

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

DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Methodist Men

WELCOME

Sue Harris, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice cries out: Prepare for God's arrival!

People: Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.

Leader: Fill in the valleys, level off the hills. Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.

People: For our God is coming!

Leader: Let's worship together.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: Bobbie Shinehouse and Sue Harris

SONGS OF WORSHIP: PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD (by Stephen Schwartz)

Prepare ye the way of the Lord. (repeat)

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (by James Montgomery)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: (refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;

seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: (refrain)

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;

suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: (refrain) (Public Domain)

OPENING PRAYER - Wake us up, O God, that we may see our Savior, that he may be the light of our lives and

that eagerly we may lead people to him. May the Lord build up among us and with us a world and a kingdom of

peace and love where we serve you in one another, as we move forward in hope to your home of endless joy and

rest. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN (Traditional)

God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,

Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day;

To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we are gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came

And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same.

How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name,

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,

And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;

This Holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy. (Public Domain)

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS *(Charles Wesley)*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. *(Public Domain)*

WHAT CHILD IS THIS *(William Dix)* VERSES 1 & 2

What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.
*Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *(Chorus)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: WHAT CHILD IS THIS *(William Dix)* VERSE 3
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, King to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *(Public Domain)*
*Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

**FAITH SHARING – DAVE WILSON
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST - We welcome all who are worshipping 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 Magnificent Raymond Badham
Tricia Halligan, Doug Sell, Duet; Kathy Appleton: Harp

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Mark 1:1-8
Message: Wake Up! Pastor Richard Nichols

CLOSING SONG ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo! *(1964 Abingdon Press)*

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: Pat Cornell **ACOLYTE:** Carson Binegar

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 387 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: Mark and Erin Talbot in celebration of their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Ed Youse and family on the death of his sister Laura Gould and Mary Ellen Hassett and family on the death of her father-in-law.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), 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 Raroaha), Mary Raroaha, 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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