

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: Bill & Ragnhild Moyer, 985-3527.

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
MOM'S MORNING OUT: Wednesday Mornings 9-11:30. Contact: Lelania Wells, 667-3775

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Carol Griffith, 234-1042, Kathy Appleton, 234-0089, 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	12:15-1:00 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
September 20, 2009 Education and Youth Covenant Sunday 9:30 A.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

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

WORSHIP IN SONG SHINE DOWN (by Smiley, Gersmehl, Farrell)

*Chorus: Shine down Your light on me; Let the people see that in Your presence darkness flees,
Father of light, shine down on me. Father of light, shine down on me.*

There's a land full of glory in a place where there is no night, and in that holy city burns the beacon of everlasting light; The light that keeps reaching to the people of ev'ry land, a love that is longing to fill the heart of ev'ry man. (Chorus)

There's no sun in that city, The Father's throne is its only light; The lamp of salvation, the hope that is always glowing bright. It scatters the darkness, swept away by His mighty hand; Now all the nations can worship, sing the song of that glorious Lamb. (Chorus)

BEAUTIFUL JESUS (by Kristian Sanfill)

Your love, oh God, displayed for us as crimson covered over sinless hands.

Your majesty for all to see in raging storms and quiet, cloudless days.

Chorus: Beautiful Jesus, beautiful Saviour. Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.

You're powerful, above this world. The universe is under Your command.

Your glory shines a holy light that leads our hearts to praise, Your holy name is on our lips.

*Chorus 2: Beautiful Jesus, beautiful Saviour. Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine
Perfect in Power, matchless in glory. Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.*

Coda: My lips will sing, my heart will bring praise to You, the holy King.

My lips will sing, my heart will bring praise to You, holy. (repeat chorus 2)

Beautiful Jesus, beautiful Saviour. Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine.

Perfect in power, matchless in glory. Nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, nothing is greater, brilliant Creator, Friend of mine. (2008 EMI CMG Pub. Alletrop Music)

VICTORY CHANT (by Joseph Vogels)

Hail, Jesus, You're my King. Your life frees me to sing. I will praise You all my days.

You're perfect in all Your ways. Hail, Jesus, You're my Lord. I will obey Your Word.

I want to see Your kingdom come. Not my will but Yours be done.

Glory, glory to the Lamb. You take me into the land. And we will conquer in Your name,

Oh, and proclaim that Jesus reigns. Hail, hail, Lion of Judah. How powerful You are. Hail, hail, Lion of Judah. How wonderful You are. (Repeat) (1985 Scripture in Song)

***PRAYER** – Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

CANTICLE OF THE TURNING (arr. Rory Cooney)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the

past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn: There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS (by Helen Lemmel)

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there: Over us sin no more hath dominion - for more than conquerors we are! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His word shall not fail you He promised; believe Him, and all will be well: then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. (1950 Singspiration Music)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: A BROKEN SPIRIT (by D. Harris & M. Nystrom)

Chorus: A broken spirit and a contrite heart You will not despise, You will not despise; You desire truth in the inward parts, a broken spirit and a contrite heart. Lord, my heart is prone to wander, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for your courts above. (chorus) (1993 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

BIBLE PRESENTATION

SHARING THE WORD **Scripture:**

Proverbs 3:1-5

Message:

“Sharing in God’s Love”

Karen Murray, DCE

A Covenant for Church Educators

PASTOR: As the body of Christ we gather on Sunday mornings, on Wednesday nights, and in many other small groups during the week to praise God and to learn together what it means to be the people of God. Today we pause for a moment to celebrate those among us who are our teachers. Our prayer is...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: Many of our teachers teach children – children who need adults who love them and care for them; teachers who tell them the stories of the faith; teachers who help them learn to live as Jesus taught. In appreciation for those who teach our children, we offer our prayer...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: Our youth deserve the best that we have to offer. Because of those who teach them, our youth have a welcoming place to grow in Christian love and fellowship and a safe place to explore what the church teaches, ask their questions, express their doubts, and discover their own Christian faith. For the teachers of our youth our prayer is...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: Some of us are adults. Adults need friends in faith – teachers who will help us study diligently, grow spiritually, and discover ways to use our gifts in our congregation and in our world. For the teachers of our adults we pray...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: We are all the Body of Christ – at many ages. Our teachers help us experience Christian community as we study and learn together. Today we give thanks for all those who help us understand what it means to be God’s children, youth, and adults. We give thanks for those who support us in our faith journeys and challenge us to follow Jesus Christ more faithfully. For the sake of our community of faith, growing and learning together, we pray...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: Yes, we give thanks today for these spiritual leaders who help us develop the knowledge and skills we need to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in the world. Our continuing prayer is...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

PASTOR: Let us pray

Gracious and loving God, our teachers have helped us make each small group experience in our church a time to grow together in our love for one another, for you, and for all your world. Through them we continually find new ways to experience the joys of being a community of faith. Help us honor our teachers by living in ways that honor what we have learned from those you have called to lead us. Through them we have experienced your transforming power that enables us to live as your people in changing world. Hear our special prayer today...

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for our Christian teachers!

(written by UMC Deacon Linda

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COMMISSIONING

CLOSING HYMN 156

I Love to Tell the Story

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: 499 Sunday School: 243

USHERS: Robert Klenk, Rose Klenk, Joe Veldon, Paul Toepel, David Stepp

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Edith Johnson, to the Glory of God and in memory of husband, Fred Johnson.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Joan Woodworth (Ann’s sister-in-law), Sandy (friend of Christa & Linda Whittendale & Amy Hamilton), Bernie (cousin of Dana Young), Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Elsie & Charles Youse (grandparents of Ed Youse), Paul Pavlishin (grandson of Ada Campanile), Norma Tannenberger (friend of Carla McIlmail), Rose Klenk, John Halbe (neighbor of Bruce & Sharon Zollers), Ben Brenner, Mary Jane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Milli Irwin, Carole Hare, Paul Haynes, Isaiah Daniel Jefferson, Jean Berner, Ken Wedge, Mary Louise Shingleton, Matthew Petroski, Clara Goodhart.

SERVING OVERSEAS: Jim Brant (nephew of Karen Halligan), Joshua Ehmen.

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor

Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant

HeyYoung Horton, Associate Pastor

Karen Halligan, Membership Secretary

Glenn Rodgers, Director of Music

Sue Harris, Parish Nurse

Karen Murray, Director of Christian Ed.

Bill McIlmail, Property Coordinator

Brad Kenney, Youth Director

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