

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-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

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.

JUBILATION CHIMERS (Grades 2-5) Sunday 5:15-5:45 p.m.

YOUTH BELLS (7th - 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

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Curt Diehl, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In this season of expectation

People: We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

Leader: Into the busy-ness of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude

People: We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

Leader: Into our homes and situations along with friends and families

People: We prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah

All: O come, o come, Emmanuel

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Denise Krippel

WORSHIP IN SONG: ARISE SHINE (By Steven Urspringer and Jay Fobinson)

Arise, shine, for thy light is come. Arise, shine, for thy light is come. And the glory of the Lord is risen,

The glory of the Lord is come. The Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (1983 Priesthood Publications)

SHOUT JOYFULLY (by Tom Brooks)

Shout! Shout joyfully unto God, all the earth. Shout! Shout joyfully unto God, all the earth.

Sing the glory of His name and make His praises glorious. Shout! Shout joyfully unto God, all the earth.

Joyfully, joyfully, all the earth shall worship Thee. Joyfully, joyfully, we will sing our praise to Thee,

singing praises to Thy name. (1985 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

OUR GOD (by Matt Redman)

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There's no one like you, none like you!

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, none like you!

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, there's none like You!

(chorus 2x's)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! Yes, Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then

what could stand against. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.

And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. Let's sing...(repeat chorus 2x;s)

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! Yes, Our God! (Letssingit.com)

OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you.

Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. Amen

Townley

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP *(by Tim Hughes)*

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the Earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (Repeat)
So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. *(2000 Kingsway's Thankyou Music)*

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD *(Don Moen)*

Blessed be the name of the Lord, He is worthy to be praised and adored;
So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name of the Lord!" *(1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE EMMANUEL *(by Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash)*

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel. *(2009 Worshiptogether.com)*

MEET THE STAFF – Devika Gill

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this evening. Please fill out the white colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
Message: Getting Ready Pastor Richard Nichols

CLOSING SONG THERE IS A HOPE *(Stuart Townend, Mark Edwards)*

There is a hope that burns within my heart, that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away. I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n. My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head; a consolation, strong against despair that when the world
has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Savior there. Through present suff'rings, future's fear,
He whispers courage in my ear; for I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave to see the matchless
beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face. When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing
satisfied; then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home. *(2007 Thankyou Music)*

GOING FORTH: The Benediction

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS and your 1st 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.

SCRIPTURE READER: Pam Cossaboon **ACOLYTE:** Carson Binegar

USHERS: Ed Henry, Valerie Henry, Han Rovins, Judi Angelow, David Stepp

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 420 Sunday School: 91

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: Sue Adams, to the glory of God and in memory of her sisters, Ann Griffith Redmond and Jean Griffith Janssen.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Jane Leonberg and family on the death of her husband, Dr. Stanley Leonberg.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), 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), Bruce Simmons & Charlotte Froman (friends of Ed & Mary Lou Nelson), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), Rev. Richard Thawley, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Lee Talbot, Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Doug Carty, Becky Wentworth (friend of Linda Wanagas), Tom Bahnck (son of Thomas & Gloria Bahnck), Robb Murray, Kathryn Machamer (mother of Kathy Clawges), Doris Irwin (friend of Alice Brenner), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Gloria Despres (mother of Kristine Daglian).

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

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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| Richard Nichols, Senior Pastor | Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant |
| HeyYoung Horton, Associate Pastor | Karen Halligan, Membership Secretary |
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