

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 Banes, 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



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 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

What Child Is This

WELCOME

Rick McConnell , Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold! God is good and has set a star in the heavens to guide us to the truth.

**People: We follow it with joy, knowing that God will give us strength to climb the hills,
and sight to conquer the darkness.**

Leader: Behold! God is good and has promised us a Savior to lead us to righteousness.

**People: We await the Savior's coming with gladness and with expectation that in the holy birth
our lives may be renewed.**

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Doug Sell

SONG FOR ADVENT

Light the Advent Candle, Verse 4

SONGS OF WORSHIP WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS (*Nahum Tate*) verses 1,2,6

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of human kind, to all of human kind."

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;

good will hence forth from heaven to earth begin and never cease, begin and never cease!" (*Public Domain*)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (*by John F. Wade*) Verses 1, 2, 3, 4

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten, not created; Refrain.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; Refrain.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; Refrain (*Public Domain*)

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR (*by N. Regney, G. Shayne*)

Said the night wind to the little lamb, Do you see what I see? '

Way up in the sky, little lamb, Do you see what I see?

A star, a star, Dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite, With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?

Ringin' thru the sky, shepherd boy, Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song, High above the tree,
with a voice as big as the sea, With a voice as big as the sea.



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Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king, Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold; Let us bring Him silver and gold, Let us bring Him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people ev'ry where, Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people ev'ry where, Listen to what I say! The Child; The Child, sleeping in the night;
He will bring us goodness and light, He will bring us goodness and light. *(Public Domain)*

OPENING PRAYER – Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus, for whose coming we continue to prepare during this Advent season. Yet so often during this time of the year we get caught in the trappings of this world and forget to look for the signs of your kingdom among us. Give us the strength and the courage to turn our eyes to you in the midst of our busy lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN *(Traditional)*
God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Saviour
was born upon this day; To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem in Jewry this blessed babe was born, and laid within a manger upon this blessed morn:
The which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. (refrain)

From God our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. (refrain)

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a feeding
in tempest, storm and wind, and went to Bethlehem straightway, the blessed babe to find. (refrain)

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood,
Each other now embrace; This Holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface. (refrain) *(Public Domain)*

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS *(Nahum Tate)* Verse 6
"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will hence forth from heaven
to earth begin and never cease, begin and never cease!" *(Public Domain)*

SPECIAL MUSIC Light One Candle Sleeth
Children's Choirs age 2nd – 5th Grades

CHILDREN'S CHAT – Karen Murray

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.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC Dos Marimbas Norm Dorrell, Elizabeth Horton

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Jeff Jones
Message: Advent: A Season of Rejoicing Pastor Tom Korkuch

CLOSING SONG HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING *(by Mendelssohn) (Public Domain)*
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host
proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh
to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from
the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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: Alexis DeLuca

USHERS: Robyn Harvey, Bruce Harvey, Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Carlos Moco

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 458 Sunday School: 45

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!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Cheryl-Jones Holaday and family on the death of her mother, Mildred Jones.
ALSO TO: Joan Flamini and family on the death of her Aunt Esther Procopio.
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, Barbara Yarnall (Karen Murray's mother), Nancy Zak
(sister of Mary Starn), John Carty, Barbara Dapper.

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