



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church Newsletter
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Join us for Worship - Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

First UMC's annual Veteran's Appreciation Service is scheduled for Sunday, November 10th at 2:30 pm, with dinner to follow at 4:00 pm. The date and time are set for this special service; all we need now are some committed volunteers willing to help make it a success. This year we are making some changes in the service and need your help!

Requirements to accomplish a successful service and dinner:

- Prayers for the function
- People to help plan the service
- A guest speaker
- Special music
- Scripture readers
- People willing to use their connections in advertising this function
- Someone experienced in ordering and cooking for a large crowd
- People to help set up tables and take down tables
- People to help serve the food and clean up

Please contact Linda Wanagas at 856-273-1298 if you are interested in working on this special event for our veterans.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

First United Methodist Church is a community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions.

TUESDAYS WITH GOD A Weekly Prayer Gathering of the Faithful



Every Tuesday evening at 6:00-6:45 p.m., there is a weekly gathering for prayer in the chapel. If you need someone to pray with, if you would like to improve your prayer life, or if you desire to pray for others, this is the place to come. Pastor HeyYoung leads this time of prayer. Please join us.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE!

September 18th & 19th
Fellowship Hall wing
Items may be dropped off
Sept. 15-17

See pg. 2 for more details

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 1-8	Host IHN
Sept. 2nd	Labor Day - church office closed
Sept. 5th	Adult Choir begins
Sept. 8th	Fall Sunday School session begins
Sept. 8th	Handbell groups begin
Sept. 9th	First Place 4 Health programs begin
Sept. 9th	Miriam Circle - 7:30 pm
Sept. 10th	Church Council - 7:00 pm
Sept. 11th	DivorceCare session begins - 6:30 pm
Sept. 12 th	Youth Group/Dinner/Choir begins
Sept. 14-15	Christian Education weekend
Sept. 18th	Rummage Sale - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Sept. 19th	Rummage Sale - 9:30am-2pm; 6-8:30pm
Sept. 21st	Adult Fellowship - 6:00 pm

LAY LEADER LINES

Time for school! Where has our summer gone?

I hope that you all were able to take some time on your front porch this summer. September always feels like a transition time for me, and the beginning of a new year.

As a former classroom teacher, my thoughts went back to the book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum. I frequently return to the book for inspiration and grounding. Here are some of the author's key points.

Warm cookies and milk are good for you - for sure! First Corinthians 13:4-7 encourages us to be kind to ourselves. So within reason, why not have occasional cookies and milk, or some appetizing treat?

Share everything! Hebrews 13:16 teaches us to "remember to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." I love to watch two year old children play - many things seem to be "mine"! Three year olds, according to our granddaughter Amanda, are "old enough to share". We might be able to learn from these children at times.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Ephesians 4:32 inspires us to "be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us." This can be a tough one, no matter what stage of life we are in.

Live a balanced life - learn some, draw some, paint some, sing and dance some, play and work some every day! Wow! I read Ecclesiastes 3:1, 22a, which remind me of this balance lesson. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. I saw that there is nothing better for a man than to enjoy his work".

As we all get busier in this fall season, work harder in our jobs, our church responsibilities, our volunteer activities, my prayer for each of us is to find this balance. Perhaps we can learn from each other. God bless!

Kathy Appleton
Associate Lay Leader

**RUMMAGE SALE
September 18th & 19th**

Location: **First United Methodist Church**
(Fellowship Hall wing)

Hours: Wednesday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
(Bag Night)

**Soup & snack lunch served from
11:30 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday

Donations Only Accepted:

Sunday, Sept. 15th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday Sept. 16th & Tuesday Sept. 17th
8:30 am to 8:00 pm

*Sorry, we may need to close doors early for donations
if we are full.

Please, no heavy items which require 2 people to carry.



MIRIAM CIRCLE

The first meeting of the fall season will be
Monday Sept. 9th at 7:30 PM in the church
parlor. Georgie Jenkins will lead us in devotions, and
the hostesses will be Esther Wesley and Barbara
Dapper. Dorothy Scott will be our speaker. Her talk
will be about the Neighborhood Center, and how they
serve the Camden area. Ladies please come out and
join us for an evening of Christian Fellowship.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Everyone's invited to help us kick-off the new season on
September 21 with the production of **Girls Again**, a
musical revue featuring a group of senior ladies, who
love to dance, including line and tap dancing. This
entertaining program starts around 7:45 PM in
Fellowship Hall, but why not also join us for fellowship
at 6:00 and a covered dish dinner at 6:30 PM.

If you are planning to be there for dinner, please call
Carol or Charlie Rudolph, 856-235-9206 or Barbara
Dapper, 856-235-1765 and let us know what delicious
food you are bringing to share. Don't forget to also
bring your place settings & flatware. We hope to see
you on the 21st and at the Rummage Sale, Sept. 18&19.



FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

John 17:3

How will “they” know unless we tell them!

It's that time of year again when things start jumping. (Although for many of us it's always that time of year.) Folks are returning to school. The dance classes, karate classes, music & art classes, soccer, football, cheerleading, volleyball and other sporting practices and games are scheduled. Scouts start their Fall schedule and the list goes on. So what about Church, Sunday School, Youth Group and special family time? Are they on your calendar too or are they only attended when nothing else is scheduled?

It is my belief that in order to do all the other 'things' on my calendar I must first make time to Worship God, to give thanks to Him for all His blessings and to be in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. As Christians we are to embrace God's love, to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, to live life with the Holy Spirit and to share the Good News of eternal life with Jesus Christ. In order to do that consistently though, we must first see to it that our own spiritual life is intact.

We need Church and all that it has to offer! We need to learn and grow in our own Spiritual Journey and we need Fellowship with other Christians. We NEED to be equipped to go and to share His love.

I truly pray that you will make your Spiritual health a top priority this Fall and when you're filling out your calendar with all the other activities that take time in your life you will mark in big bold letters **CHURCH!** (See you there!)

*Grace & Peace,
Karen Murray, DCE*

Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday School for All ages begins on September 8th

9:30 - 2yr. olds thru Adult

11:00 - Kindergarten thru Adults

(A few volunteers are still needed to assist with Sunday School at both hours.)

Soup & Study will Resume on OCTOBER 2nd

Soup Dinner at 6:00 & Studies begin at 7:00 unless otherwise noted. Check the Weekly Announcement Page for further information.

**Thursday Youth Group, Dinner & Choir Combo
Begin September 12th**

Young Followers - K-1 :

Begin with Dinner at 4:30 then Choir at 5:15 and returning for Fellowship from 5:45-6:30

CHUM & Trailblazers - 2nd Grade-6th :

Begin with Choir at 4:30 then Dinner & Fellowship from 5:15 to 6:30.

This is a great opportunity for the children to make lasting friendships while experiencing, singing and learning about God. (Volunteers are always needed.)

DivorceCare Begins September 11th at 6:30.

First Place 4 Health Begins the week of September 9th. Check the Bulletin Announcement Page & the Website for specific dates & times.

Christian Education Weekend September 14th & 15th

During the Worship Services we will be celebrating the many volunteers who have answered “the Call” to service in the Education Department. The current 3rd Graders will also be receiving their very own Bible at the 9:30 Worship Service. This is a special day, Come Celebrate!

If you would like to volunteer in the Christian Education Department, please contact me at 856-222-1120 or via e-mail at education@meetwithGod.com.



MUSIC MINISTRY
REHEARSAL TIMES & START-UP DATES



ADULT CHOIR *Begins September 5th*

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 8:00-10:00 p.m. The Adult Choir sings a wide variety of music at the 11:00 am worship service, in addition to special concerts.

YOUTH CHOIR *Begins September 12th*

The Youth Choir is for teens in 7th - 12th grades. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-7:45 p.m. The Youth sing contemporary as well as traditional style music.

WESLEY CHOIR *Begins September 12th*

The Wesley Choir is for children in 5th & 6th grades. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Their music can be in 2 parts, traditional, contemporary, and can also include an occasional soloist.

JUNIOR CHOIR *Begins September 12th*

The Junior Choir is for children in 2nd - 4th grades. Rehearsals are also Thursdays from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Their music is also quite diverse. Junior and Wesley Choirs usually rehearse together - and put on a musical play on Mother's Day.

PRIMARY CHOIR *Begins September 12th*

The Primary Choir is for children aged 5 years through 1st grade. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 5:15-5:45 p.m. The children sing songs, play instruments & games, and joyfully sing songs of faith.

ADULT HANDBELL RINGERS *Begins September 8th*

Rehearsals are Sundays 12:15-1:15 p.m. Adult Bells have participated in local handbell festivals and play regularly in church worship services.

YOUTH HANDBELLS RINGERS *Begins September 8th*

Youth Handbell Ringers is for teens (7th - 12th grades). Rehearsals are Sundays 6:00-6:50 p.m. These talented musicians not only add to our worship services, but they have performed concert tours to many places including England, Italy and Germany.

JUBILATION CHIMERS *Begins September 8th*

Jubilation Chimers is a handchime choir for children (4th-6th grades). Rehearsals are Sundays 5:15-5:50 p.m. They learn ringing techniques, play regularly in church and have participated in handbell festivals.

PRAISE TEAM *(Ongoing)*

Our Praise Team, a group comprised of singers and a band, leads the 9:30 worship service with contemporary praise choruses and hymns. Rehearsals are 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

YOUTH PRAISE BAND & LITURGICAL DANCE GROUPS

Rehearse as needed for special services.

A desire to serve and a willingness to commit to the music group are all that is required to become an active participant in the music ministry. For more information, pick up a music ministry brochure in the narthex, or contact Glenn Rodgers, our Music Director, at music@meetwithGod.com or 222-9369.



1st UMC GOLF OUTING

Saturday, October 5th

Ramblewood Country Club

1:00 pm shotgun start
(lunch before the round)

Cost: \$60

Includes: golf, cart, lunch
and a beverage

Format: 4 person scramble



Everyone is invited and we will have snacks, beverages and fellowship on the patio after golf. Fun will be had by all. Please call Rick Jagodzinski:

evening - 856-273-0805

daytime - 856-231-5637