

## 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: 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-1<sup>st</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> - 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

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUE

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ

with a hurting world through words and actions

**OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**8:30 A.M. Service**

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

During these moments before worship we encourage you to greet those around you and to extend a warm and friendly welcome to those whom you may not know. When the music begins, please join in silent prayer and preparation to worship God.

### PRELUDE

### GREETING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You who are poor, why have you come?

**People: To hear good news.**

Leader: You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**People: To have our hearts healed.**

Leader: You who are captive, why have you come?

**People: To hear words of freedom.**

Leader: You who are prisoners, why have you come?

**People: To be released from what binds us.**

Leader: You who mourn, why have you come?

**People: To receive comfort.**

Leader: Then you are welcome here in this place, at this table,  
where Jesus offers blessing for all.

All: **Amen.**

### \*OPENING SONG HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US (by Stuart Townend)

How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure  
that He should give His only son to make a wretch His treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away  
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ:

His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom. (1995 ThankYou Music)

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** O God, we remember Jesus prayed that we might be one; one in spirit and one in mission, in union and communion with each other and with you. Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen. Africana Worship Book

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE 369** Blessed Assurance

### PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**PRAYER RESPONSE: O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER** *(Jacques Berthier)*

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. *(1984 Les Presses de Taizé GIA Pub., Inc.)*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

### WORSHIP IN GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the green colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Blest Are They Victoria and Abby McGrath

**BLEST ARE THEY** *(by David Haas) (©1985 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

*Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.*

*Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!*

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! (refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. (refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours in the kingdom. Shine for all to see. (refrain)

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 1:3-6, Matthew 5:1-12

**MESSAGE** The Beatitudes – Blessed are the Poor in Spirit Pastor Richard Nichols

**RESPONSE** Invitation to Holy Communion Page 13-15

### THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The congregation is invited to come, when ready, to the table set for you, serve yourselves the Bread and Cup, and return to your seat for the closing song. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and the elements will be brought to you.

**For those members with grape juice allergies, whole grapes are available.**

**There will also be gluten-free wafers available.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 377**

It Is Well With My Soul

**\*GOING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The People Stand

**CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE** in Room E101 for children up to age four.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 376 Sunday School: 91

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Nancy Maguire

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...** If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please 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:** Mrs. Ragnhild Banes and family, to the Glory of God and in memory of William H. 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 & Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan).

### The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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