

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 (7th - 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



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MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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

11:00 A.M. Service

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

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

arr. Manz

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

***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

Lelesi Samuel

SONG FOR ADVENT

Light the Advent Candle, Verse 4

(See insert)

***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.

***RESPONSIVE READING 847**

Psalms 126

***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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Twos in the Moon of Wintertime

arr. Mocklebust

Adult Handbells

CALL TO PRAYER 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!"
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PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 blue colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Advent Celebration Paige
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 245** The First Noel

SCRIPTURE READING I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Denise Conaty

MESSAGE Advent: A Season of Rejoicing Pastor Tom Korkuch

***CLOSING HYMN 240** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**
*The People Stand

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS and your First 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: Jack Feeley, Jan Feeley, John Halligan, Peg Marcinek

GREETER: Wendy Moluf **ACOLYTES:** Synclaire Angelow, Anna Youse

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 458 Sunday School: 45

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!

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 Raroaha), 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.

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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