

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-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 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 twice a month on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (check bulletin for schedule)

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 th - 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

NOVEMBER 24, 2013

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

Sue Harris, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP: THANKSGIVING LITANY (SEE INSERT)

WORSHIP IN SONG: I WILL BLESS THEE *(Words and Music by Esther Watanabe)*

With my hands lifted up and my mouth filled with praise,

with a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless Thee, O Lord.

I will bless Thee, O Lord. I will bless Thee, O Lord.

With a heart of thanksgiving I will bless Thee, O Lord.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME *(by Don Moen & Paul Overstreet)*

chorus: God is good all the time He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.

God is good all the time through the darkest night His light will shine. God is good God is good all the time.

If you're walking through the valley and there are shadows all around. Do not fear he will guide you

He will keep you safe and sound. He has promised to never leave you, nor forsake you and His Word is true.

(Repeat chorus)

We were sinners, and so unworthy, still for us he chose to die. Filled us with his Holy Spirit, now we can stand

and testify that his love is everlasting and his mercy, it will never end. (Chorus) (1995 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

HE HAS MADE ME GLAD *(Words and Music by Leona Von Brethorst)*

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter His courts with praise;

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made," I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I will rejoice for He has made me glad. *(Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

OPENING PRAYER – Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom

beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole

earth is already yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.

GIVE THANKS *(Henry Smith)*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Chorus: And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has

done for us;

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say,

"I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks. *(1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

WE GATHER TOGETHER *(trans. Theodore Baker)*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known.

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;

so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! *(Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE DOXOLOGY (by Jimmy Owens)

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. (1972 *Communique Music*)

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD **Scripture:** Haggai 2:15-19
Message: *From This Day On...* Pastor Steve Donat

CLOSING – CONSECRATION OF OUR PERSONAL COVENANTS

As the Covenants are brought forward to the Communion Rail, please join us in singing...

JESUS, DRAW ME CLOSE (by Rick Founds)

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord, to you. For I desire to worship and obey. (1990 *Maranatha Press*)

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (by Daniel Iverson)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (1963 *BMW Songs, Inc.*)

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (copyright *Ateliers et Presses de Taize, France*)
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CLOSING PRAYER – Dear Lord, we have heard your call, and our hearts desire is to follow you with all our heart, mind, and strength. We recognize that all human plans are made with no real knowledge of what the future will bring us, but we present these covenants to you today to declare our sincere intention to honor you as our Lord. We ask for courage and wisdom to make the right choices, when the world, circumstances, temptations, and the ‘tyranny of the urgent’ threaten to sidetrack us and move us from the path you have put us on. Help us to keep these covenants even when it is inconvenient or difficult for us to do so. And may the end result be that we become more like you, and that your Church would prosper. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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: 485 Sunday School: 130

ACOLYTE: Eli Haegele

USHERS: Greg Kincaid, Shelly Kincaid, Paul Toepel, Bob Rodriguez, David Stepp

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.

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Shirley Ridgway, to the Glory of God and in memory of Julia.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Stanton Webb, Faye Sienkiewicz, Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ben Brenner, Patti Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Ann Marie Pelosi (cousin of Doti Stewart), Betty and Mary Louise Shingleton, Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, Bettie Hotong (friend of Elmine van den Berg), Ella Delaney (former First Light Student), James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Joan Goralski (Joan Flamini's mother), Mary Bintliff (mother of Cheryl Bohonko, First Light assistant), Kate Kenny, 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, Eleanor Peterman, Paul Haynes, Barbara Witkowski, Kathleen Hawkins (mother of Norma Wright), Diane Murray (sister-in-law of Bob Murray), Linda Wanagas, Dick Woodworth (Ann's brother-in-law), Nancy Bogden (friend of Bruce Van Dyke), Erin Wasnewski (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Butch Johnson (Ruth Smith's brother-in-law), Eric Routzan (friend of Doug Hamilton).

SERVING OVERSEAS: Ryan Raxon (son of Debby Raxon).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Stephen Donat, Senior Pastor	Bonnee Noyes-Bongiorno, Parish Nurse
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