

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 MEN'S SMALL GROUP: 7:30-9:00 A.M. in the Prayer Room. Contact Person: Greg Scott, 609-280-9539

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 8, 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

WELCOME

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Beth Neel)

Leader: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

People: We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.

Leader: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

People: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

SONGS OF WORSHIP: SING TO THE KING (by Billy James Foote)

Sing to the King who is coming to reign. Glory to Jesus, the lamb that was slain.

Life and salvation His empire shall bring, joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Chorus: Come, let us sing a song, a song declaring we belong to Jesus. He's all we need.

Lift up a heart of praise, sing now with voices raised to Jesus. Sing to the King.

For His returning we watch and we pray. We will be ready the dawn of that day.

We'll join in singing with all the redeemed, Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. (chorus)

Repeat 2nd verse and chorus. Sing to the King 3x's (2003 *Worship Together.com*)

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME (by Matt & Beth Redman)

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,

where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,

though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,

when the world's all as it should be blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,

though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name, Blessed be the name of the Lord,

blessed be Your glorious name. You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name. You give and take away,

You give and take away My heart will choose to say, Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name. (2002 *Thankyou Music*)

SOVEREIGN OVER US (by Aaron Keyes)

There is strength within the sorrow, there is beauty in our tears You meet us in our mourning, with a love that casts out fear. You are working in our waiting, sanctifying us when beyond our understanding, You're teaching us to trust. *Chorus: Your plans are still to prosper, You have not forgotten us, You're with us in the fire and the flood. Faithful forever, perfect in love You are sovereign over us.*

You are wisdom unimagined, who could understand your ways. Reigning high above the heavens, reaching down in endless grace. You're the Lifter of the lowly, compassionate and kind, You surround and You uphold me, Your promises are my delight. *Chorus*

Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good. You turn it for our good and for your glory. Even in the valley You are faithful You're working for our good, You're working for our good and for your glory. *Chorus (c) 2011 Thankyou Music*

OPENING PRAYER – Gracious God, as your Son wept with Mary and Martha at the tomb of Lazarus, look with compassion on those who grieve. Grant them the assurance of your presence now and faith in your eternal goodness, that in them may be fulfilled the promise that those who mourn shall be comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10, 000 REASONS (Bless the Lord) (by Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman) (2011 SHOUT! Publishing)

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing; ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (chorus)

And on that day, when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come; still, my soul will sing Your praise unending – ten thousand years, and then forever more! (chorus 2x)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: BLEST ARE THEY Verse 1 (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 in the kingdom of God! (©1985 GIA Publications, 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 Sing, Sing, Sing Tomlin Youth Choir

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-11, Matthew 5:4 Message: The Beatitudes – Blessed are those who Mourn Meg Gaston

CLOSING SONG O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (by C. Wesley) Arr. David Crowder and Jack Parker O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace! My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Chorus: So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud. There is one great love: Jesus.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

Chorus: *So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud.*

There is one great love, there is one great love: Jesus.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe. Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Chorus: *So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud.*

There is one great love, there is one great love: Jesus, Jesus.

There are so few words that never grow old. There are so few words that never grow old.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud. There is one great love.

So, come on. So, come on. So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud.

There is one great love, there is one great love, there is one great love: Jesus. (2007 Worshiptogether.com)

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: Jen Appleton **ACOLYTE:** Carson Binegar

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 355 Sunday School: 86

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: Marilyn Arbittier, to the glory of God and in honor of granddaughter Samantha Rose's third birthday on October 9th.

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, 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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