

## 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.

JUBILATION CHIMERS (Grades 2-5) Sunday 5:15-5:45 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**

**DECEMBER 10, 2016**

**THIRD WEEKEND IN ADVENT**

**5:30 P.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**

Curt Diehl, Worship Leader

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

**People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

**People: for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.**

### LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Hudak Family

### WORSHIP IN SONG: CHILD IN THE MANGER *(Traditional Gaelic Melody)*

Child in the manger, Infant of Mary, Came as a stranger born in the stall;

Sweet little Jesus sent down from heaven, God's gift of new life offered to all.

Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder, Angels behold Him there on His throne;

Worthy the Savior of all our praises, Happy and ever blest are His own. Amen. *(1974 Fred Brock Music Co.)*

### OUR GOD IS MERCY *(by Brown, Heaslip, and Herbert)*

*Chorus: Our God is mercy our God is mercy; if your heart is heavy, if your soul is thirsty there is a refuge, a home for the lonely 'cause our God is near, our God is near, our God is near, our God is near. (repeat)*

The kingdom of our God is near; lift your eyes, lift your eyes.

The hope of heaven's drawing near; lift your eyes, lift your eyes.

You're blessed if you've been torn apart. You're blessed if you've a broken heart;

'cause hope is waiting at the door, salvation's here. Chorus:

Lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes, lift up your eyes, and sing. (4x) Repeat chorus *(2011 Thankyou Music)*

### ALL EARTH IS WAITING *(by Alberto Taule)*

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One, and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.

All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel, "A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel," for his name is

"God with us," our brother shall be, with him hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain; open new highways, new highways for the Lord.

He is now coming closer, so come all and see, and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared, yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,

for he lives in all Christians and is with us now; again, with his coming he brings us liberty.

*(United Methodist Publishing House)*

**OPENING PRAYER:** In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity. In the name of Emmanuel we pray. Amen.

**OFFERING** (by Paul Baloche)

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lowly shepherds.  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar hoping to find the Child from Heaven.  
Falling on their knees they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

*Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing. Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due, O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You.*

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence.  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of Heaven.  
It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come. (chorus)

Tag: O Lord, I bring an offering to You, O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You. (2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him; O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.  
For You alone are worthy, for You alone are worthy; for You alone are worthy, Christ the Lord.  
We give You all the glory, we give You all the glory; we give You all the glory, Christ the Lord.  
We'll praise Your name forever, we'll praise Your name forever; we'll praise Your name forever,  
Christ the Lord. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna Music)

**BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE 211 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VERSE 1**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (1989 UM Pub. House)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**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: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 4:12  
Message: "What am I Waiting For?"

Greg Scott

**CLOSING SONG STAR-CHILD** (by Shirley Murray)

Star-Child, earth-Child, go between of God, love Child, Christ Child, heaven's lightning rod,  
*Refrain: This year, this year, let the day arrive when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive!*

Street child, beat child, no place left to go, hurt child, used child, no one wants to know, (refrain)

Grown child, old child, memory full of years, sad child, lost child, story told in tears, (refrain)

Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more, wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store, (refrain)

Hope for peace Child, God's stupendous sign, down to earth Child, Star of stars that shine, (refrain)

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**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four.

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Bobbie Shinehouse

**INSTRUMENTS:** Victoria McGrath, Susan Schindwein, Tim Moyer

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 454 Sunday School: 106

**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:** The Marcinek Family, to the glory of God and in honor of Taylor's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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), Mike Pilenza (friend of Greg Bryan & Dick Loring).

**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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