

## 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 Person: Gail Van Dyke, 856-667-6354

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Miriam Circle meets second Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Barbara Dapper, Leader, 235-1765

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: 2pm Rm. E204. All welcome! Contact Person: Dale Duffin, 609-845-3044

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-9 A.M. at Maritsa's in Maple Shade. Contact Person: Carol Talbot, 856-235-9346

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Kathy Appleton, 856-234-0089, Suanne Bryan 856-824-0672

Mike Zolty 609-781-7131, 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)

Email prayer chain: To add a name to the email prayer chain, contact Church@meetwithGod.com

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: Kathy Clawges, 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

PRAISE TEAM - MUSIC AND BAND - Meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

GOSPEL CHOIR – Meets Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

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.

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**

**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

July 31, 2016

11:00 A.M. Service

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX  
HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS**

**PRELUDE**

Psalm – Prelude (Psalm 23:4)

Herbert Howells

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In the darkest valley and at the banquet table;

**People: In the hard work of life and at the moments of ease;**

Leader: In our day-to-day reality and for times set aside like this for worship,  
for listening, for paying attention;

**People: With every step we take: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.**

**\*OPENING HYMN 529**

How Firm a Foundation

**\*OPENING PRAYER** - Lord Jesus, you never promised us that the journey towards heaven would be easy or without seasons and circumstances that are overwhelming; but you have promised never to leave us or forsake us, even in the darkest valley. That's all we really need to know – that you are close to us and that you love us. Even when you have to guide us and discipline us we know the goal is our comfort and always your glory. Thank you for being our loving Shepherd. Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE READING 780-781**

Psalm 46

Sing Response 1

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885**

A Modern Affirmation

**\*GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.

**CALL TO PRAYER YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE** *(by Michael Ledner) (1981 Maranatha! Music)*

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance; Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it along to the person next to you and then pass back to the center aisle. Write any special prayer requests on the sheets provided in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Children's Choir

### \*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 534

Be Still My Soul

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:16-22, 32-33

### MESSAGE

Psalms 23:4

Pastor Richard Nichols

*Through the Valleys*

### \*CLOSING 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

### \*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, Robert Durand, John Renouf, Gene Kindig

**GREETERS:** George & Linda Gross **ACOLYTE:** Eli Haegele

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Doug Sell, Sr. **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 367

**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:** Garth Berner, to the glory of God and in memory of wife, Mary and parents, Ray and Jean Berner.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Nancy Bogden, Mike Emmel, Lloyd Vessels (friends of Bruce Van Dyke), Carolyn Emme, Rose Marie Sturtevant (mother of Karen Pry), Charlie Delaney, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Bruce Slocum, Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), Susan Moody (daughter-in-law of Joan Moody), Nitin Shah & Malvika Cherukara (friends of Barun McArthur), Jane Mertz, Ayla Clark, Patiann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Barbara Lobe, Tom Bintliff, Jr. (friend of Doug Hamilton), Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, John Jewell (son of Mary Wedge), Kaelyn Joyce (granddaughter of Jack & Dorothy Schweitzer), Elsie Murray (mother of Bob Murray), Barbara Wilson (sister-in-law of Linda Wanagas), Lissa Herman (friend of Carol Talbot), Frank Caputo, Sr. (father of Frank Caputo), Shirland Daglian, Bruce Simmons & Charlotte Froman (friends of Ed & Mary Lou Nelson), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), Elizabeth Stellwagen, Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam (cousin of Elite Law).

**SERVING OVERSEAS IN IRAQ:** Specialist L. Colby Cooper, boyfriend of Abigail Sell.

### The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Richard Nichols, Senior Pastor

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