

## 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 & Regnhild 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. 267-259-0621, 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-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 13, 2009**                      **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**                      **9:30/11:00 A.M. Services**

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**

Elmine van den Berg, Worship Leader

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and rejoice in God!

**People: Let us sing praise to God who continually blesses our lives!**

Leader: In the midst of troubles and stress, God is near, offering compassion.

**People: Our hope is in the Lord.**

Leader: Let all the people praise God!

**People: Hallelujah! AMEN!**

### HYMN OF PRAISE #240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**OPENING PRAYER** - Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### SCRIPTURE READING

Zephaniah 3:14-17

### ADVENT PRAYER LITANY

...The response is – **COME, LORD JESUS!** (Revelation 22:20)

In the times when we find it hard to pray, **R.**

In the times when we struggle to think of you, dear Lord, **R.**

In the times when we are too occupied by business, **R.**

In the times when we act without love, **R.**

In the times when we find it hard to forgive, **R.**

In the times when we lack compassion towards our neighbors, **R.**

In the times when we don't even want to love, **R.**

In the times when we do not want to be quiet and listen to you, **R.**

In the times when we want only to think of ourselves, **R.**

In the times when we do not want to get involved in social issues, **R.**

In the times when we want to have more material possessions, **R.**

In the times when we do not want to examine our consciences, **R.**

In the times when we forget you on arising, **R.**

In the times when we forget you on retiring, **R.**

In the times when we put off living as if this day is the last, **R.**

In the times when we fail to long for you, **R.**

In this Advent season, and throughout the new year, Lord, may our prayer continually be, **R. Amen!**

**A MESSAGE IN SONG**

Come Celebrate Words & music by Kenna Turner West, Lee Black & Sue Smith

Hallelujah, Light Has Come Words & music by Alyssa, Lauren, & Rebecca Barlow  
*Trio: Carla McIlmail, Susan Rapp, Pat Cornell*

Changed By a Baby Boy Words & music by Gloria & Benjamin Gaither  
*Soloist: Brad Kenney*

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Words by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
*Soloist: Charlotte Lewis* Music by Jean Baptiste Calkin

**SCRIPTURE READING** Philippians 4:4-7

Candlelight Medley *Soloist: Elmine van den Berg* Arranged by Lari Goss

Come Make a Place Words & music by Sue C. Smith & Joel Lindsey

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 3:7-18

**MEDITATION** Pastor Steve Donat

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING AND SONG:** Tithes and Offerings

- HYMN 219** What Child Is This
- HYMN 221** In the Bleak Midwinter
- HYMN 238** Angels We Have Heard on High

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**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: 512 Sunday School: 188

**9:30 USHERS:** Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Moco

**11:00 USHERS:** John Daglian, David Madara, Zollie Nemeth, Bill Thompson, Bruce Van Dyke

**9:30 ACOLYTE:** Olivia Bewley

**11:00 ACOLYTE:** Rebekah Bryan

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

**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, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Joan Woodworth (Ann’s sister-in-law), John Halbe (neighbor of Bruce & Sharon Zollers), Ben Brenner, Mary Jane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Paul Haynes, Isaiah Daniel Jefferson, Jean Berner, Ken Wedge, Mary Louise Shingleton, Dick Taylor, Kelly Secor, Amy Secor, Marisa Wieland, Michelle Knowles, Diane Allen, Pearline Moore (co-worker of Barbara Engelbrecht), Ray Banes, Diane Byrnes (cousin’s wife of Ottignon & Cornell families), Marv Wilkerson (brother-in-law of Susan Rapp), Bruce Slocum, William Klansek (friend of Dick Loring), Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright).

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Robb & Conni Murray and family on the death of Robb’s father, Bob Murray on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SERVING OVERSEAS:** Jim Brant (nephew of Karen Halligan).

**The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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Glenn Rodgers, Director of Music	Sue Harris, Parish Nurse
Karen Murray, Director of Christian Ed.	Bill McIlmail, Property Coordinator
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