

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 Persons: Jerry Mengel, 609-702-0551

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Meet at 7:45am for breakfast on the third Sunday of each month, September through May.

All men of all generations. Contacts: Doug Sell, Jr. 267-259-0621, Taylor Ruilova, 905-5198

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Miriam Circle meets second Monday 7:30 pm., Georgie Jenkins, Leader, 235-3582

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Carol Griffith, 234-1042, Kathy Appleton, 234-0089, Suanne Bryan 824-0672

Mike Zolty, 609-261-4088, Michael Harsche, 778-3520

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES: See Information Board in Narthex

PRAYER MINISTRY: Prayer Room (varied hours)

Contacts: Lonnie and Barbara DeHart, 609-261-1253

Email prayer chain: To add a name to the email prayer chain, contact Church@meetwithGod.com

TUESDAYS WITH GOD – A Weekly Prayer Gathering of the Faithful, meets every Tuesday evening from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

for prayer in the chapel. Led by Pastor HeyYoung.

LIGHT HARBOR MINISTRIES: Third Sunday of each month @ 2:30. Contact person: Linda Wanagas, 273-1298

BLAST (7-8TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00, Sept. thru June

CORE (9-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Contact Person for Jr/Sr High: Brad Kenney, 866-0285

C.H.U.M. (2-4th Grade) Meets every Thursday at 4:30 for choir & 5:15 for dinner, fellowship & activity

Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

CHRISTIAN TRAILBLAZERS (5th-6th Grades) Meets every Thursday, 4:30 for choir & 5:15 for dinner, fellowship & activity

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

Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

COLLEGE AGE: Contact Person: Brad Kenney, 866-0285

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): Contact Person: Allan Hanlon, 802-1100

SIGN INTERPRETERS - The 9:30 a.m. Service is interpreted for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired as needed.

PRAISE TEAM - MUSIC AND BAND - Meets the 2nd & 4th Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS -

ADULT CHOIR Thursday 8:00-10:00 p.m.

YOUTH (7th -12th grade) Thursday 7:00-7:45 p.m.

WESLEY (5th - 6th grade) Thursday 4:30-5:15 p.m.

JUNIOR (2nd - 4th grade) Thursday 4:30-5:15 p.m.

PRIMARY (5 yrs. - 1st grade) Thursday 5:15-5:45 p.m.

ADULT BELLS Sunday 12:15-1:00 p.m.

YOUTH BELLS (7th - 12 grade) Sunday 6:00-6:50 p.m.

JUBILATION CHIMERS (4th-6th grade) Sunday 5:15-5:50 p.m.

Contact Person: Glenn Rodgers, 222-9369 (Music Department)

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

(Sign language interpretation available upon request)

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

JANUARY 6, 2013

EPIPHANY

9:30 A.M. Service

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

WELCOME

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come. The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

People: The glory of God shines in the darkness.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around. Follow the star, wherever it leads!

People: Take the journey that leads to the child.

Leader: Let your hearts rejoice. Be overwhelmed with joy!

People: We worship the Christ child, the hope of the world.

WORSHIP IN SONG: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP (by Brian Doerksen)

Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before your God . . . Come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow; Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now. (1988 Vineyard Songs)

COME, CHRISTIANS JOIN TO SING (Christian Henry Bateman)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen! (1964 Abingdon Press)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives. Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion. Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: In Jesus Christ, God has revealed the mystery that brings grace and forgiveness. The light of God's love transforms us so that we may act with boldness and confidence.

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH (by Matt Maher)

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart, You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus: So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, oh God. Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong, You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. *Chorus (repeat 2 times)*

So, remember Your people, remember Your children, remember Your promise, oh God. Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me, for me.
(2004 spiritandsong.com/BMI)

WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY *(by Charles Tindley)*

We are tossed and driven on the restless sea of time; somber skies and howling tempests oft succeed a bright sunshine; in that land of perfect day, when the mists have rolled away, we will understand it better by and by.

Chorus: By and by, when the morning comes, when the saints of God are gathered home, we'll tell the story how we've overcome, for we'll understand it better by and by.

We are often destitute of the things that life demands, want of food and want of shelter, thirsty hills and barren lands; we are trusting in the Lord, and according to God's word, we will understand it better by and by.

Chorus

Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed promised land; but he guides us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die, for we'll understand it better by and by. *Chorus*

Temptations, hidden snares often take us unawares, and our hearts are made to bleed for a thoughtless word or deed; and we wonder why the test when we try to do our best, but we'll understand it better by and by. *Chorus (Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.
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WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD **Scripture:** Isaiah 44:1-7, 2 Timothy 1:3-5

Message: **January at the Movies, I** Pastor Steve Donat
Film: The Descendants

RESPONSE: Holy Communion

SACRAMENT OF 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 BELIEVE IN GOD *(By Amy Grant and Wes King)*

We believe in God-- and we all need Jesus; 'Cause life is hard and it might not get easier. But don't be afraid to know who you are, don't be afraid to show it. If you believe in God, if you say you need Jesus, He'll be where you are and he never will leave you.

Sing to me now words that are true so all in this place can know it.

We believe in God and we all need Jesus (3 x's)

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We believe in God and we all need Jesus (3 x's) *(1992 Age to Age Music)*

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

THE PEACE: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 431 Sunday School: 36

USHERS: Paul Schлиндwein, Paul Toepel, Han Rovins, Robin Stepp, David Stepp

ACOLYTE: Alex Bewley

PLEASE LET US KNOW...Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, 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: Becky & Ed White, to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Paul Haynes, Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Craig Ranshaw (son-in-law of Joan Moody), Dick Immler, Rev. Bill Moyer, Edna Valentine (Lynda Guest's mother), Janet Richardson, Elaine Jenkins, Gina Adornetto (Carol Taylor's cousin), Nancy Madara Secor, Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Tim Laird (friend of Pat Laird), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Family of David Gaw (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), C.B, Betty, and Mary Louise Shingleton, Reina Coveen-Rutteman (Helga Shay's Mother), Ed & Marge Blackman (parents of Doug Blackman), Mike Rowe (friend of John & Bev Heusser), Robert Estrin (father of Allan Estrin), Mike Pilenza (friend of Dick Loring & Greg Bryan), Maggie Goettle (former First Light Student), Linda Hill (friend of Ada Campanile), Shirley VanDuser, Joey Sorrentino (friend of Dennis & Joan Flamini), Harris Fister, Tom & Joshua Seagraves, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Rose Klenk.

SERVING OVERSEAS: Andre Hauser (grandson of Harris Fister), 1st Lt. James Carite (Jennifer Blackman's boyfriend), SSGT James Shields (son of Marcia Koury).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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