

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Meets the third Saturday of each month, Sept. thru May, and invites adults of all ages to join them.

Contact Person: Gail Van Dyke, 856-667-6354

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Meet at 7:45am for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May.

All men of all generations welcome. Contact person: Contact person: Bob Murray, 856-366-6137

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Miriam Circle, Barbara Dapper, Leader, 856-235-1765

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M. in the Heritage Room. Contact Person: Susan Swezey 856-220-1661

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: 2pm Rm. E204. All welcome! Contact Person: Charlie Rudolph, 856-235-9206

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-9 A.M. at Maritsa's in Maple Shade. Contact Person: Carol Talbot, 856-235-9346

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-9 A.M. in the Parlor. Contact Person: Betsy Heinz, 856-304-4313

SATURDAY MORNING "QUICK PRAYER": 9:30 A.M. in the Prayer Room. Contact Person: Betsy Heinz 856-304-4313

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Kathy Appleton, 856-234-0089, Suanne Bryan 856-824-0672

Mike Zolty 609-781-7131, Michael Harsche 856-778-3520, Pat Cornell 856-727-9476

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES: See Information Board in Narthex

PRAYER MINISTRY: Prayer Room (varied hours)

Email prayer chain: To add a name to the email prayer chain, contact Church@meetwithGod.com

LIGHT HARBOR MINISTRIES: Second Sunday of each month @ 2:30. Contact person: Linda Wanagas, 856-273-1298

JR. HIGH UMYF (7-8TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 866-0285

SR. HIGH UMYF (9-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 866-0285

C.H.U.M. (2-4th Grade) Meets every Thursday at 4:30 for choir & 5:15 for dinner, fellowship & activity, Sept. - May

Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

CHRISTIAN TRAILBLAZERS (5th-6th Grades) Meets every Thursday, 4:30 for choir & 5:15 for dinner, fellowship & activity

Sept. – May Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

YOUNG FOLLOWERS (K-1st Grade) Meets every Thursday at 4:30 in Fell. Hall for dinner and proceed to choir at 5:15

Sept. – May Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

COLLEGE AGE: Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 866-0285

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): Contact Person: Allan Hanlon, 802-1100

PRAISE TEAM - MUSIC AND BAND - Meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Contact persons: Jay Appleton, 856-234-0089 and Norm Dorrell 609-410-4862

GOSPEL CHOIR – Meets Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS – Meets September through May

ADULT CHOIR

Thursday 7:30-9:00 p.m.

YOUTH (7th -12th grade)

Thursday 6:30-7:15 p.m.

WESLEY (5th - 6th grade) Victoria McGrath

Thursday 4:30-5:15 p.m.

JUNIOR (2nd - 4th grade)

Thursday 4:30-5:15 p.m.

PRIMARY (5 yrs. - 1st grade) Joyce Scheyhing

Thursday 5:15-5:45 p.m.

ADULT BELLS

Monday 7:00-8:00 p.m.

YOUTH BELLS (7th - 12 grade)

Sunday 6:00-6:50 p.m.

Contact: Donna Banes, 856-222-9369 (Interim Music Ministry Team Coordinator)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 P.M. Contemporary Worship in the Chapel

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Chapel

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

9:30 A.M. Service

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message, and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

PRELUDE

Chorale

Norm Dorrell, Marimba

WELCOME

Karen Murray, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song. Praise God in the assembly of the faithful.

People: Let all God's children rejoice in their Lord and Savior!

Leader: Rejoice in our God! Give glory to God's holy name.

People: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.

SONGS OF WORSHIP: IT IS YOU (by Pete Sanchez, Jr.)

It is You, it is You, it is You that I love. It is You, my Lord and King,

I apprehend to know and be known. You, it is You, it is You that I worship.

Holy, holy, worthy, yes, You're worthy. How I love You, Lord. (1983 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

LET THE RIVER FLOW (by Darrell Evans)

Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him," let the lost man say,

"I am found in Him," and let the river flow;

Let the blind man say, "I can see again," let the dead man say,

"I am born again," and let the river flow, let the river flow.

Chorus: Let the river flow, let the river flow; Holy Spirit, come, move in power.

Let the river flow, let the river flow; Holy Spirit, come, move in power.

Let the river flow, let the river flow, let the river flow. (1995 Mercy/Vineyard Pub.)

OPENING PRAYER – Loving God, You have called us to grow in grace, to increase our understanding of your Word and to develop a close and intimate relationship with you. Thank you for the Scriptures, your written word that helps us to know your heart and your truth. We pray that we may learn to walk in spirit and truth so that we may mature as Christ's disciples. We pray in the name of our Master teacher, Jesus, our Lord. Amen

HOSANNA (by Brooke Fraser)

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire. The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.

I see his love and mercy, washing over all our sin. The people sing, the people sing.

chorus: Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

I see a generation, rising up to take their place, with selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival, stirring as we pray and seek. We're on our knees, we're on our knees. (chorus)

Heal my heart and make it clean. Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like you have loved me. Break my heart for what breaks yours.

Everything I am, for your kingdom's cause, as I walk from earth into eternity. (chorus 2x's)

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (2006 Hillsong Pub.)

BREATHE *(Marie Barnett)*

This is the air I breathe this is the air I breathe. Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread this is my daily bread. Your holy Word spoken to me.

Refrain: And I I'm desp'rate for You. And I I'm lost without You. (1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: AS THE DEER *(by Martin Nystrom)*

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after You;

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You. *(1984 Maranatha! Music)*

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST - We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning.

Please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it along to the person next to you and then pass back to the center aisle.

Write any special prayer requests on the sheets provided in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Rhythm Song

Norm Dorrell, Marimba

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture:

II Peter 1:3-11, 3:14-18

Message:

How's Your Growth Rate?

Pastor Richard Nichols

CLOSING SONG ANCIENT WORDS *(by Lynn Deshazo)*

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world; they resound with God's own heart,

O, let the ancient words impart; words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;

in this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;

we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice;

O, heed the faithful words of Christ; Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;

they resound with God's own heart; O, let the ancient words impart. *(Chorus) (©2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS and your 1st UMC family in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning following this service. Come for coffee, tea, lemonade and continental breakfast from 10:30-11:00. Just follow the path outside the Sanctuary building or wind your way inside the Education Building, up to Fellowship Hall.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four.

SCRIPTURE READER: Walter McGrath **ACOLYTE:** Carson Binegar

USHERS: Lynn Andreacola, Tom Trasser, Lisa Siegert, Han Rovins, David Stepp

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 413 Sunday School: 112

PLEASE LET US KNOW...If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET IS IN HONOR OF: Margaret Blithe to the glory of God and given by her daughter Peg Marcinek and granddaughters Ashley and Taylor.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Tom Bintliff, Jr. (friend of Doug Hamilton), Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Rebekah Patton (friend of Carol Taylor), Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Doug Carty, Robb Murray, Ed Davis (friend of Alice Brenner), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Gary Graham (father of Brad Graham), Mike Pilenza (friend of Greg Bryan & Dick Loring), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O'Donnell), Joanne Doto (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Carol LaFon, Carolyn Kinnard, Deanne Czeiner, Marie Newman (friend of Doug Hamilton), Lucy Townsend, Ken Kunzman (friend of Dick Loring), Jane Emely-Roach, Linda Albert, Steve Murray (brother of Bob Murray), Matt Fasbinder (friend of Mary Raroha), Mary Raroha, Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan).

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