

## 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: Bob Murray, 856-366-6137

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 856-220-1661

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: 2pm in the Parlor. All welcome! Contact Person: Charlie Rudolph, 856-235-9206

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: 7:30-9 A.M. at Maritsa's in Maple Shade. Contact Person: Carol Talbot, 856-235-9346

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S SMALL GROUP: 7:30-9:00 A.M. in the Prayer Room. Contact Person: Greg Scott, 609-280-9539

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 856-304-4313

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Contact Persons: Kathy Appleton, 856-234-0089, Suanne Bryan 856-824-0672  
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: Second Sunday of each month @ 2:30. Contact person: Linda Wanagas, 856-273-1298

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, Sept. - May  
Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

CHRISTIAN TRAILBLAZERS (5th-6th Grades) Meets every Thursday, 4:30 for choir & 5:15 for dinner, fellowship & activity  
Sept. – May 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  
Sept. – May Contact Person: Karen Murray, 222-1120

COLLEGE AGE: Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 866-0285

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): Contact Person: Allan Hanlon, 802-1100

THE WORSHIP TEAM - MUSIC AND BAND - Meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.  
Contact persons: Jay Appleton, 856-234-0089 and Norm Dorrell 609-410-4862

GOSPEL CHOIR – Meets Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS – Meets September through May

ADULT CHOIR	Thursday	7:30-9:00 p.m.
YOUTH (7th -12th grade)	Thursday	6:30-7:15 p.m.
WESLEY (5th - 6th grade) Victoria McGrath	Thursday	4:30-5:15 p.m.
JUNIOR (2nd - 4th grade)	Thursday	4:30-5:15 p.m.
PRIMARY (5 yrs. - 1st grade) Joyce Scheyhing	Thursday	5:15-5:45 p.m.
ADULT BELLS	Monday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
YOUTH BELLS (7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 grade)	Sunday	6:00-6:50 p.m.

Contact: Donna Banes, 856-222-9369 (Interim Music Ministry Team Coordinator)

### 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**

**JANUARY 7, 2018**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**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**

O, Magnify the Lord  
Performed by Kings Road Revival

Dick & Mel Tunney

**WELCOME**

Rick McConnell, Worship Leader

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is Epiphany Weekend. The New Dawn will arise upon you.

**People: The Holy One will bless the people with peace.**

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

**People: The joy of the Lord is my strength.**

Leader: The New Dawn will arise upon you.

**People: God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's presence.**

**SONGS OF WORSHIP: EVERLASTING GOD** (by Brenton Brown & Ken Riley)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer You are the everlasting God, the everlasting

God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need.

You lift us up on wings like eagles. (repeat)

Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God. You do not faint, You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need. You lift us up on wings like eagles.

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You lift us up on wings like eagles. (Copyright 2005 Thankyou Music)

**ALL THE EARTH WILL SING YOUR PRAISES** (by Paul Baloche)

*Chorus: You lived, You died, You said in three days You would rise: You did, You're alive;*

*You rule, You reign, You said You're coming back again; I know that You will;*

*and all the earth will sing Your praises; all the earth will sing Your praises.*

Verse: You took, You take our sins away, O God; You give, You gave Your life away for us; You came

down, You saved us through the cross; Our hearts are changed because of Your great love. (*Chorus*)

Repeat Verse; Repeat Chorus 4x (2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

**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)

**OPENING PRAYER** – Light of Christ, awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back. Help us to recognize our sin for what it is. Enable us to behold the world as you created it to be, as you created us to be. Empower us to move from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May your light within us shine through into worship this day, as all days. This we pray in the name of Christ our true light. Amen.

**YOUR GRACE STILL AMAZES ME** (by Shawn Craig & Connie Harrington)

My faithful Father, enduring Friend, Your tender mercy's like a river with no end.

It overwhelms me, covers my sin. Each time I come into Your presence, I stand in wonder once again.

*Chorus: Your grace still amazes me. Your love is still a mystery. Each day I fall on my knees, 'cause Your grace still amazes me. Your grace still amazes me.*

Oh, patient Savior, You make me whole; You are the Author and the Healer of my soul. What can I give You, Lord, what can I say? I know there's no way to repay You, only to offer You my praise. (Chorus)

It's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger, it's higher, it's deeper, it's wider, it's stronger,

it's higher than anything my eyes can see. (Chorus) (2001 Ariose Music)

**SANCTUARY** (by John Thompson & Randy Scruggs)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You. (1982 Whole Armor/Full Armor)

### **BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: GLORY TO THE LAMB** (By Larry Dempsey)

Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb. Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb.

For He is glorious and worthy to be praised, the Lamb upon the throne;

and unto Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb upon the throne. (1983 Zionsong 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**

Kings Road Revival

Norm Dorrell

**SHARING THE WORD** Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 1:9-11

Message: Finding My Identity

Pastor Richard Nichols

**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 SONG CLOSING SONG ONE BREAD, ONE BODY** (by John Foley)

*Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.*

*And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body this one Lord.

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body this one Lord.

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS** and your 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Sue Harris **ACOLYTE:** McKenna Davis

**USHERS:** Ed Henry, Valerie Henry, Debbie O'Neill, Robin Stepp, David Stepp

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 333

**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:** Ed and Becky White, to the glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones.

**PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO:** Bob & Karen Murray and family on the death of Bob's mother, Elsie Murray.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Robb Murray, Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Gary Graham (father of Brad Graham), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O'Donnell), Joanne Doto (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Carol LaFon, Carolyn Kinnard, Deanne Czeiner, Marie Newman (friend of Doug Hamilton), Ken Kunzman (friend of Dick Loring), Jane Emely-Roach, Linda Albert, Steve Murray (brother of Bob Murray), Matt Fasbinder (friend of Mary Raroha), Mary Raroha, Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan), Carol Murphy (friend of Dick Loring and Greg Bryan), Tom Bintliff (friend of Doug Hamilton), Steve Heller, Allan Estrin, Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), MaryJane Harris (Niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada).

### **The Staff of First United Methodist Church**

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