

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

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

DECEMBER 4, 2016 HOLY COMMUNION/SECOND SUNDAY IN 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

Come Lord Jesus

Praise Team

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE PRIMARY CHOIR

WELCOME

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to prepare the way;

People: The way for Christ -

Leader: the hope of Christ, the peace of Christ -

People: to enter our world, to enter our hearts.

Leader: We cry out together in the wilderness:

People: The kingdom of heaven has come near.

Leader: We come to be part of the light -

People: the light that shines in the darkness.

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

The McGrath Family

WORSHIP IN SONG: HOSANNA (*Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown*) (2006 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You; we turn to You;

Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You; we long for You;

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;

in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us; we welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; we turn to You;

in Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new;

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day; in Your presence all our fears are washed away.

(Chorus) *'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;*

in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away. (repeat) Repeat chorus

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises; Hosanna, hosanna,

come have Your way among us; we welcome You here, Lord Jesus. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

ONLY A GOD LIKE YOU (*by Tommy Walker*)

For the praises of man I will never ever stand. For the kingdoms of this world I'll never give my heart away.

Oh shout my praise. My allegiance and devotion my heart's desire and all emotion go to serve the man who died upon that tree

Chorus: Only a God like You could be worthy of my praise and all my hope and faith to only a King of all

kings do I bow my knee and sing give my everything (x2)

To only my Maker my Father my Savior Redeemer Restorer Rebuilder Rewarder

To only a God like You do I give my praise.

Only the God who left His throne above He came to live with us Come to be one of us.

To only the one who stopped to heal that blind man took the time to save that one lost lamb.

To only the King who wore that crown of thorns So I could wear the crown of life. And to only the One who conquered sin and death so we could be set free so we could stand here and sing.

(Bridge) Only a God like You, Only a God like You, Only a God like you. (x4)

To only my Maker my Father my Savior Redeemer Restorer Rebuilder Rewarder.

To only a God like You I give my praise (*2000 Integrity's Praise Music*)

COME, LORD JESUS (Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram)

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame; Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for You. Ev'ry heart longing for her King, we sing: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true: Jesus is coming soon. (chorus)
So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait: You're coming soon. So we wait, we wait for You. God, we wait; Your're coming soon. Chorus: 2x's (©2015 Sixsteps Songs)

OPENING PRAYER: (based on Isaiah 40:1-11)

Shepherding God, guide us through this season of anticipation and hope. Comfort our troubled minds, and strengthen our tired bodies. Restore the hope this season offers, that we might lift our voices with strength and joy! Straighten the crooked paths, that we might walk in your ways. Level the rocky ground, that we might prepare for your arrival in our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE (by Vikki Cook)

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free. For God, the just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness, the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace! One with Himself, I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God. (1997 PDI Worship)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE HE IS OUR PEACE (by Kandela Groves)

He is our peace, who has broken down ev'ry wall; He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you; He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you; He is our peace, He is our peace. (1975 CCCM Music)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE GOSPEL CHOIR

SHARING THE WORD Scripture:

Matthew 3:1-12

Message:

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

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 LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH (by Miller & Jill Jackson)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. (1995 Assigned to Jan-Lee 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: Jen Appleton **ACOLYTE:** McKenna Davis

USHERS: Robyn Harvey, Bruce Harvey, Steve Smith, Melissa Smith, Carlos Mocoelo

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 400 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!

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), Gary Graham (father of Brad Graham).
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

HeyYoung Horton, Associate Pastor

Karen Halligan, Membership Secretary

Glenn Rodgers, Director of Music

Devika Gill, Pre-School Director

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Kathy Clawges, Youth Director

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