

CONNECT

FUN & FAITH FELLOWSHIP: Meets the third Saturday of each month and invites adults of all ages to join them..

Contact Person: Charlie & Carol Rudolph, 856-235-9206

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Meet at 7:30 am for breakfast in Fellowship Hall generally on the 3rd Sunday of each month September through May. All men are most welcome. Contact person Greg Scott, 609-280-9539

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 Room E204. 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 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: 6-8:00 for small groups/fellowship, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-912-1148

SR. HIGH MYF (9-12TH GRADE) Meets every Sunday evening: 6-8:00 for small groups/fellowship, Sept. thru June

Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-912-1148

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: Rev. Karen Murray, 856-222-1120

COLLEGE AGE: Contact Person: Kathy Clawges, 856-912-1148

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. - 4 yrs.) Chapel	Sunday	9:35-9:55 a.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (5 yrs. - 5th grade) Choir Room	Sunday	9:35-9:55 a.m.
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (5 yrs. – 5 th grade) Choir Room	Thursday	5:30-6:00 p.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. Chapel Alternative

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Chapel Blend

9:30 A.M. Sanctuary Alternative

11:00 A.M. Sanctuary Traditional

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions

December 15, 2019

11:00 A.M. Service

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

PRELUDE

Selected Carols
United Methodist Men

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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Margie Morgan

SONG FOR ADVENT

Light the Advent Candle, Verse 3

(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 806** Psalm 85

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (by John F. Wade)

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord. (Public Domain)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 in 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 white card, including any special prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Come, Emmanuel, Come Schram
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 John 1:1-14 Lele Samuel

MESSAGE The Gift of the Nutcracker: Pastor Tom Korkuch
A Matter of Perspective

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

***POSTLUDE**
*The People Stand

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: Charles Rudolph, Ceciley Binegar, Mike Harsche, Carol Rudolph

ACOLYTES: Evan Huelbig & Noah Pearce

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 294

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!

THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY: Carol Talbot, to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR IS TO WELCOME: Savannah Jane Morgan, born Nov. 24, 2019. Savannah is the granddaughter of Barbara Leonberg Morgan.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: Susan Oppelt, on the death of her mother Ruth Oppelt.

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), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O’Donnell), Carolyn Kinnard, 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), MaryJane Harris (niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada), 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, Nancy Zak (sister of Mary Starn), John Carty, David Lasoski (father of Matt Lasoski), Marion Lundgren (friend of Jack & Jan Feeley), Anna Hustus, Eileen Hewlitt (friend of Doug Hamilton), Donna Ansell, Pat Lavoie (friend of the Feeley’s), Alan Coshland, Fred Bowman (friend of Ruth Smith), Elene Hawthorne (sister of Shirland Daglian), David Wilson (nephew of Linda and Rob Wanagas), Joan Moody, Estella Bowman (sister-in-law of Jean Bowman), Alicia (granddaughter of Carol Heller), The Luyber Family (friends of Joel Bewley), Luis Santana (friend of Doug & Candy Sell), Susan & Ed Kenkelen (friends of Kevin Roach), Joan Flamini, Marilyn MacRae, Matthew Smith (son-in-law of JoAnn Kilcher), Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Barbara Engelbrecht.

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