

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 in the Parlor. 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 24, 2017

Christian Education Sunday

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

I Will Rise

Worship Team

WELCOME

Jim Blizard, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come seeking Jesus, the Light of the world!

People: Shine in our hearts Lord Jesus!

Leader: We believe in the strength of God to illuminate dark places.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Leader: Lord, in this hour of worship, kindle in us the light of your love.

People: Let your light shine through us, now and forever.

SONGS OF WORSHIP: BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE (by Rend Collective)

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.

We are Your Church; we need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize.

To see the captives hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; we pray, revive this earth.

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand.

Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere.

Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far. No force of hell can stop Your beauty,

changing hearts. You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us. Fill us with the

strength and love of Christ. We are Your church; we are the hope on earth. (Chorus 2x's) (©2012 ThankYou Music)

TAKE MY LIFE (by Scott Underwood)

Holiness, holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need.

Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for. Faithfulness is what I need.

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what You want from me.

So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.

Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for. Righteousness is what I need.

Righteousness, righteousness is what You want from me.

So take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.

Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord.

Oh, so take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it. Take my will; conform it to Yours,

to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord. Yes, take my heart; conform it. Take my mind; transform it.

Take my will; conform it to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours,

to Yours, oh Lord, to Yours, to Yours, oh Lord. (1995 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing)

OPENING PRAYER – (Colossians 1:10)

Gracious God, this day, you will again call us together as a congregation to worship you. Thank you for the incredible privilege we have each week of gathering as one family in your holy presence. Thank you for calling us into dialogue with you: You speak words of life to us, and we respond in praise, gratitude, and obedience. Let us be renewed in Christ this and every moment as we worship you, that we may live lives that please you in every way, and that the light of Christ may shine ever more brightly in our homes, workplaces, community, and anywhere in the world you may send us.

MAY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH (by Tim Hughes & Rob Hill)

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart bless Your name, bless Your name, Jesus.

And the deeds of the day and the truth in my ways speak of You, speak of You, Jesus.

(chorus) For this is what I'm glad to do. It's time to live a life of love that pleases You and I will give my all to You, surrender everything I have and follow You, I'll follow You.

Lord, will You be my vision. Lord, will You be my guide. Be my hope, be my light and the way and I'll look not for riches, nor praises on earth only You'll be the first of my heart.

(Repeat Chorus) I will follow, I will follow You. Repeat 3xs

Chorus: For this is what I'm glad to do. It's time to live a life of love that pleases You and I will give my all to You, surrender everything I have and follow You. (Sing twice)

I will follow, I will follow You, Jesus. I will follow, I will follow You. (repeat)

I will take up my cross, I will follow. Will You be my vision, You as my guide.

I will follow You. I will follow You. I will follow You. (©2001 ThankYou Music)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: ON EAGLE'S WINGS (by Michael Joncas)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand. (1979 North American Liturgy Resources)

CHILDREN'S CHAT: Pastor Richard Nichols

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

WORSHIP IN GIVING – Offering

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST - We welcome all who are worshipping 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

This Little Light of Mine

Junior and Wesley Choirs

FAITH SHARING: Lauren Jones

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Acts 20:24 & 28, Matthew 5:16

Message: Jesus Gives New Life Karen Murray, Dir. Christian Ed.

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH STAFF (See insert for Litany)

CLOSING SONG 664 SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING (by Omer Westendorf) (1964 World Library Pub., Inc.)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our every day life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us, unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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: Joanna Nichols **ACOLYTE:** Synclaire Angelow

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 374 Sunday School: 93

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 HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Gail Moyer, to the glory of God and in memory of her father, Ernest Moyer.

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 Raroaha), Mary Raroaha, Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan).

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