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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our home bound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, and offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card.

Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](#)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](#)

For example, take a picture of something that speaks to you of God and his love and share it on your favorite social media site (be sure to tag our church)

Above all, pray for our church and its people. Pray for our pastor and our ministry. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders. Pray for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the persecuted Church, those in prison and hospitals and nursing homes, folks struggling with addictions, etc.



November 7, 2017

Greetings First United Methodist Church of Trenton family and friends!

The weather is finally cold, but I trust your hearts are still warm with love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Jim and I were pleased that 32 of you joined us at the parsonage for the potluck picnic September 24th which turned out to be a very hot day. We 're inviting you all over again on Friday, December 29th for our annual Christmas open house from 3-8 p.m. Just bring yourselves please- No food and no gifts! Of course, we have got a lot going on at church before then...

On Sunday, November 19th we will host the Seaway Chorale in a preview of their Christmas Concert here at church at 4 p.m. Sign up to bring snacks and plan on attending! We'll pass out news about our services to guests that evening. I have ordered 500 free door hangers to advertise our holiday programming, and I would like your help distributing them around town. So look for them at church soon. We will also have a new sign outside the church to match the door hangers- all this free thanks to funding by the UMC. Plan on staying after church on Sunday, November 26th to help decorate the church for Christmas and to enjoy lunch with us afterwards.

Our Advent study this year will be start on Monday, November 27 in the lounge and will be on Mondays at 7 p.m. on December 4, 11, and 18.. We'll be picking the study soon and ordering books, so let me know if you are interested in attending. Books will cost between \$10-12.

On Saturday, December 2, we will once again welcome the community into our church from 5 -7 p.m. during the time of the Christmas parade for free hot chocolate, free Christmas cookie decorating for children, AND our annual Chili Cook-Off! Please let us know if you can make a batch of your chili for the cook-off. It doesn't have to be an original recipe or anything; we just want to have chili available for folks and to raise some money for missions! Plan on joining us for this fun event and community outreach! We will also have some books and small gifts to give to children.

Don't miss worshipping with us this Advent which starts Sunday, December 3 which means that the fourth Sunday of Advent is actually Christmas Eve this year. So we will have worship that morning at our usual time of 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. for our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve worship. I sure hope that you will plan on attending both services to celebrate the Lord's birth!

For those of you who find worship during the holidays difficult, or who just want to attend an Advent service in the evening before Christmas Eve, we will once again offer the Blue Christmas/ Longest Night service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 21st.. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved one(s) but will not include an opportunity to speak on their behalf as our All Saints Day worship did on Sunday, October 29th. I'd like to apologize that Barney Barnsdale's last name was misspelled in that bulletin. We miss him and the others we remembered during that service. May God be with all of you who are grieving this holiday season. We sure need to pray for all those around the nation (and world) who have suffered tragic losses recently as the result of natural disasters, human violence, and natural causes.

Let's remember people who are poor this Advent and Christmas. Once again, the church is collecting new adult crew length warm socks for the homeless in the Christnet program, and new hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for distribution by the Salvation Army. Our mitten tree is up and awaiting your contributions.

Speaking of contributions, a giving statement with your giving to the church through the end of September will be in the mail (or handed out) soon with a letter inviting you to consider not only what your giving through the end of the year will be, but also asking you to make a pledge to God about what you plan on giving in 2018 to support Christ's ministry through FUMC - Trenton. The Finance Committee met recently and is behind this effort to get us to be intentional, joyful, and generous givers to our God who has given us so much- especially his Son Jesus. Folks gave generously to our special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's disaster response fund to help the folks in Texas and Louisiana and elsewhere recover from the hurricanes and other disasters.

May God bless you all with a gratitude-filled Thanksgiving and a meaningful Advent, and a very Merry Christmas filled with the joy of giving to others and receiving Jesus and God's many blessings. Please free to call me any time you want to talk, want a visit, or prayer or whatever!

With love in Christ, Pastor Heidi Reinker



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We assemble in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We gather **Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so** to study the gospel of John with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study!

Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the **first and third Monday's at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

METHODINERS

We will be eating together at **Baldo's Restaurant** 20051 Telegraph Rd, Brownstown , MI 48174 ([734-479-0100](tel:734-479-0100)) on Sunday, November 12th at 6 p.m. Come join us for great conversation and fellowship. Our next dinner will be in January, and anyone is welcome to attend. It is also a good opportunity to invite a friend to meet some of your church friends in a non-threatening social situation. Everyone covers their own expenses for the meal.

CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND

Practice for the Praise Band and the Choir is held **Thursdays at 7 p.m.** New members are always welcome. Come sing and play your praises to the Lord! The choir typically sings about 3 times a month, and the Praise Band once a month or so during the non-summer months.



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

God's Word has more to say about money and material possessions than about heaven and hell combined. Obviously, how we as His children handle what God has entrusted to us is a very important subject to Him.

Money is also the only subject about which God says, in essence, "Prove Me. Trust Me. Try Me." He does not issue that challenge concerning any other aspect of our Christian walk of faith. Not about prayer; not about sharing our faith with others; not even about salvation. Just money.

God said to Malachi, the prophet, "Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there. Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things."

Some promises in the Bible are unconditional in nature. They are going to be fulfilled, regardless of what we might or might not do. Others could be described as "if . . . then" promises. If we will do our part, then God will do His part. This passage from Malachi 3:10 is one of the latter. If we will bring our tithes to God's storehouse, then He will open for us the windows of heaven and pour out for us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The question is whether we really believe God when He makes a promise like this. If we do, we will take Him at His Word. We will accept His challenge and "test" Him by giving to Him as He directs. And if we do that by faith, then we can be confident that God will meet that "test" by providing all that we need — and more.

". . . ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).

Thought for the Day

The gifts God has given
me are priceless.

God has a wonderful "system" by which we as His children are to get our needs met. It's a very simple "system," but somehow, we fail to utilize it as we should. Here's the plan: God says we are to ask Him. Is that simple or what? We are to call unto Him, to cry out our needs before Him, to bring our petitions before His throne. But somehow, we must think His plan is too complex, for with most of us, asking God is the last thing we do when we have needs.

Oh, we'll tell our friends. We'll discuss our needs with any and all who have the patience and courtesy to listen. We'll frequently complain about our problems, even to the extent of sometimes holding God responsible for His seeming failure to provide for us. But ask God? Usually we'll do that only as a last resort.

The result is a sad state of affairs among Christians. "You do not have what you want because you do not ask God for it. And when you ask, you do not receive it, because your motives are bad; you ask for things to use for your own pleasures" (James 4:2-3). So our needs go unmet because either we do not ask or we ask with wrong motives.

J. Irvin Overholtzer was a pastor who was greatly used by God as the founder of Child Evangelism Fellowship. His philosophy of providing for the financial needs of this world-wide organization was this: "Ask God . . . and tell His people." Yes, we need to share our needs with others. We ought to make others aware of opportunities for them to get involved in being used of God to meet those needs. But the first step in the entire process is this: "Ask God."

And when we do, we can claim His promise stated so clearly in Jeremiah 33:3 — "Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you marvelous things that you know nothing about."

Say, do you have needs in your life today? Why not "ask God"? Why not come boldly to His throne? Why not take Him at His Word and "call" unto Him? That's God's plan for His children: " . . . ask, you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9).

Or as Eliza Hickock wrote a century ago, "I know not by what methods rare, but this I know: God answers prayer!"

Blessings this holiday season; Finance team
Cheryl Byrd Chair, & Ira Neubauer Treasurer

A NOTE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on October 30th to discuss and decide on a new pledge campaign for 2018. We also discussed giving raises to Ramona Moyski, our administrative assistant, Jeff Burke our organist, and Karen Roberts, our custodian. The committee voted unanimously to recommend a five percent raise for these 3 valued employees, and Church Council will vote on the matter at their next meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7 p.m. Jeff and Karen haven't had raises in years.

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE FROM PASTOR HEIDI

I wanted to thank the 20 people (in addition to Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr. and me) who showed up on Sunday, October 15th for our annual Church Conference with our District Superintendent. Eighteen of those attending were official members and able to vote on whether or not to recommend my husband Jim Reinker as a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. They voted unanimously in favor of recommending him which was very nice, as were the words of affirmation on Jim's behalf! Thank you also to Judy Howells for being the secretary for this event. Jim's next step will be to meet with the District Committee on Ministry in December. Please keep him in your prayers, and thank you for all your support of his ministry and mine! With love, Pastor Heidi



In Our Church and Community

Poinsettias for Christmas

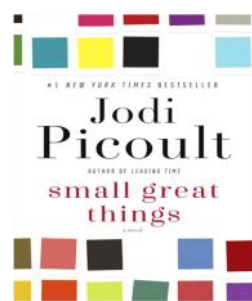
November 19th is the deadline to order poinsettias in honor or memory of someone. Their names will be printed in the December 24 bulletin. The poinsettias are available in red, white and pink, and cost \$15 . Get your order sheet in.

Hanging of the Greens

Come help us decorate for the holiday season on Sunday, November 26th following the 10 a.m. worship service.

Book Club!

**Wednesday, November 29th
at 1 pm**



Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

Jan Woolcott will be leading the discussion again, and has already ordered the books. There should be some available from our library system or online.

Sock it to Us

Please donate NEW adult crew length socks to help keep somebody's feet warm and dry this winter. Hat and scarves can also be donated. **All donated items will go to the ChristNet services in Taylor, MI.**

MITTEN TREE

We are collecting new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for the Salvation Army. The mitten tree and a box are in the lounge to receive your contributions . The need remains great!

Roast Beef Dinners

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

First United Methodist Church
28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock

**Third Wednesday of the month
Serving 4-7 p.m.**

**\$8.00 - Dine In per person; \$4.50 Children 10
and under \$8.50 - Carry out per person**

Next Roast Beef Dinners
December 20, 2017
January 17, 2017
February 21, 2017

SEAWAY CHORAL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 pm here at the church we'll be hosting the Seaway Choral for a special pre-view Advent Concert. Come! Invite your friends !

CHILI COOK-OFF (SATURDAY DEC 2)

Last year our chili cook-off was a great success. We had neighbors come in off the street to escape the cold and grab a cup of free hot cocoa, coffee, and samples of chili. The children also had fun decorating Christmas cookies, and we gave them a small Christmas book. We would like to have at least 10 entries in our chili cook-off. Plan on cooking some chili yourself and invite folks you know have a good recipe to submit a crock pot full. All the money we raise will go towards missions like the Trenton Food Pantry. This event will be held from 5-7 in our lounge.

Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service

Thursday December 21 at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a quiet service of word and song .This is a service geared towards those for whom the holidays are a difficult time. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one(s). But it is also an opportunity for evening Advent worship in our beautifully decorated sanctuary, and to remember how the light of God's love and peace shines even in the darkness of challenging times in our lives and the world.



Calendar Highlights

Nov. 19- Seaway Choral Concert at 4 p.m.

**Nov.26- worship 10 a.m. followed by the
Hanging of the Greens and lunch**

Nov. 27- (Mon.) Advent study begins at 7 p.m.

Dec.2-Christmas Parade Chili Cookoff 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 3- First Sunday of Advent worship 10 a.m.

Dec. 4 - (Mon.) Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 10- Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 11- (Mon.)Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 17- Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 18- (Mon.) Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 21 (Thurs.) Blue Christmas Service 7 p.m.

**Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve-
2 worship services**

Fourth Sunday of Advent worship at 10 a.m.

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship at 7 p.m.

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

11/01 - Mary Kay Stanton
11/03 - William Roberts
11/05 - Carol Pentoney
11/09 - Margaret Creekmore
11/12 - Eleanor Krauser
11/16 - Jacqueline Hull
11/17 - Emily Sharpe
11/21 - Terri Nowaczewski
11/30 - Jamie Voss

DECEMBER

12/01 - Jeffrey Wynn
12/02 - Maureen Burr
12/04 - Jonathan Creekmore
12/08 - Cheryl Pettitt
 - Lisa Hyder
12/10 - Beverly Partch
12/12 - Theresa Nowland
12/16 - Shelby Haack
12/28 - Jennifer Galloway Brown
 - Kate Lewis-Lakin

ANNIVERSARIES



DECEMBER

12/07 - John & Donna Haack (26 years)
12/14 - George & Carol Mans Jr.
12/27 - Maj Nathaniel & Kathy Davis (15 years)

FLOWERS

NOVEMBER

11/05 - Diane Hiddleston
11/12 - Jackie Hull
11/19 - Jo Kamoschoer
11/26 - Nola Ward

DECEMBER

12/03 - Open
12/10 - Open
12/17 - Poinsettias
12/24 - Jo Kampschoer
12/31 - Open

To order flowers for the altar and/or organ: Sign-up by date on the "Flowers Chart" near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

September - Ruth Ann Brewer-734-676-4952

October - Melda Neubauer 675-0252

November - Ruth Kasenow 675-9707

December - Dorothy Gordon 676-3359

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

NOVEMBER

05 - Melda Neubauer
12 - Betty Miller
19 - Cheryl Miller
***26** - Karen Roberts

DECEMBER

03 - Judy Howells
10 - Melda Neubauer
17 - Karen Roberts
24 - Betty Lozo
***31** Betty Miller

PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	2 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	3	4
5 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	6 8 am Breakfast & Devotion	7 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	8 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	9 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	10	11
12 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group 6 pm Methodiners- Baldos	13	14 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	15 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	16 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	17 7 pm Harvest for Homeless Dinner (ChristNet)	18
19 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group 4 pm Seaway Chorale Preview concert	20 8 am Breakfast & Devotion Church Council Meeting 7 pm	21 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	22 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group Hanging the Greens	27 7 pm Advent study begins	28 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	29 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Book Club	30 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band		

December 2017

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					1	2 Christmas Parade Chili cook-off 5-7 p.m.
3 First Sun. Advent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	4 8 am Breakfast & Devotion 7 pm Advent Study	5 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	6 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	7 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	8	9
10 Second Sun. Advent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	11 7 pm Advent Study	12 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	13 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	14 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	15	16
17 Third Sun. Advent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group Cookie Sunday	18 8 am Breakfast & Devotion 7 pm Advent Study	19 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	20 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	21 6-7 pm Choir 7 pm Blue Christmas worship service	22	23
24 Fourth Sun. Advent/ CHRISTMAS EVE 10 am Worship 7 pm Candlelight service	25 OFFICE CLOSED Christmas Day	26 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	27 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	28	29 Open house at parsonage 3-8 pm	30
31 New Year's Eve 10 am worship						