

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 Maple Hill, 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-1st 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

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 (7th - 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

APRIL 15, 2018

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

Great Hope

Byram & Logan

WELCOME

Curt Diehl, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to church hungry, Lord! We are hungry for comfort, hungry for love, hungry for a new way of living, hungry for your word.

People: Thank you for giving us this place and this time to worship. We are eager to taste your goodness in community, with our brothers and sisters.

Together: Bless us as we gather in your presence together. Amen!

SONGS OF WORSHIP CLAP YOUR HANDS (by Charlie LeBlanc) (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

Clap your hands, all ye people, shout to God with a voice of triumph; Clap your hands, all ye people, sing for joy to the Lord.

We're singin', "hallelujah, hallelujah," We're singin', "hallelujah, hallelujah," (repeat 2x)

WHY SO DOWNCAST? (by Frank Berrios, Tom Brooks & Jeff Hamlin)

Why so downcast, Oh my soul? Put your hope in God, put your hope in God, put your hope in God. Oh, why so downcast, Oh my soul? Put your hope in God and bless the Lord, Oh my soul. (repeat)

Bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my countenance, bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my head; Bless the Lord, He's the lifter of my countenance; I will never be ashamed. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

TRADING MY SORROWS (Darrell Evans)

I'm trading my sorrows. I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse, for His promise will endure, that His joy's gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes in the morning. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna!)

OPENING PRAYER – Dear Lord, we lift your name high today, like a blanket of praise. Thank you that you cover and embrace a fallen world. Thank you for this grace, that flows endlessly to us each day. Lord, we celebrate your love, as we lay our burdens down at the foot of the cross. Thank you that we can breathe in resurrection life, thank you that we are fully redeemed and restored. Lord, today we drink in once again the hope of eternal life and the promise of heaven. Thank you for your presence. Amen.

O LORD, MY ROCK (by John S. Miller)

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. (Repeat)

Oh Lord, my rock, You are my Redeemer. (1997 John S. Miller Pub.)

OUR GOD (by Redman, Myrin, Tomlin, Reeves)

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind. There's no one like you, none like you!

Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, none like you!

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise, there's no one like you, there's none like You!

Chorus 2x's

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other. Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against. And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us. And if our God is with us, then what could stand against, then what could stand against. *Chorus 2x's*

Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other.

Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God! *(Letssingit.com)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE (by Noel Richards)

To be in your presence to sit at your feet where your love surrounds me, make my joy complete. This is my desire...(repeat 3x)

To rest in your presence not rushing away to cherish each moment this is what I pray. This is my desire...(repeat 3x) *(1991 ThankYou Music)*

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST - We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please fill out the yellow colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Saw His Face (See insert for lyrics)
Tricia Halligan, soloist

Norm Dorrell

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered to Evelyn Kathryn Clawges, born November 21, 2017 to Michael & Gabrielle Clawges.

SHARING THE WORD

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23-27; Matthew 11:28-30

Message: Guard Your Heart

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

CLOSING SONG THERE IS A HOPE (Stuart Townend, Mark Edwards)

There is a hope that burns within my heart, that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day; a glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part, yet drives all doubt away. I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n. My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head; a consolation, strong against despair that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Savior there. Through present suff'rings, future's fear, He whispers courage in my ear; for I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave to see the matchless beauty of a day divine, when I behold His face. When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die, and ev'ry longing satisfied; then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home. *(2007 Thankyou 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: Pat Cornell

USHERS: Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Kevin Stewart, Carlos Moco

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 382 Sunday School: 77

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: To the glory of God by Dot & Zollie Nemeth, in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on Apr. 17, and by Lucy & Sam Townsend in honor of their 68th wedding anniversary on Apr. 6.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Kathy & John Clawges and family on the death of Kathy's mother, Kathryn Machamer; and to David & Ellen Shinn on the death of David's mother, Rose Shinn.

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), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O'Donnell), Carolyn Kinnard, Deanne Czeiner, Ken Kunzman (friend of Dick Loring), Jane Emely-Roach, Steve Murray (brother of Bob Murray), Matt Fasbinder (friend of 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), Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), MaryJane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada), Frank Berner, June Krainik, Sue Geissler (friend of Melissa O'Donnell), Mary Cassidy (friend of Doris and Alan Coshland), Nancy Bushey (cousin of David Stepp), Denise Logan (friend of David Stepp), Gordon Swezey, Ryan LaSalvia (friend of Greg & Shelly Kincaid), Kim (friend of Lauren Jones), Anna Ranken.

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