

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 the Church Office: 856-235-0450

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

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: (MYF)

JR. HIGH MYF (6-8TH GRADE) Meets every Sunday evening: 5:30-6/Choir & 6-8:00 for worship/fellowship, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-866-0285

SR. HIGH MYF (9-12TH GRADE) Meets every Sunday evening: 5:30-6/Choir & 6-8:00 for worship/fellowship, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-866-0285

METHODIST CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP (MCF) (K-5TH Grades)

Meets every Thursday at 5:00 for dinner in Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30 for choir & fellowship Sept. – May

Contact Person: Karen Murray, 856-222-1120

COLLEGE AGE: Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-866-0285

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN): Contact Person: Allan Hanlon, 856-802-1100

KINGS ROAD REVIVAL – WORSHIP TEAM AND BAND - Meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Contact person: Norm Dorrell, Co-Music Leader, 609-410-4862

CHOIRS AND HANDBELLS – Meets September through May

ADULT CHOIR	Thursday	7:00-8:30 p.m.
YOUTH (7th -12th grade)	Sunday	5:30-6:00 p.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (3 yrs. - 1st grade) Chapel	Sunday	9:30-9:55 a.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (2nd - 5th grade) Choir Room	Sunday	9:30-9:55 a.m.
ADULT BELLS	Monday	7:00-8:00 p.m.
YOUTH BELLS (7 th - 12 grade)	Monday	7:00-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Donna Baner, Co-Music Leader, 856-222-9369

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



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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 2, 2018

HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. Service

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WELCOME

Karen Murray, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We enter this season of Advent, and our hearts echo the church's plea. Come, Lord Jesus.

People: Come into these days too filled and hours too hurried and be our peace. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Come into this troubled and hurting world and be our hope. Come, Lord Jesus.

People: Come into this season of light and be our soul's true light. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Come into this time of celebration and be our joy. Come, Lord Jesus.

People: Come into our lives and be life for us, now and forevermore.

Leader: Come and be Emmanuel – God with us.

People: God for us. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Tyler Hare

SONG FOR ADVENT

Light the Advent Candle, Verse 1

(See insert)

SONGS OF WORSHIP DAYS OF ELIJAH (by Robin Mark)

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored; And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword; Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; so lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise; and these are the days of the harvest, the fields are white in the world; and we are Your laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. (Chorus) (1996 Daybreak Music Ltd.)

RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY (by Helena Barrington)

Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Ghost; Righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, that's the Kingdom of God. (repeat)

Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom, don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom,

don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom? Come on, ev'rybody! (repeat)

There's love in the Kingdom, so much love in the Kingdom; There's love in the Kingdom. Come on, ev'rybody!

There's peace in the Kingdom...

There's joy in the Kingdom...

I'm an heir of the Kingdom...(1988 Integrity's Praise! Music)

OPENING PRAYER – Gracious God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of the darkness in the advent of Jesus Christ; you continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.

JESUS, MESSIAH (Chris Tomlin)

He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.
*Chorus: Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; all the glory to You, God, the Light of the word. (Repeat)
Chorus (2008 sixsteps Music)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verses 1,2,4,6) (1989 United Methodist Pub. House)

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.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (Verse 4)

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Shout to the Lord Darlene Zschech

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Mark 13:3-8, 32-37 Bruce Smith
Message: Advent: A Season of Contradictions Pastor Tom Korkuch

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 HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE (by Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher)

In the bleak mid-winter, all creation groans for a world of darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.
*(Chorus) And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a child is born, the King of kings and Lord of lords. And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.*

If I were a wise man, I would travel far. If I were a shepherd, I would do my part.
But, poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart. (Chorus)

Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies, This baby born for sacrifice:
Christ, the Messiah! Into our hopes, into our fears, The Savior of the world appears,
the promise of eternal years: Christ, the Messiah!

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore, (repeat 3x) (Chorus) (©Musicnotes.com)

GOING FORTH

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: Tyler Hare **USHERS:** Robyn Harvey, Bruce Harvey, Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Carlos Mocelo

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 322 Sunday School: 67

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!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot &
Zollie Nemeth), Jane Mertz, Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Sam Wang (cousin of
Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), 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), 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), Sue Geissler (friend of
Melissa O'Donnell), Judy Henningsen (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), Anna Ranken, Bob Scheyhing, Jane Leonberg, Mike Panzano, Barbara Yarnall (Karen Murray's
mother), Nancy Zak (sister of Mary Starn), John Carty, Barbara Dapper.

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