

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

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

THE WORSHIP 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 29, 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

Sing Hallelujah, For I Am Blessed

by Norm Dorrell

WELCOME

Jim Blizard, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks God.

People: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.

People: They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God.

SONGS OF WORSHIP: LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH (By Rick Founds) (1989 Marantha! Music)

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises;

I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift Your name on high.

OUR GOD IS MERCY (by Brown, Heaslip, and Herbert)

Chorus: Our God is mercy our God is mercy; if your heart is heavy, if your soul is thirsty there is a refuge, a home for the lonely 'cause our God is near, our God is near, our God is near, our God is near. (repeat)

The kingdom of our God is near; lift your eyes, lift your eyes.

The hope of heaven's drawing near; lift your eyes, lift your eyes. You're blessed if you've been torn apart.

You're blessed if you've a broken heart; 'cause hope is waiting at the door, salvation's here. Chorus:

Lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes, and sing. (4x) Repeat chorus (2011 Thankyou Music)

OPENING PRAYER – Father, we live in a world where there are so many hurting people that at times it can become overwhelming and we find ourselves stepping back, and almost hoping that the problems will go away.

And yet Jesus demonstrated a life that overflowed with deep-compassion and tender-mercy towards all those that were wounded and abused, troubled or hurt. Help us to stretch out a willing arm of comfort, when we see other people hurting or in pain, and may we extend a godly mercy that only comes from You. As we have received your love, help us to be a loving witness to all of your children. Amen.

SING HALLELUJAH, FOR I AM BLESSED (by Norm Dorrell)

He takes my hand and guides me, walking with me every day. He's my friend He's my Savior

He's my God who won't fade away. And if a storm rages at me or an earthquake rattles my bones,

I will never be afraid because He promised I am never alone.

With God before me who could ever stand against me with God before Me who then shall I fear?

Chorus: Sing Hallelujah for I am blessed by God, sing Hallelujah for I am blessed by God,

sing Hallelujah I am blessed. Sing Hallelujah for I am blessed by God.

Sing Hallelujah for I am blessed by God. Sing Hallelujah I am blessed.

All the riches of the world could not pay back the debt that I owe, and my soul will sing praises when he comes to call us all home. I know the word is His truth and it lets me live without fear. I will sing it to the nations, it's the story everybody should hear. With God before me who could ever stand against me with God before me who then shall I fear? (chorus)

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR (by D. Rodgers, Eric Wyse)

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for; Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper; Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father; faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)
(WorshipTogether.com)

COME, LORD JESUS (Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram)

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame; Jesus is coming soon.
Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You. Ev'ry heart longing for her King, we sing: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true: Jesus is coming soon. (chorus)
So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait: You're coming soon. So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; Your're coming soon. Chorus: 2x's (© 2015 Sixsteps Songs)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: BLEST ARE THEY (by David Haas) VERSE 3

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God!
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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC Primary Choir

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

WORSHIP IN GIVING – Offering

SPECIAL MUSIC Al and Cindy Cope

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 18:9-14, Matthew 5:7
Message: The Beatitudes – Blessed are the Merciful Pastor Richard Nichols

CLOSING SONG I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD (by J.H. Fillmore)

(chorus) *I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing, I will sing;
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.*
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations. (chorus) (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

NEW MUSIC! We are excited to introduce a new song as part of our 9:30 worship gathering this weekend. Composed by our Worship Team Music Director, Norm Dorrell, in response to Pastor Richard's sermon several weeks ago, "Sing Hallelujah, For I Am Blessed" celebrates God's watchfulness over us, and the confidence we have in His eternal love for us. We pray that this song will be an encouragement to you as you join us for worship.

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: Al Cope **ACOLYTE:** Carson Binegar

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 357 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: Jack Carney, Susan and Glenn, to the glory of God and in memory of wife and mother, Eileen.
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, 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), 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), 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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