

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: 2:00 P.M. in Room 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.

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

MARCH 26, 2017

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Blizard, Worship Leader

Leader: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day, following Jesus wherever he leads us.

People: Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us, to receive the new names we are given.

Leader: Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

People: Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.

Leader: Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

People: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.

Leader: Lent calls us to journey with God.

People: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

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WORSHIP IN SONG: AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS (by D. Harris & M. Nystrom)

Chorus: As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is the Father's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He taken our sin from us.

For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts for a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night but rejoicing comes, it comes in the morning. (chorus) (1993 Integrity's Hosanna!)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING (by Tomlin, Redman, Cash)

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.

And though the storms may come, I am holding on, to the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough, how amazing is your love?

How can I keep from shouting your name? I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.

And I will walk with you knowing you see me through, and sing the songs you give.

How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough, how amazing is your love?

How can I keep from shouting your name? I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I can sing in the troubled times. Sing when I win I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.

I can sing 'cause you pick me up sing 'cause you're there. I can sing 'cause you hear me, Lord,

when I call to you in prayer I can sing with my last breath sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne.

How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough, how amazing is your love? How can I

keep from shouting your name? I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart I am loved by the King,

and it makes my heart I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing. (c. 2006 Sixsteps Music)

JESUS LOVES ME (by Chris Tomlin)

I was lost I was in chains the world had a hold of me.

My heart was a stone I was covered in shame when He came for me.

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence. I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms.

Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me. Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me.

And it was a fire deep in my soul I'll never be the same.
I stepped out of the dark and into the light when he called my name.

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence I could run, couldn't run from His arms.
Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me. Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me.

He holds the stars and He holds my heart. With healing hands that bear the scars.
The rugged cross where He died for me my only hope, my everything.

Jesus, He loves me He loves me, oh Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me.
(He loves me, He loves me). He loves me (He loves me, He loves me) He is for me (He loves me, He loves me). My God it's amazing oh Jesus loves me.

OPENING PRAYER – Heavenly Father, May we seek you and find you, may we knock and the door be opened, for we are sojourners looking for your Kingdom. As we encounter suffering in this world, turn our hearts, our ears, our eyes, our souls toward Christ, who emptied himself, and was tempted, and suffered for us, even giving his own life. In this suffering, plant seeds of hope, and let us never stray so far into despair, that we forget the resurrection of Christ and the power of his Spirit. Amen. Thomas

BY HIS WOUNDS (by Mac Powell)

He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our sins, the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him. And by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed. (repeat)

We are healed by your sacrifice, in the life that You gave.
We are healed for you paid the price, by Your grace we are saved. We are saved.
Repeat from beginning (2007 Consuming Fire Music)

O THE BLOOD (Gateway Worship)

O the blood Crimson love Price of life's demand . Shameful sin placed on Him the Hope of every man.
Chorus: O the blood of Jesus washes me. O the blood of Jesus shed for me.
What a sacrifice that saved my life Yes, the blood, it is my victory.

Savior Son Holy One slain so I can live. See the Lamb The great I Am who takes away my sin (Chorus)

O what love no greater love Grace how can it be. That in my sin Yes, even then He shed His blood for me.

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (by Isaac Watts) (Verse 3)

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? (Public Domain)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lauren Jones

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

FAITH SHARING

Susan Zapfe

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture: Romans 6:5-11, Philippians 3:7-11
Message: The Cross of Suffering

Pastor Richard Nichols

CLOSING SONG 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)!

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.

ACOLYTE: Taylor Marcinek **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 414 Sunday School: 118
SCRIPTURE READER: Susan Lee

USHERS: Lynn Andreacola, Thomas Trasser, Greg Kincaid, Shelly Kincaid, David Stepp

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 BOUQUETS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY: Max and Beth Fisher, to the glory of God and in memory of Wendy Beth Fisher. Also given by: Jeff and Lauren Jones in memory of our son Timothy Cole who celebrates his 4th birthday in heaven today.

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), Lissa Herman (friend of Carol Talbot), Bruce Simmons & Charlotte Froman (friends of Ed & Mary Lou Nelson), Rebekah Patton (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), Robb Murray, Kathryn Machamer (mother of Kathy Clawges), Ed Davis (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), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O'Donnell), Joanne Doto (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Karen Graham, Pattie Ann Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), Caryn Abdill (Doti Stewart's sister), Carol LaFon, Dara Sawyer (daughter of Joan Flamini), Bob Evans (brother of Jack Evans).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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