

## 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-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.
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

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

**MARCH 26, 2017**

**11:00 A.M. Service**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX  
HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS**

**PRELUDE**

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**CHORAL INTROIT**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 359** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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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**\*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

**\*RESPONSIVE READING 746**

Psalm 13

**\*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 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Verse 3)

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

His Love Is Flowing Like a River  
Youth Choir

J. Gallina

**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 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.

**FAITH SHARING**

Susan Zapfe

**OFFETORY PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Ave Verum Corpus (Behold His Wounded Body) W.A. Mozart  
Adult Choir

**\*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 362** Nothing But the Blood

**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 6:5-11, Philippians 3:7-11

**MESSAGE** The Cross of Suffering Pastor Richard Nichols

**\*CLOSING HYMN 424** Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

\*The People Stand

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS** and your 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Jerry Mengel, Ellen Edwards, Bob Edwards, Helga Shay, Larry Shay

**GREETER:** Wyndham Pursley **ACOLYTES:** Anna Youse, Lucas Harsche

**SCRIPTURE READER:** Pattie Gritzan

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 414 Sunday School: 118

**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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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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