

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

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions

DECEMBER 29, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

Leader: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

People: Thanks be to the God of light.

Leader: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

People: Thanks be to the God of peace.

Leader: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

People: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life. AMEN.

WORSHIP IN SONG: ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (by James Montgomery) (Public Domain)

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;

ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing;

yonder shines the infant light: (refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations;

ye have seen his natal star: (refrain)

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending,

in his temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

THE FIRST NOEL (Traditional English Carol) (VERSES 1, 2, 4)

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light,

and so it continued both day and night. *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right

over the place where Jesus lay. *Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.* (Frederick Harris Music Co. Ltd)

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives throughout the coming year; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN *(Traditional)*

God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we are gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;
This Holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy. *(Public Domain)*

CHILD IN THE MANGER *(Traditional Gaelic Melody)*

Child in the manger, Infant of Mary, Came as a stranger born in the stall;
Sweet little Jesus sent down from heaven, God's gift of new life offered to all.

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder, Angels behold Him there on His throne;
Worthy the Savior of all our praises, Happy and ever blest are His own. Amen. *(1974 Fred Brock Music Co.)*

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER *(by Christina Rossetti)*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part: yet what I can I give him: give my heart. *(Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE O COME LET US ADORE HIM (VERSES 1 & 2)

O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him; O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
For You alone are worthy, for You alone are worthy; for You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord.
(1988 Integrity's Hosanna Music)

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

SHARING THE WORD Scripture:

Luke 14:15-24

Message:

No Excuse Discipleship

Jamel Flag

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: 584 Sunday School: 162

USHERS: John Clawges, Kathy Clawges, Bob Koury, Marcia Koury, Carlos Mocoelo

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 VIOLET ON THE ALTAR IS TO WELCOME: Violet Adelaide Mullen, born December 20, 2013 to Amanda and Dan Mullen. The Great-grandmother is Shirley Boren.

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, Claire Regn, Victoria Palko (recent Moorestown H.S. Grad), Sumiko Young (Moorestown Girl Scout Leader).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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