

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

ADULT FELLOWSHIP: Meets the third Saturday of each month, Sept. thru May, and invites adults of all ages to join them.

Contact Persons: Jerry Mengel, 609-702-0551

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

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Carol Griffith, 234-1042, Kathy Appleton, 234-0089, Suanne Bryan 824-0672

Mike Zolty, 609-261-4088, Michael Harsche, 778-3520

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES: See Information Board in Narthex

PRAYER MINISTRY: Prayer Room (varied hours)

Contacts: Lonnie and Barbara DeHart, 609-261-1253

Email prayer chain: To add a name to the email prayer chain, contact Church@meetwithGod.com

TUESDAYS WITH GOD – A Weekly Prayer Gathering of the Faithful, meets every Tuesday evening from 6:00-6:45 p.m.

for prayer in the chapel. Led by Pastor HeyYoung.

LIGHT HARBOR MINISTRIES: Third Sunday of each month @ 2:30. Contact person: Linda Wanagas, 273-1298

BLAST (7-8TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00, Sept. thru June

CORE (9-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) 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: Brad Kenney, 866-0285

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 (7th - 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 30, 2012

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

People: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

Leader: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

People: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

Leader: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

People: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. AMEN.

WORSHIP IN SONG: ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (by James Montgomery)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creations's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. (Public Domain)

MY LIFE IS IN YOU, LORD (by Daniel Gardner)

Chorus: My Life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord, My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My Life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord, My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength, all of my hope is in You. (chorus) (1986 Integrity's Hosanna!)

WHY SO DOWNCAST? (by Frank Berrios, Tom Brooks & Jeff Hamlin)

Why so downcast, Oh my soul? Put your hope in God, put your hope in God, put your hope in God.

Oh, why so downcast, Oh my soul? Put your hope in God and bless the Lord, Oh my soul. (repeat)

Bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my countenance, bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my head;

Bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my countenance; I will never be ashamed. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

OPENING PRAYER: Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM

O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him; O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For You alone are worthy, for You alone are worthy; for You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise Your name forever, we'll praise Your name forever; we'll praise Your name forever, Christ the Lord. *(1988 Integrity's Hosanna Music)*

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS *(by Martin Shaw)*

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

Refrain: Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest."

Refrain

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. *Refrain*

From the eastern country came the kings afar, bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. *Refrain*

Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price: there was never a stable so like paradise. *Refrain*
(Oxford University Press)

WHAT CHILD IS THIS *(William Dix)*

What Child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping.

Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, King to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Chorus (Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: LEAD ME, LORD *Psalm 5:8, 4:8*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. *(Public Domain)*

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD **Scripture:**

Philippians 4:4-7

Message:

"One Thousand Gifts"

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

CLOSING SONG **GREAT HOPE** *(by Amick Byram, Rick Logan)*

There is great hope in His name, There is pow'r to heal the lame. He will mend the broken reed, nurse a dying wick to flame, there is great hope and pow'r in His name.

There is great hope in His name, we will never be the same. We have vict'ry over sin because Jesus lives within, there is great hope and pow'r in His name.

There is great hope in His name, we will never be the same. 'Cause the love that conquers fear will bring the joy of Heaven here, there is great hope and pow'r in His name.

(1990 Maranatha! Music)

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

THE PEACE: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 588 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 158

USHERS: Lynn Andreacola, Thomas Trasser, Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Mocoelo

ACOLYTE: Alex Weitzner

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!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO: Javis Lyle on the death of his brother Roland.
PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Ruth Allen, Paul Haynes, Aril Bryant (friend of Emily Wright), Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Craig Ranshaw (son-in-law of Joan Moody), Dick Immler, Rev. Bill Moyer, Edna Valentine (Lynda Guest's mother), Janet Richardson, Elaine Jenkins, Gina Adornetto (Carol Taylor's cousin), Nancy Madara Secor, Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Tim Laird (friend of Pat Laird), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Family of David Gaw (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), C.B, Betty, and Mary Louise Shingleton, Reina Coveen-Rutteman (Helga Shay's Mother), Ed & Marge Blackman (parents of Doug Blackman), Mike Rowe (friend of John & Bev Heusser), Robert Estrin (father of Allan Estrin), Mike Pilenza (friend of Dick Loring & Greg Bryan), Maggie Goettle (former First Light Student), Linda Hill (friend of Ada Campanile), Shirley VanDuser, Joey Sorrentino (friend of Dennis & Joan Flamini), Harris Fister, Joshua Seagraves, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Rose Klenk, Kevin Schlagle (grandson of Ben & Alice Brenner).
SERVING OVERSEAS: Andre Hauser (grandson of Harris Fister), 1st Lt. James Carite (Jennifer Blackman's boyfriend), SSGT James Shields (son of Marcia Koury).

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

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