

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-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: 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 th - 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 13, 2008 Third Weekend In Advent – “Joy” 5:30 P.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.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Light the lights! Set the candles aglow! The Promised One is coming!

People: Make us ready to receive your light, O Lord.

Leader: He will come to bring hope and freedom.

People: He will come to set free those who are oppressed.

Leader: The blind will see and those who are deaf will hear!

People: The Good News is God's loving salvation through God's own Son. AMEN.

WORSHIP IN SONG CHILD IN THE MANGER *(Traditional Gaelic Melody)*

Child in the manger, Infant of Mary, Came as a stranger born in the stall;

Sweet little Jesus sent down from heaven, God's gift of new life offered to all.

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder, Angels behold Him there on His throne;

Worthy the Savior of all our praises, Happy and ever blest are His own. Amen. *(1974 Fred Brock Music Co.)*

THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY *(Spiritual)*

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy (3x's)

And they said that his name was -- Jesus.

Refrain: He come from the Glory, he come from the glorious Kingdom (2 x's)

The Angels told where the baby was born...(etc.)

The shepherds saw where the baby was born...(etc.)

The wise men went where the baby was born...(etc.)

BE GLORIFIED *(by Billy Funk)*

Be glorified, be glorified. Be glorified. Be glorified.

Worship the Lord, worship the Lord; Worship the Lord, worship the Lord.

Be glorified in the heavens, be glorified in the earth;

Be glorified in this temple, Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified, Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified.

Worship the Lord in the heavens, worship the Lord in the earth; Worship the Lord in this temple,

Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified, Jesus, Jesus, be Thou glorified. *(1991 Integrity's Praise! Music)*

***OPENING PRAYER:** *Lord, fill our mouths with shouts of joy and laughter. Let our hearts be lightened by your love and mercy. Prepare us for the pathway of peace and salvation. Light our way and be our Light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.*

BIRTHDAY OF A KING *(by Wm. Harold Neidlinger)*

In the little village of Bethlehem, there lay a Child one day, and the sky was bright with a holy light,

o'er the place where Jesus lay: Allelujah! Oh how the angels sang,

Alleluia! how it rang; and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birth place, but oh! how much God gave to us that day, from the manger bed,

what a path was led, what a perfect holy way: Allelujah! Oh how the angels sang,

Alleluia! how it rang; and the sky was bright with a holy light, 'Twas the birthday of a King. *(Public Domain)*

ROCK-A-BYE, MY DEAR LITTLE BOY *(Czech carol)*

Rock-a-bye, my dear little boy, dear little boy, wonder of wonders, my blessing and joy; slumber as I gently hold you, let my tender love enfold you; gift of God to me and the world, here in my arms lies so peacefully curled.

Little Jesus, Infant Divine, Infant Divine, one with the Father, yet born to be mine; as I rock you calmly sleeping, angel guards their watch are keeping; precious child, one day we shall see what love has destined for you and for me. *(1987 Oxford University Press)*

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY *(W. Zlobie Lezy)*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, Tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing Greet the morrow: Christ the babe was born for you. *(Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD (Prayers of the People)

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)*

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD **Scripture:** 2 Peter 3:8-15
Message: "Patience and Repentance" Arch Fisher

CLOSING HYMN 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)*

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 605 Sunday School: 177

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Glenn and Cindy Rodgers, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Susie.
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 Stocksdales.
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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