

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.

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 (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

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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

11:00 A.M. Service

HOLY COMMUNION

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS

Numbers in the bulletin refer to pages in the United Methodist Hymn book located in the pews

PRELUDE

Variants on “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Gerald Near

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***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!

***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!**

CALL TO PRAYER 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*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out the blue-colored card that you will find in the bulletin. Write any special prayer requests on the back, and pass them face down to the center aisle.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz
Adult Choir

***DOXOLOGY 95**

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 206** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to: Cameron Harper Campbell & Christopher George Campbell, born July 31, 2013 to Paul & Christine Campbell.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14
SERMON *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam, 1*
Bethlehem or Bedlam? Pastor Steve Donat

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Page 13
GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

In the United Methodist Church all Christians are welcome to receive Communion. As you come forward to receive the Elements, you may stand if you are unable to kneel. 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. Both are located on the end of the communion rails at the center aisle.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

- 204** Emmanuel, Emmanuel
- 219** What Child Is This, verse 1
- 232** When Christmas Morn Is Dawning, verses 1 & 2
- 242** Love Came Down at Christmas, verses 1 & 3
- 241** That Boy-Child of Mary, verses 1 & 2

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN 203** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** *The People Stand

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.

USHERS: Jack Feeley, John Halligan, David Shinn, Sam Townsend, Rick Young

COMMUNION USHERS: Bill Potter, Glen Haegele, Paul Gager, Jack Schweitzer, John Daglian

ACOLYTES: Alex Weitzner, Taylor Marcinek **GREETER:** Pat Cornell

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 517 Sunday School: 157

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 the 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 Rixon (son of Debby Rixon).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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