

## 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 15, 2013** **THIRD 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.

### PROCESSIONAL

Adeste Fideles

Greg Gilpin

(congregation remains seated)

### CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: In the midst of the barren land,

**People: flowers burst into bloom.**

Leader: In the midst of the dry desert,

**People: streams of water gush forth.**

Leader: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

**People: joy and gladness dance together.**

Leader: We shall see the glory of God!

### CHOIR

Christmas Hymn

Michael W. Smith

**OPENING PRAYER:** God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises. Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant water of life. Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love. Be born anew in our hearts and in our world. Come, Jesus; come. We are ready! Amen.

### \*HYMN 234 (verses 1,3,6)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arranged by David Willcocks

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-15

Brian O'Donnell

### HYMN 250

Once In Royal David's City

arranged by Jonathan Willcocks

**Verse 1: Women only**

**Verse 2: Choir only**

**Verse 3 & 4: All**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:1-6

Brian O'Donnell

### CHOIR

In Excelsis Deo

Greg Gilpin

**PRAYER:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you. We bless you. We adore you. We glorify you. We give thanks to you for your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, God Almighty Father. Lord Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You who take away the sins of the world, hear our prayer. You who sit at the Father's right hand, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone, Lord! You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit to the glory of God the Father. Amen *(A hymn of the early church, from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, AD)*

**CHOIR** I Heard the Bells On Christmas Day (Peace On Earth) J.B. Calkin

**WELCOME AND OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHOIR** Offering Paul Baloche

**HYMN 224** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice arranged by Jonathan Willcocks

**Verse 1: All (Leave out “News, News!”)**

**Verse 2: Choir only**

**Verse 3: All**

**MEDITATION** *Love Came Down in Bethlehem* Pastor Steve Donat

**CHOIR** Come Make a Place Sue Smith and Joel Lindsey

**PRAYER:** O God, help us to see and to believe that love is the most powerful force in all of your creation. Help us to find ways, day by day, to love others as you love us, and in so doing, may we truly make a place for you. Amen.

\***RECESSIONAL HYMN 240** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

\***GOING FORTH:** The 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.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 522 Sunday School: 155

**ACOLYTE:** Brianna Kelly

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

**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:** The Marcinek Family, to the Glory of God and in honor of Taylor's 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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, 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), Jane Ansell.

**The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

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