

## 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 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 <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**

**DECEMBER 1, 2013**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:30 A.M. Service**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**

Karen Murray, Worship Leader

**CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

**People: let us go to the house of the Lord!**

Leader: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains.

**People: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!**

**WORSHIP IN SONG: AWAKE, O ISRAEL** (by Merla Watson)

Awake, O Israel, put off thy slumber and the truth shall set you free; For out of Zion comes thy Deliverer, in the year of jubilee. O, hallelujah, O, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord! (repeat)

For in the furnace of much affliction, I have chosen thee; Behold, and so for iron I'll give thee silver and for brass I'll give thee gold. O, hallelujah, O, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord! (repeat)

Thou art My chosen, for I have sought thee, thou are graven on My hand; And I will gather all those that gather, they shall come back to their land. O, hallelujah, O, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord! (repeat)

(1974 Catacombs Productions, Ltd.)

**HE IS EXALTED** (by Twila Paris)

He is exalted, The King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, And I will praise His name!

He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, The King is exalted on high. (1985 Straight Way Music)

**SHINE, JESUS, SHINE** (by Graham Kendrick)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** God, we are ready now. We want peace now. We long to receive the Prince of Peace in our world today. But don't delay too long, Holy One, for soon we'll be busy with parties, and decorating, and baking, and shopping. Our lives are crammed so full, we find it hard to calendar you in; we find it hard to locate the time to welcome the Light of the World. We need your help, O God. Teach us to set aside our party wardrobes, and clothe ourselves in Jesus Christ. Guide us into true readiness, even though we do not know the date and time, when true peace will reign. Wake us up; shake off the cobwebs of our complacency; and take us with you on the path up your holy mountain. Plant your peace within us, so that each day, each moment, we may be ready for the harvest of your love. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** The light of God's love shines brightly! The invitation is given: Come, walk in the light. **Amen!**

**COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** *(Charles Wesley)*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. *(Public Domain)*

**I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT** *(by Kathleen Thomerson)*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. *Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *(Refrain)*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *(Refrain) (1975 Celebration)*

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**, verse 1 *(Phillips Brooks)*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight. *(Public Domain)*

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Advent Prayer  
Youth Choir

William Sisson

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to: Morlee Katherine Sell, born August 16, 2013 to Doug & Katie Sell. Grandparents are Doug & Candy Sell and Jack & Sherry Evans.

**SHARING THE WORD Scripture:**

Luke 2:8-14

**Message:** *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam, 1 Bethlehem or Bedlam?*

Pastor Steve Donat

**CALL TO COMMUNION**

**RESPONSE:** Holy Communion

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** - The congregation is invited to receive Communion at the Communion rails. Come forward when you are ready, and receive the Communion elements with joy. These symbols represent the Body and Blood of Jesus offered for our forgiveness and new life. The invitation to receive comes from Jesus himself, and is not based on membership in this or any other Church. While you are waiting for your place at the Communion rail, take advantage of this quiet time to meditate, and offer your personal prayer and praise to God. *(If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and the Elements will be brought to you).* **For those members with grape juice allergies, whole grapes are available. There will also be gluten-free wafers available.**

**CLOSING HYMN 242 LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS** *(by Christina Rossetti)*

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the God head, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign. *(Oxford University Press)*

**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: 517 Sunday School: 157 **ACOLYTE:** Mike Gural

**USHERS:** John Clawges, Kathy Clawges, Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Mocado

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, 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:** Brian & Melissa O'Donnell, to the Glory of God and in memory of his brother, John O'Donnell.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Michael & Susan Comegys and family on the death of his mother.

**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), Janice Swank (daughter of Ben & Alice Brenner).

**SERVING OVERSEAS:** Ryan Rexon (son of Debby Rexon).

**The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

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