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

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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



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with a hurting world through words and actions

JANUARY 5, 2019

ANOINTING AND COMMUNION

5:30 P.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.

WELCOME Jim Blizard, Worship Leader

CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Thom Shuman)

Leader: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

People: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

Leader: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

People: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

Leader: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

People: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace,

where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

SONGS OF WORSHIP WE THREE KINGS (by John Hopkins, Jr.)

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,

field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,

westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,

King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. Refrain...

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;

prayer and praising, voices raising, worshiping God on high. Refrain...

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;

sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb. Refrain...

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice;

Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. Refrain... (Public Domain)

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (American Folk Song)

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,

Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain (The United Methodist Pub. House)

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE (by Graham Kendrick)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance;

By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness,

Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus)

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me. (repeat chorus) (1987 Make Way Music, Ltd.) **OPENING PRAYER** – (written by John van de Laar)

It's always been about the light with you, hasn't it, Jesus? Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation, allowed light to be their guide. And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places; the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet; the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering; the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world. It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it's always about the light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. Amen.

OFFERING (by Paul Baloche)

Falling on their knees they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace.

may You receive the honor that You're due, O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You.

It's only by Your blood and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come. (chorus)

PRINCE OF PEACE YOU ARE (by Robert Gay)

WORSHIP IN GIVING: Offering

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this evening. Please fill out the white colored card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

SHARING THE WORD Scripture: Rae Caputo

Thomas Korkuch, Senior Pastor **RESPONSE:** Invitation to Holy Communion - The congregation is invited to receive Communion this evening

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

HeyYoung Horton, Associate Pastor Donna Banes & Norm Dorrell, Co-Music Leaders

Karen Murray, Director of Christian Ed.

Kathy Clawges, Youth Director

Karen Halligan, Membership/Financial Secretary

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Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star while angels sang to lowly shepherds.

Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar hoping to find the Child from Heaven.

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing. Jesus

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love; There is no shadow in Your presence.

No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne, before the Holy One of Heaven.

Tag: O Lord, I bring an offering to You, O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You. (2003 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

Prince of Peace You are, You're the Bright and Morning Star;

Wond'rous, royal King, You have made my heart to sing.

I worship You in spirit and in truth, lifting my praise Your name

in song I raise; I give to You my life, I offer up my sacrifice,

I pledge my love to You, my God and King. My God and King. (1988 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

PRAYER RESPONSE: OFFERING (by Paul Baloche) CHORUS

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King. No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing. Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due, O Lord, I bring an offering to You, I bring an offering to You.

Matthew 2:1-12

Message: Epiphany – The Story of Wise Men

at your seats. First, the plate with the Bread will be distributed, followed by the Cup. We ask you to hold each element so that we can partake of them together. 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. For those with grape juice allergies, whole grapes are available. There will also be gluten-free wafers available. Following the Sacrament of Communion anyone who wishes to do so is encouraged to come to the Communion rail for anointing with oil and prayer. This is for the healing of our human hurts in obedience to the instruction in James 5:14-16. The oil represents the Holy Spirit. Your coming forward represents your faith and submission to the will of God. All needs may be brought into the presence of

God~ needs for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, as well as intercession for the needs of others.

CLOSING HYMN 733 MARCHING TO ZION (by Isaac Watts) (Public Domain)

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord,

join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King,

but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields,

before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

GOING FORTH

CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE in Room E101

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 293

PLEASE LET US KNOW...Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please 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, Barbara Yarnall (Karen Murray's mother), Nancy Zak (sister of Mary Starn), John Carty, Barbara Dapper, Joe Gentes (son-in-law of Jack & Jan Feeley), David Lasoski (father of Matt Lasoski).

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