

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Meets the third Saturday of each month, September thru May, and invites adults of all ages to join them. Contact person: Shirland & John Daglian 778-1293.

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. 303-1398, 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, Jan Pappin, 787-0353, Suanne Bryan 824-0672

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES: See Information Board in Narthex

PRAYER MINISTRY: Sundays 9-9:20 AM in the Parlor, Wednesdays 6:30 AM – Men's Prayer Thursdays Congregational prayer, 7-8 PM in the Chapel, Prayer Room (varied hours) Contacts: Bobbie Shinehouse, 229-7887 or Nancy Maguire 866-8987

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

JR. HIGH UMYF (7-8TH GRADES) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Sr. HIGH UMYF (9-12TH GRADE) 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-1<sup>st</sup> 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: Kathy Appleton, 234-0089

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 12:15-1:15 p.m.

YOUTH BELLS (7<sup>th</sup> - 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**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2008 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – “LOVE” 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: Wait! Get Ready! A messenger is coming!

**People: We need to receive some good news!**

Leader: This is the best of news! God is sending One who will heal and save us!

**People: We surely need that!**

Leader: Make your hearts ready to receive Jesus!

**People: Lord, clear a path to our hearts and prepare our spirits for this blessed event! AMEN.**

**WORSHIP IN SONG: O MAGNIFY THE LORD** (*Dick & Mel Tunney*)

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together!

O magnify the Lord, O magnify the Lord, And may His name be lifted high for ever!

O worship Him O worship Christ the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together!

O worship Christ, the Lord; O worship Christ, the Lord; And may his name be lifted high for ever!

King of Kings and Lord of Lords, May His name be lifted high for ever! (*1982 Meadowgreen Music Co.*)

**MARY'S BOY CHILD** (*J. Albert Music*)

Long time ago in Bethlehem so the Holy Bible say

Mary's boy child Jesus Christ was born on Christmas day.

*Chorus: Hark now hear the angels sing, a new King born today*

*that folks may live forever more because of Christmas day.*

Now Joseph and his wife Mary went to Bethlehem that night

and found no place to lay their head not a single room was in sight. (chorus)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night they saw a bright new shining star.

And from the East there came three men bearing gifts from afar. (chorus)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** We are such an impatient people, O Lord. We want everything immediately.

We want to skip over Advent because we really don't understand the power and importance of waiting for your great gift. We are too eager for the parties and celebrations. It is easy for us to overlook the tasks you have set before us, to take care of those who are in need, to be a listening presence to those who are troubled, to reach out in kindness and compassion to all who hurt. Forgive us for our need to speed through this season of Advent. Slow us down and give us an appreciation for the Advent of your Son. In His Name, we pray. AMEN.

**WHEN I LOOK INTO YOUR HOLINESS** (*Wayne & Cathy Perrin*)

When I look into Your holiness, when I gaze into your loveliness,

When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You.

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart, when my will becomes enthralled in Your love,

When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You.

*Chorus: I worship You, I worship You. The reason I live is to worship You. (1981 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** (Phillips Brooks) VERSES 1-3

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in. (Public Domain)

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS** (William Dix)

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)

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, King to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (chorus) (Public Domain)

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD** (Prayers of the People)

**PRAYER RESPONSE: OPEN OUR EYES** (by Bob Cull)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus; To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen; Open our eyes, we want to see Jesus. (1976 Maranatha! Music)

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Advent Candle Song  
Junior and Wesley Choirs  
Clyde

**SHARING THE WORD Scripture:**

Isaiah 40:1-11

**Message:**

“This Is Your God”

Pastor Steve Donat

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN 210 ALL EARTH IS WAITING** (by Alberto Taule)

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord. All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," for his name is "God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord. He is now coming closer, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared, yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today, for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

*(United Methodist Publishing House)*

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

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

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

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 541 Sunday School: 194

**ACOLYTE:**

**USHERS:** Bob Koury, Marcia Shields, Barrie Witty, Greg Kincaid, Carlos Moco

**THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:** Robert & Ruth Rosvold, to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones.  
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Stanton Webb (husband of Barbara Webb), Janet Coshland (daughter of Alan Coshland), Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Matt & Kelly Petroski (friends of Rick & Linda Young), Betsy Turchi (niece of Marjie & Dale Duffin), Elsie Stoud (friend of Doris Coshland), Joan Woodworth (Ann's sister-in-law), Vicky Hynes (sister of Sherri Briggs-Allison), Jan Feeley, Mary Pintye (sister of Zollie Nemeth), Ed Woodoth (Lonnie Heller's father), Michael Groark (son-in-law of Marian Twigg), Irene McLoud, Barbara Stocksdale.  
**SERVING IN IRAQ:** Kim Ortiz (niece of Ruth Gandek), Doug Ferrie, Scott Berner (grandson of Ray and Jean Berner).

**The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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