

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

January 5, 2014

EPIPHANY

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

The Three Kings

Settings by Fred Bock & Gordon Young

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!

People: We are called out of our darkness into light.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.

People: We rejoice in the gift of light.

Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.

People: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the Light incarnate.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble around bombarded by news of war and poverty, famine and genocide, injustice and oppression. The maelstrom of things and issues coming from the darkness of this world can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us truly be people of the light, shining your light of righteousness, peace, and joy into all the dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of purpose guided by your star. Let the light break into our lives and our world, and transform us into people of the light.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: As certain as the dawn follows the night, so is the promise of God's forgiveness and love for us all. Arise and Shine. Follow the star. Find the light of the world born in Bethlehem . . . and be transformed from darkness into light! **Amen!**

CALL TO PRAYER JESUS, DRAW ME CLOSE (by Rick Founds)

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer Lord, to you. For I desire to worship and obey (1990 Maranatha Press)

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

Come, Follow That Star
Adult Choir

Nancy Price & Don Besig

***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 707**

Hymn of Promise

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-17

SERMON

Fresh Start

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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

229 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

251 Go, Tell It on the Mountain, verse 3

249 There's a Song in the Air, verse 1

254 We Three Kings, verse 1

249 There's a Song in the Air, verse 3

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING SONG HIGHER GROUND** *(Johnson Oatman)*

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day; still praying as I'm onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground." Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith on heaven's table land, a higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim is higher ground. Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith on heaven's table land, a higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled; for faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground. Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith on heaven's table land, a higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height, and catch a gleam of glory bright; but still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "Lord, lead me on to higher ground." Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith on heaven's table land, a higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

***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: Ed White, Becky White, Ralph Adamson, Garth Berner, Rob Kazmierski, Gene Kindig

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

ACOLYTES: Alex Weitzner, Taylor Marcinek **GREETER:** Marilyn Schnitzer

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 435

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: Ed & Becky White, to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

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).

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