

## 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: Kathy Appleton, 856-234-0089, Suanne Bryan 856-824-0672

Mike Zolty 609-261-4088, Michael Harsche 856-778-3520, Pat Cornell 856-727-9476

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

JR. HIGH UMYF (7-8TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Sam Rotz, 866-0285

SR. HIGH UMYF (9-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY) Meets every Sunday evening from 7-8:30, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 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 Clawges, 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.
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YOUTH (7th -12th grade)	Thursday	7:00-7:45 p.m.
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WESLEY (5th - 6th grade)	Thursday	4:30-5:15 p.m.
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JUNIOR (2nd - 4th grade)	Thursday	4:30-5:15 p.m.
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PRIMARY (5 yrs. - 1st grade)	Thursday	5:15-5:45 p.m.
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ADULT BELLS	Sunday	12:15-1:15 p.m.
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YOUTH BELLS (7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 grade)	Sunday	6:00-6:50 p.m.
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JUBILATION CHIMERS (4th-6th grade)	Sunday	5:15-5:50 p.m.
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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 15, 2013**

**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**

Curt Diehl, Worship Leader

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

**People: We proclaim that God’s presence is real and alive and thriving!**

Leader: Evildoers declare through their actions, “We go through life alone.”

**People: But we see God’s grace, faithfulness, and steadfast love in our lives and in the world around us.**

Leader: Praise be to God!

**WORSHIP IN SONG: 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)

**STRONG TOWER** (by Peter Furler, Steve Taylor)

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

Strong in battle, strong in kindness, when we stray, Lord, You're strong to find us.

When the winds come hard against us you are steadfast you are true.

When the ground beneath us trembles, Your foundation never moves.

*Refrain: Strong Tower High and Glorious, Strong Tower Mighty in Love,*

*Our Refuge, Our Defender, Strong Tower, Lord above.*

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)

**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)

(1984 Paragon Music/Yellow House Music/Efenbee Music)

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

**LIKE A SHEPHERD** (by Dan Moen & Deborah Simpson)

Like a father feeds his children, like a shepherd leads his flock,  
the Lord will always guide us and show us where to walk;  
And in times when we have plenty, in times when we have not,  
He is our Provider and His mercy never stops.

*Chorus: Like a shepherd He leads us, like a father He feeds us  
from the morning to the evening, till the sunrise again;*

*Like a shepherd He leads us, like a father He feeds us, He is the great I Am.*

As we come into His presence confessing Him as Lord,  
His Holy Spirit leads us, He feeds us by His Word;  
We're seated at His table, partaking of His love,  
children of His kingdom, purchased by His blood. (chorus) (1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

**LIFT YOUR VOICE** (by Cindy & Becky Cruse)

Lift your voice and sing praises to the King. Let your worship rise; to the true Messiah gifts we bring.  
Lift your voice and sing. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the King.  
Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia to the King of kings. (1999 Cruse Ministries)

### BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

**PRAYER RESPONSE STEP BY STEP** (by Rich Mullins)

*Chorus: Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.*

*O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.*

I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
and step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days. (1992 BMG Songs, Inc.)

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THE THIRD GRADE STUDENTS

#### SPECIAL SPEAKER

Heather Allison

**SHARING THE WORD Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 10:13

**Message:** "Do You Have An Escape Plan?"

Karen Murray

### COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH STAFF (see insert)

**CLOSING SONG GRACE ALONE** (by Scott Wesley Brown, Jeff Nelson)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

*Refrain: Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.*

*Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.*

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

(refrain) (1998 Maranatha! Music)

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

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

**And also with you.**

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 487 Sunday School: 176

**USHERS:** Lynn Andreacola, Thomas Trasser, Carol Rudolph, Paul Toepel, David Stepp

**ACOLYTE:** Alex Weitzner

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**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:** Bob and Dorothy Rodriguez, to the Glory of God.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Rev. Bill Moyer, Janet Richardson, Elaine Jenkins, Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Family of David Gaw (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), Betty and Mary Louise Shingleton, Mike Rowe (friend of John & Bev Heusser), Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, The Seagraves Family, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Ella Delaney (former First Light Student), James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Donna Banes, Joan Goralski (Joan Flamini's mother), Mary Bintliff (mother of Cheryl Bohonko, First Light assistant), Eddie Schwarz, Kate Kenny, Emily Gaine (daughter of Linda Wanagas' co-worker), Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Jeannie O'Pella (friend of the Gagers), Dillon D'Angelis (nephew of Ceciley Binegar), Mary Berner, Jesse Atkins (Dana Young's uncle), Pat Mengel, Rose Molinari (mother of Rosemary Smith), Shirley Boren, Richard Yarnall (father of Karen Murray), Ross Hamilton, Grace Immler, Bob Rosvold, Eleanor Peterman, Paul Haynes.

**SERVING OVERSEAS:** Nigel Martin (Yvonne & Keith Vine's son), Ryan Rixon (son of Debby Rixon).

#### The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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