

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 (7 th - 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
DECEMBER 3, 2017

HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. Service

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Curt Diehl, Worship Leader

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: Max and Beth Fisher

SONGS OF WORSHIP: EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH (by Reuben Morgan)

Praise Him in the sanctuary, praise Him in the mighty Heavens. Praise Him, all the earth praise Him.

Praise Him in His awesome power, praise His great and holy name. Praise Him, the whole world praise Him.

Chorus: From the rising of the sun let His praise be heard. From the east to the west, and the north to south.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord forever. (chorus) (2000 Reuben Morgan/Hillsong Publishing)

CLAP YOUR HANDS (by Charlie LeBlanc)

Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with a voice of triumph;

Clap your hands, all ye people, sing for joy to the Lord.

We're singin', "hallelujah, hallelujah," We're singin', "hallelujah, hallelujah," (repeat 2x)

(1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

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.

EMMANUEL (by Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash)

What hope we hold this starlit night: a King is born in Bethlehem.

Our journey long, we seek the light that leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age, Four hundred years can He be found?

But broken by a baby's cry; rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.

The Son of God, here, born to bleed; a crown of thorns would pierce His brow.

And we beheld this offering, exalted now, the King of kings, praise God for the hallowed manger ground.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel.

Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel. *(2009 Worshiptogether.com)*

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verses 1 & 2) (1989 United Methodist Pub. House)

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.

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

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)

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

Advent Candle Primary Choir
An Angel told Mary
Let's Get Ready a Savior is Coming

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture: Mark 13:24-37
Message: Waiting in Active Anticipation Meg Gaston, Intern

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 SONG WE ARE ONE BODY (Paul Baloche/Ed Kerr)

Though we are many, we are one body, we are one body in Christ. (Repeat)
Verse: One faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, binding us together in one cause;
One hope in the one God, One Father over all. (1993 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

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: Cindy Cope **ACOLYTE:** Emme Youse

USHERS: Robyn Harvey, Bruce Harvey, Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Carlos Mocelo

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 396 Sunday School: 101

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: 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 Rarooha), Mary Rarooha, 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 Banes), Tom Bintliff (friend of Doug Hamilton).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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