

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

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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 11:00 A.M. Service

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX
HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS**

Numbers in the bulletin refer to pages in the United Methodist Hymn book located in the pews

PRELUDE Festal Voluntary Peeters

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

People: God's ways are just and merciful.

Leader: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

People: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice. AMEN.

INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 60** I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

***OPENING 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.

***RESPONSIVE READING 738** Psalm 1

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Lord Jesus, Be My Song Kosche

Junior and Wesley Choirs

CALL TO PRAYER 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)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Surrender All
Adult Choir

Larter

***DOXOLOGY 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING

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 Whited)

***CLOSING HYMN 156**

I Love to Tell the Story

***BENEDICTION**

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***POSTLUDE**

*While the congregation stands, those who would find this uncomfortable may remain seated.

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

USHERS: Jerry Mengel, Barbara Webb, Ellen Edwards, Bob Edwards, Larry Shay

GREETERS: Harvey and Bonnie Weiskittel

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 499 Sunday School: 243

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
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