

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-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

OCTOBER 1, 2017

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Let Your Glory Fall

Praise Team

WELCOME

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

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.

SONGS OF WORSHIP: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP (by Brian Doerksen)

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before your God . . . Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow;

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. (1988 Vineyard Songs)

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (by Matt Maher) (2004 spiritandsong.com/BMI)

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart,

You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus: So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong,

You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. (chorus 2x's)

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me, for me.

REVIVAL (by Robin Mark)

As sure as gold is precious and the honey sweet, so you love this city and You love these streets;

Ev'ry child out playing by their own front door, ev'ry baby laying on the bedroom floor;

Ev'ry dreamer dreaming in their dead end job, Ev'ry driver driving through the rush hour mob.

I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones You're going to send revival bring them all back home.

For I can hear that thunder in the distance like a train on the edge of the town:

I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit, Lay your burdens down lay your burdens down.

From the preacher preaching when the well is dry, to the lost soul reaching for a higher high;

From the young man working through his hopes and fears, to the widow walking through the veil of tears.

Ev'ry man and woman, ev'ry old and young, Ev'ry father's daughter ev'ry mother's son.

I feel it in my spirit feel it in my bones You're going to send revival bring them all back home.
For I can hear that thunder in the distance like a train on the edge of the town:
I can feel the brooding of Your Spirit, Lay your burdens down lay your burdens down.
Revive us revive us revive us with Your fire. (1998 Daybreak Music, Ltd.)

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 fumbleings 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

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)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

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.)

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 Cindy Cope, Tricia Halligan

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: 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 - The congregation is invited to receive Communion at the Communion rails. Come forward when you are ready, and receive the Communion elements with joy. These symbols represent the Body and Blood of Jesus offered for our forgiveness and new life. The invitation to receive comes from Jesus himself, and is not based on membership in this or any other Church. While you are waiting for your place at the Communion rail, take advantage of this quiet time to meditate, and offer your personal prayer and praise to God. *(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. Both are located on the end of the communion rails at the center aisle.**

CLOSING HYMN BLEST ARE THEY (by David Haas)

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) (©1985 GIA Publications, Inc.)

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

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

SCRIPTURE READER: Victoria & Walter McGrath **ACOLYTE:** McKenna Davis

USHERS: Greg Kincaid, Shelly Kincaid, Kevin Stewart, Doti Stewart, Carlos Moco

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 376 Sunday School: 91

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: 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 and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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