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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  
Sarah Circle meets monthly. Contact: Gretchen Young, 235-0582, Jeanette Ulrich, 663-0413

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

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

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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.

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

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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**WELCOME**

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**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come gather 'round; Jesus is here.

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Strong and mighty, strong to save us, like a fortress never failing.

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Strong to lead us through the shadows, strong to carry all our sorrow. When the enemy surrounds us, closing in as darkness falls. Though his armies rage against us, they can never scale these walls. (Refrain)

You are my shelter, my shield, You are the home I could never deserve. Here I will serve, ever under Your gaze, here I will serve, ever singing Your praise. (Refrain)

Strong Tower; Lord above. Strong Tower; Lord above. (2004 Ariose Music)

**COME HEAL THIS LAND** (by Robin Mark)

Let the exile come. Let the stranger come. Let the weary come find rest, all you homeless sons, all you widowed ones, all you poor and dispossessed. For a table waits in your Father's house.

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