

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 (7 th - 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

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M. Service

PRELUDE

Zion Hears the Watchman Calling

J.S. Bach

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

***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

Steve Murray

***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

***RESPONSIVE READING 755-756** Psalm 24

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

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

Chorus: Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, praise His name, Emmanuel. (2009 *Worshiptogether.com*)

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.

CHORAL 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.

MEET THE STAFF – Devika Gill

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Shout with Joy
Adult Choir

C. Nygard

***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 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

Getting Ready

Pastor Richard Nichols

***CLOSING HYMN 368**

My Hope is Built

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

*The People Stand

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

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: Jack Feeley, John Halligan, David Shinn, Rick Young

GREETER: Jane Clark **ACOLYTES:** Emily Hagmaier, Lucas Harsche

SCRIPTURE READER: Carol Talbot

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 420 Sunday School: 91

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: 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

Richard Nichols, Senior Pastor	Joan Flamini, Administrative Assistant
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Karen Murray, Director of Christian Ed.	Doug Hamilton, Maintenance Coordinator
Kathy Clawges, Youth Director	(CCLI License No. 782839)

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