

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

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

DECEMBER 3, 2017

HOLY COMMUNION

8:30 A.M. Service

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 (from Psalm 24:7-10)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

People: Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Leader: Who is this king of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: Robin Webb

*OPENING SONG O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verses 1 & 2)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things
far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause
us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (1989 United Methodist Pub. House)

* **OPENING PRAYER** - Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER RESPONSE: EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL *(by Bob McGee)*

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. *(1976 C.A. Music)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORSHIP IN GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37

MESSAGE Waiting in Active Anticipation Meg Gaston, Intern

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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 701** When We All Get to Heaven

***GOING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

*The People Stand

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 396 Sunday School: 101

SCRIPTURE READER: Pattie Gritzan

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: Kevin and Leslie Proctor and family, to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann Proctor.
PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Jay & Kathy Appleton and family on the death of Jay's mother, Lorraine Haussmann.
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, Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), 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 Raroha), Mary Raroha, Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan), Carol Murphy (friend of Dick Loring and Greg Bryan), Stephen Moyer (grandson of Ragnhild Baner), Tom Bintliff (friend of Doug Hamilton).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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