Group – Prayer Room F-09
	7:30-9:00 am	Bible Study – Parlor
	9:15-9:45 am	Quick Prayer – Room F09
	12:00 pm	Adult Fellowship Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Missions Commission Volleyball Tournament – Fellowship Hall (see insert)
SUNDAY, January 21, 2018	5:30 pm	Worship Service – Chapel
	7:30 am	Methodist Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND	8:30 am	Worship Service – Chapel
	9:30/11:00 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Worship – Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Youth Handbells – Room M202
	6:00-6:45 pm	Prayer & Fasting – Prayer Room
	7:00-8:00 pm	Jr./Sr. High Youth Groups



STEPHEN MINISTRY – *Help in Crisis*

Are you or someone you know going through a crisis in life? These crises happen in all of our lives at one time or another. They include such things as depression over the loss of a job, grief at the death of a loved one, the necessity of hospitalization, the birth of a child. When crises come, it is helpful to have someone who cares for you. Our congregation has trained lay people who offer a ministry of Christian caring for those in need. Our Stephen Ministers have gone through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister, please call the church office, 856-235-0450 or contact one of our Stephen Ministers.

CAREER/UNEMPLOYED MINISTRY – Wed., Jan. 17 at 7pm in Room E204. If you are unemployed, underemployed or just looking to advance in your career, come to the First UMC unemployed/underemployed ministry for adults meeting. Unemployed/underemployed adults and job seekers in the church and community can attend. Be inspired, uplifted and get useful job search and networking ideas. For information, call the church office, 856-235-0450.

POPS CONCERT – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT 4:00 P.M. If you would like to be a participant in this year’s Pops Concert, please notify Donna Baner with details at 856-222-9369 or Donna@meetwithGod.com



ELECTRONIC GIVING REMINDER - If you use electronic giving and have changed the amount of your pledge for 2018, please remember to log in to your Vanco account and update your giving details. If you’re not sure how to do that, contact Karen Halligan in the church office, 856-

235-0450 or church@meetwithGod.com. And if you want to know more about how to sign up for electronic giving, it’s never too late – check out the News-Events-Give tab at www.meetwithGod.com, or use the QR code found above.

RECONCILING TEAM EVENT – Tonight at 7pm, the Reconciling Team is hosting a special presentation by Peggy Campolo. Peggy has been an outspoken advocate for the full inclusion of those who are not heterosexual in the church. Her ministry has taken her to venues around the world as she encourages Christians to welcome people of the LGBTQ community into a loving, caring, equal relationship within the church and their larger community. Mrs. Campolo will bring her inspiring message of acceptance and will explain how she became an advocate for this issue, share experiences of the harm caused by the church’s treatment of people who are LGBTQ and present motivating stories about LGBTQ Christians she has known. Her presentation, in the chapel, will be followed by a brief Q & A period and reception. Nursery care will be provided. Peggy belongs to the Central Baptist Church, Wayne Pennsylvania, which is aligned with American Baptist Churches USA and The Alliance of Baptists. Questions or comments can be forwarded to Allan Hanlon at AllanHanlon@gmail.com or Doug Sell, Sr. at Doug@DSellCPA.com.

