

## 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 welcome. Contact person: Doug Sell, Jr. 267-259-0621

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Miriam Circle, Barbara Dapper, Leader, 856-235-1765

MONDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 A.M. in the Heritage Room. Contact Person: Susan Swezey 856-235-2631

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

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-9 A.M. in the Parlor. Contact Person: Betsy Heinz, 856-304-4313

SATURDAY MORNING "QUICK PRAYER": 9:30 A.M. in the Prayer Room. Contact Person: Betsy Heinz 856-04-4313

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

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

**OCTOBER 2, 2016**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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: Throughout God's world this day, Christian churches are celebrating Communion as one family.

Our sisters and brothers in Africa, Europe, South America, Asia and in all lands and countries

join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**People: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord united with our family around the world.

**WORSHIP IN SONG: O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING** (by Charles Wesley)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,

to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Chorus: So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud. There is one great love: Jesus.*

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;

'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;

his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. (chorus)

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n

by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

*Chorus: So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud.*

*There is one great love, there is one great love: Jesus, Jesus.*

There are so few words that never grow old. There are so few words that never grow old. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud. There is one great love. So, come on. So, come on.

So, come on and sing out, let our anthem grow loud. There is one great love, there is one great love,

there is one great love: Jesus. (2007 *Worshiptogether.com*) Arr. David Crowder and Jack Parker

**NEVER GONNA STOP** (by Tommy Walker)

For Your beauty that's been shown, for Your mysteries unknown,

for the miracles we've seen we praise You Lord.

For the story of Your love, for the wonder of Your blood how it makes the sinner clean someone like me.

(Chorus) *So I'm never gonna stop, never gonna stop lifting up my hands to You, lifting up my heart;*

*when the last day comes and goes and time will be no more I'll be praising You. No I'll never let it end I'll just*

*begin it all again, shouts of thankfulness and love I'm always gonna give a thousand years from now before*

*Your throne of grace and pow'r I'll be praising You praising You.* (repeat vss. 1, 2, and repeat chorus)

(Bridge) Though pressed on every side with troubles and fears so near me, and should the whole wide world

deny You I'll just make it louder, shout Your name on high 'cause I'm praising You.

I'll be praising, I'll be praising You. (repeat chorus)

'Cause I'm praising You. I'll be praising, I'll be praising You. (© 2000 *Integrity's Praise! Music*)

AGNUS DEI (By Michael W. Smith)

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia. Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are holy, holy. Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. You are Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. (1990 Sony/ATV Tune LLC)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** O God, you feed us with your very self. You are the living Bread for the life of the world. May we who share this blessed meal embody your compassion and faithfully show forth your love on behalf of all who hunger both spiritually and physically. Open our ears to those in need and transform our hearts, so that we who have been abundantly blessed may be a blessing to others through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABOVE ALL (by Paul Baloche, Lenny LeBlanc)

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth. Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me above all. (1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

DRAW ME CLOSE (by Kelly Carpenter) (©1994 Mercy/Vineyard Pub.)

Draw me close to You, never let me go. I lay it all down again to hear You say that I'm your friend. You are my desire, no one else will do. 'Cause nothing else could take Your place to feel the warmth of Your embrace. Help me find the way, bring me back to You. You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed. You're all I want. Help me know You are near. (repeat)

You're all I want, Help me know You are near. Help me know You are near. Help me know You are near.

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART** (By Omer Westendorf)

(refrain) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. (1977 Archdioces of Philadelphia)

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST** - We welcome all who are worshiping 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.

**SHARING THE WORD**

Scripture: II Peter 1:2-8, 3:18

Message: Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

Pastor Richard Nichols

**RESPONSE: Invitation to Holy Communion** - The congregation is invited to receive Communion at the Communion rails. Come forward when you are ready, and receive the Communion elements with joy. These symbols represent the Body and Blood of Jesus offered for our forgiveness and new life. The invitation to receive comes from Jesus himself, and is not based on membership in this or any other Church. While you are waiting for your place at the Communion rail, take advantage of this quiet time to meditate, and offer your personal prayer and praise to God. (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.**

**CLOSING HYMN 402 LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN** (by Wm. Farley Smith)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. (The United Methodist Publishing House)

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS** and your 1<sup>st</sup> UMC family in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning following this service. Come for coffee, tea, lemonade and continental breakfast from 10:30-11:00. Just follow the path outside the Sanctuary building or wind your way inside the Education Building, up to Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**USHERS:** Greg Kincaid, Shelly Kincaid, John Clawges, Kathy Clawges, Carlos Mocelo

**ACOLYTE:** Taylor Marcinek **SCRIPTURE READER:** Judi Angelow

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 485 Sunday School: 137

**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:** Mrs. Ragnhild Banes and family, to the glory of God and in memory of William H. Moyer.  
**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Pat Leggoe and family on the death of her son, Jim Leggoe.  
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Nancy Bogden, Mike Emmel, Lloyd Vessels (friends of Bruce Van Dyke), Carolyn Emme, Charlie Delaney, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Bruce Slocum, Susan Moody (daughter-in-law of Joan Moody), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Tom Bintliff, Jr. (friend of Doug Hamilton), Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Kaelyn Joyce (granddaughter of Jack & Dorothy Schweitzer), Barbara Wilson (sister-in-law of Linda Wanagas), Lissa Herman (friend of Carol Talbot), Frank Caputo, Sr. (father of Frank Caputo), Bruce Simmons & Charlotte Froman (friends of Ed & Mary Lou Nelson), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), Elizabeth Stellwagen, Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Lee Talbot, Steve Heller, Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Doug Carty, Donna Braxton, Doris Irwin (friend of Alice Brenner), John Schmidinger (father of Robin Webb), Patiann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Joe DeCesare (son of Joyce Scheyhing's friend).  
**SERVING OVERSEAS IN IRAQ:** Specialist L. Colby Cooper, boyfriend of Abigail Sell.

**The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

Richard Nichols, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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Glenn Rodgers, Director of Music	Devika Gill, Pre-School Director
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Kathy Clawges, Youth Director	(CCLI License No. 782839)

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