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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](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCTrenton)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFirstChurchTrenton)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.instagram.com/FUMCTrenton)

Please pray for our church and its people and ministry, and pastor! 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, 2018

Greetings First United Methodist Church of Trenton family and friends!

Good news! We received 8 new members on Sunday, October 14th. Our newest members are: Kathleen Callicoat, Robbie Lowe, Patricia Menatac, Nelson "Rocky" Rennie, Roberta Rennie, Jeffrey Rhoades, Aaron Whitten and Michelle Whitten. We celebrated afterwards with a delicious potluck and a special cake. We also took time at the potluck to honor our organist Jeff Burke for his 50 years of paid music ministry with another special cake and cards. It was a wonderful day.

Four days later we had our Church Conference with our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue. The conference went well and was attended by a total of 26 people. My husband Jim Reinker surprised the church with his announcement that he would no longer be a candidate for ordained ministry since he was retiring as pastor of the Community Church in Romulus as of 12/1 where he has served since March. He made that decision for health and other reasons, and this congregation made it clear they would gladly welcome him back into the life of our church. If you would like a copy of the church conference report, we have a few available in the church office.

Speaking of warm welcomes, you are all invited to join us on Sunday, November 18 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary for the preview of the Seaway Chorale Christmas Concert "Reel Christmas." We will take a freewill offering and refreshments will be provided. Our choir director Diane Hiddleson is part of the chorale which has been practicing at our church this past year on Tuesday evenings.

Come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 25 after worship, and stay to enjoy a lunch when we're done. (We'll have our first wedding of the year the day before!)

On Saturday, December 1, 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! We will also have some books and small gifts available to give to children. Plan on joining us for this fun event and bring a friend.

Our Advent evening study will begin on Wednesday, November 28th and will meet next on Monday, Dec. 3rd., then the Wednesdays at 7 p.m. 12/12 and 12/19. I've narrowed our study choices down to 4 and will ask folks to pick one this Sunday so we can order them soon. And don't miss worshipping with us this Advent which starts Sunday, December 2nd! Our traditional candle-light Christmas Eve worship will be at 7 p.m. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for worship during the Christmas season. People need to hear about our God who loves us so much that He sent his son Jesus into the world to live among us and ultimately to die for us and our salvation. Share the spiritual meaning of the season with folks who may not even know it.

On Sunday, December 9th, Aaron and Michelle Whitten are having their little son Adam baptized and would like to have a potluck after worship to celebrate. Their family is going to bring more than their share of food to celebrate their joy together with us so plan on attending this happy event! Later that evening we will have homeless guests from the Chrisnet program joining us for the week, but St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockwood will be the official host and coordinator that week rather than us. But if they need help, we'll step up, and other churches may need help with this during the rest of December. I'll keep you posted about the need for volunteers. 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. Pray for the poor.

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 have the Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 20th. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of loved one(s). And Jim and I are inviting you all to an open house at the parsonage after Christmas on Friday, December 28th from 3-8 p.m. We'll have food for dinner and snacks, so come and enjoy the beautiful home you have provided for us and some good food and fellowship. And may our good and generous God bless you all with a gratitude-filled Thanksgiving, a meaningful Advent, and a very Merry Christmas filled with the joy of giving to others and receiving Jesus' and God's love and blessings! Please free to call me any time you want to talk, want a visit, or prayer or whatever! I will not be taking any more official vacation until 2019, so do not hesitate to call.

With love in Christ, Pastor Heidi Reinker



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We gather **Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so** to study the life of David with Pastor Heidi. We're currently working on II Samuel. 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! Please note: There will be **no Bible study on Tuesday, December 11th.**

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 every other week **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

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! .

METHODINERS

Come join us for great conversation and fellowship. We meet at various restaurants every couple of months. 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. Our next dinner will be in January 2019 at Baldo's restaurant if we can get a reservation. We'll keep you posted.

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 .



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

In 1935, Dr. R. A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, embarked on a trip to visit former students who were serving the Lord on the mission field. R.G. LeTourneau, a prominent Christian businessman, heard him speak in Omaha and was very encouraged by what he heard. The night before Dr. Forrest sailed to Japan, a letter arrived at his hotel containing a check from Mr. LeTourneau for \$1,000. Mr. LeTourneau thought it would be nice if Dr. Forrest "had some money in his pocket as he went around the world to give to folks in a tough spot."

Dr. Forrest was elated and kept a detailed accounting of how he used that money to minister to people in need. When he returned to New York, he mailed the records to Mr. LeTourneau. A few days later, a reply came from Mr. LeTourneau that simply read, "Come see me." When Dr. Forrest arrived at Mr. LeTourneau's office in Peoria, he found a man who was deeply moved by Dr. Forrest's record of changed lives. He said, "If you can be trusted with \$1,000 and make that kind of impact, you can be trusted with \$10,000" and gave him a check in that amount.

Dr. Forrest had received "without paying," and he gave "without being paid" (Matt. 10:8). He typified the kind of giving that God expects each of us to demonstrate as we respond to his good gifts by giving back to Him what was rightfully His in the first place.

Charles Stanley wrote this: "When God deals with us, it is always in abundant grace. He is lavish with His love and forgiveness. None of us can ever repay Christ for what He did for us at Calvary. He generously gave His life so we be a keeper, you will miss God's richest blessings. But when you give yourself away, you will reap the goodness of God."

That's because it is impossible to out give God who has a unique accounting system. He never divides; He always multiplies. Will you trust Him today by giving generously to Him who "generously gives us everything for our enjoyment" (1 Tim. 6:17)?

That word "generously" has been shown here at First United by us paying 100% of our pension apportionment again this year! Our giving to the regular ministry shares (previously known as common budget apportionments) is higher than last year but not at the required 100% yet. With two months left this year, we still have the goal of paying 100% of our church's ministry shares in sight.

All of the bills for our local church operating expenses are current . This year we will also have the organ repaired which has been on the to do list for couple of years. All this has been and is being accomplished because of your generous giving and loving support.

Thought for the Day

What blessing from God have I been overlooking?

Many thanks to all of you for what you do in serving Christ through our Church!

Cheryl Byrd & Ira Neubauer

P.S. The finance team welcomes your suggestions, comments, and support.



In Our Church and Community

Poinsettias for Christmas

To order poinsettias, in memory or honor of someone, please fill out the form.

Please make sure you mark if you are taking or leaving your plant at the church.

The names will be printed in the December 24th bulletin.

Flowers are available in red, white and pink for \$17.00 each.

**Deadline to order is
Monday, November 19**

Please fill out forms ASAP !

**You will not be able to
order flowers after November 19th.**

Sock it to Us

Please donate NEW adult crew length socks to help some homeless person's feet warm and dry this winter,.

**All donated items will go to the
ChristNet Warming Center in Taylor, MI.**



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday November 25th
following the 10 am service.

Please help us decorate for the Christmas season, and stay to enjoy lunch with us.

Baptism potluck celebration!

Sunday, Dec. 9th after worship

Aaron and Michelle Whitten are having their adorable little son Adam baptized and would like to celebrate with us afterwards. Please bring a dish to pass. Their family will be providing more than their share for this event.

Don't miss this !

Roast Beef Dinners

Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19

First United Methodist Church
28400 Evergreen, Flat Rock

Serving 4-7 p.m.

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

SEAWAY CHORAL CONCERT

Sunday, Nov. 18 at 4 pm here at the church we'll be hosting the Seaway Choral for a special preview Advent Concert. Invite your friends and stay for the some refreshments afterwards.

Seaway Chorale "Reel Christmas"

Friday & Saturday, December 7 & 8 at 7:30 pm

Flat Rock Community Auditorium

www.seawaychorale.org



CHRISTMAS PARADE EVENT

CHILI COOK-OFF (SATURDAY DEC 1)

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 Service

Thursday December 20 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. 18- Seaway Choral Concert at 4 p.m.

Nov.25- worship 10 a.m. followed by the Hanging of the Greens and lunch

Nov. 28- (Wed.) Advent study begins at 7 p.m.

Dec.1-Christmas Parade Chili Cookoff 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 2- First Sunday of Advent worship 10 a.m.

Dec. 3- (Mon.) Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent- Potluck!

Dec. 12- (Wed.) Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 15 Wyandotte Soup Kitchen

Dec. 16- Third Sunday of Advent- Cookie Sun.

Dec. 19- (Wed.) last Advent Study 7 p.m.

Dec. 20 (Thurs.) Blue Christmas Service 7 p.m.

Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 24-Christmas Eve

Candlelight Christmas Eve worship at 7 p.m.

Dec. 28 (Fri.) Parsonage Open House 3-8 pm

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

11/01 - Mary Kay Stanton
11/03 - William Roberts
11/09 - Margaret Creekmore
11/12 - Eleanor Krauser
11/16 - Jacqueline Hull
11/17 - Emily Sharpe
11/21 - Terri Nowaczewski
11/27-Rick Hiddleson
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
 (27 years)
12/27– Maj Nathaniel & Kathy Davis
 (16years)

FLOWERS

NOVEMBER

11/04 - Margaret Creekmore
11/11 - Mardell Hull
11/18- Diane Hiddleson
11/25– Nola Ward

DECEMBER

12/02– Margaret Creekmore
12/09 - Open
12/16 - Poinsettias
12/23 - Nina Barnsdale
12/30-A-Jo Kampschoer
 O– Dorothy Gordon

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.

November -

Ruth Kasenow
 675-9707

December -

Dorothy Gordon
 676-3359

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

NOVEMBER

04– Betty Miller
11 - Karen Roberts
18– Melda Neubauer
***25**– Judy Howells

DECEMBER

02 - Cheryl Byrd
09– Betty Miller
16– Karen Roberts
23– Melda Neubauer
***30** Judy Howells

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 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 2 | 3 Harvest for Homeless 6pm |
| 4 Daylight savings 10 am worship 12-5 Exchange Club spaghetti dinner | 5 8 am Breakfast & Devotion Church Council Meeting 7 pm | 6 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 7 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours | 8 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 9 | 10 |
| 11 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group | 12 | 13 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 14 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours | 15 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 16 | 17 |
| Veterans Day | | | | | | |
| 18 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group 4 pm Seaway Chorale Concert | 19 8 am Breakfast & Devot.-at Mom's Poinsettia Deadline to order | 20 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 21 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours | 22 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day | 23 OFFICE CLOSED Wedding rehearsal 4 p.m. | 24 Nickel!!' DesHarnais Wedding 4/4:30 |
| 25 10 am worship Hanging the Greens | 26 | 27 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 28 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office 7 pm Advent Study | 29 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 30 | |

December 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Ramona | holiday/vacation | December 24 | —January 1 | | | 1 Christmas Parade Chili cook-off 5-7 p.m. |
| 2- First Sun. Advent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group | 3 8 am Breakfast & Devotion 7 pm Advent Study | 4 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 5 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours | 6 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 7 | 8 |
| 9- Second Sun. Advent 10 am worship / baptism Potluck lunch | 10 | 11 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 12 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office 7 pm Advent Study | 13 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band | 14 | 15 Soup Kitchen 10 am |
| 16 -Third Sun. Advent 10 am worship Christmas Cookie Sunday- | 17 8 am Breakfast & Devotion | 18 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study | 19 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 7 pm Advent Study | 20 6-7 pm Choir 7 pm Blue Christmas worship service | 21 | 22 |
| 23-Fourth Sun. Advent 10 am Worship | 24 Office closed Christmas Eve 7 pm Candlelight Service | 25 Office closed Christmas Day | 26 office closed | 27 Office closed | 28 Open house at parsonage 3-8 pm | 29 |
| 30 10 am worship | 31 Office Closed News Years Eve | 1 Office Closed New Years Day | | | | |