

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

JANUARY 14, 2018

8:30 A.M. Service

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

Leader: Welcome to all who have come in search of something;

People: We have come to seek the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

People: We do not make this journey by ourselves.

Leader: Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.

People: In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

*OPENING SONG IN YOUR PRESENCE, O GOD (by Lynn DeShazo)

*Chorus: In Your presence, that's where I am strong, in Your presence, O Lord, my God;
In Your presence, that's where I belong, seeking Your face, touching Your grace,
in the cleft of the Rock in Your presence, O God.*

I want to go where the rivers cannot overflow me, where my feet are on a Rock;

I want to hide where the blazing fire cannot burn me, in Your presence, O God. (chorus)

I want to hide where the flood of evil cannot reach me, where I'm covered by Your blood;

I want to be where the schemes of darkness cannot touch me, in Your presence, O God.

(chorus)

Bridge: You are my firm foundation, I trust in You all day long; I am Your child and Your servant, and You are my strength and my song, You're my song. (Chorus)

***OPENING PRAYER** - Our God, our refuge, our strength, our help; You are the bedrock upon which our lives are built, the mighty fortress which surrounds and protects. Though the earth should change, the mountains shake, the waters rise, we will not fear. Help us, O Lord, to live fearlessly amidst the storm. But in so doing, guide us as followers of the prince of peace, the servant king, away from a fortress mentality, where outsiders are enemies, toward a Kingdom where Love is the final word. May the doors of this church open wide this hour, that the music of the Kingdom may resound through this valley and into our hearts, our homes, our communities, our world. in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE 261**

Lord of the Dance

***RESPONSIVE READING** (from Isaiah 43:1-3a)

Leader: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, he who formed you.

People: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Leader: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

People: And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

Leader: When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

People: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER RESPONSE: MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER *(by Lynn DeShazo)*

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more costly than gold.

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds and nothing I desire compares with You.

(1982 Integrity's Hosanna! 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 Hebrews 11:1-8, Matthew 8:5-10

MESSAGE Jump in the Deep End – Part One Pastor Richard Nichols
A Leap of Faith

***CLOSING HYMN 529** How Firm a Foundation

***GOING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**
*The People Stand

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 279 Sunday School: 72

SCRIPTURE READER: Tom Kulp

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 IN LOVING MEMORY OF: Harvey Bradford given by his wife, daughters Patti Bronecke, Susan Nichols and their families.
PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: The Slocum Family on the death of Bruce Slocum.
PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, 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), Tom Bintliff (friend of Doug Hamilton), Steve Heller, Allan Estrin, Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), MaryJane Harris (Niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada), Frank Berner, June Krainik.

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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