

## 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.
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 (7 <sup>th</sup> - 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 8, 2013**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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 & LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: In this season of prophecy, promise, and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**People: We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world - and change us.**

Leader: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

**People: We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts.**

**We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship our God – the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

**WORSHIP IN SONG: ALL EARTH IS WAITING** (by Alberto Taule)

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.

All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," for his name is

"God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord.

He is now coming closer, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared, yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,

for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

(United Methodist Publishing House)

**YOU ARE HOLY (PRINCE OF PEACE)** (Marc Imboden, Tammi Rhoton)

**Men/Women (echo):** You are holy, You are mighty, You are worthy, Worthy of praise.

I will follow, I will listen, I will love You all of my days.

**Chorus 1: (Women):** *You are Lord of lords, You are King of Kings, You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything.*

*You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am, You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb. You're the living God*

*You're my saving grace You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days. You are Alpha Omega Beginning and*

*End You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for*

*you.*

**Chorus2: ( Men):** *I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore Him, I will bow*

*down before Him. I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy. I will love and adore Him, I will bow*

*down before Him. You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.*

**All:** *You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You. (1994 Music Services)*

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of hope and encouragement, we come in the midst of this season of busyness and preparations: to find a time and space to slow down, to reflect on what our true preparations should be. We need to prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of love and hope. We need to prepare our minds to focus on your promise that a messiah will come and nothing will be the same. We need to prepare our spirits: to praise God for prophecy, promises, and preparation; to find hope and encouragement; to find peace and joy. May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.

**O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL** (VERSES 1-3, 7)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (1989 U.M.. Pub. House)

**LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING** (by Theodore Baker)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load. (1971 The Church Pension Fund)

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** (Phillips Brooks) (VERSE 2)

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth! (Public Domain)

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Junior and Wesley Choirs

**SHARING THE WORD Scripture:**

Galatians 5:13-15

**Message: *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam, 2***

***Christ Came to Set Us Free***

Pastor Steve Donat

**CLOSING SONG AMAZING GRACE** (My Chains Are Gone) (arr. by Chris Tomlin)

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that Grace appear, the hour I first believed.

*Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free; my God, my Savior has ransomed me.*

*And like a flood, His mercy reigns unending love Amazing Grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (repeat chorus 2x)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine, You are forever mine. (©2006 Integrity's Hosanna! 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: 521 **ACOLYTE:** Alex Bewley

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

**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:** Fern and Don Knerr, to the Glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

**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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