

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13

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### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

**Worship:** 9:00 = 85; 10:30 = 96; Total = 181

**FLC update: Total Amount Received:** \$ 531,753 / \$1,013,520 (52% of commitments)

**Amount Received Last Week:** \$ 1,507

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Our Homeless Guests Arrive
9:00 am	Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
10:30 am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
<b>Mon. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm N.A. – 105/6
<b>Tues. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	2:30 pm PreK Board
	6:00 pm NO Yoga
<b>Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 pm <b>Trustees - Annex</b>
	7:00 pm <b>Conversations of Hope – Room 105/6</b>
	7:00 pm <b>Witness – Room 104</b>
	7:30 pm Band Rehearsal
<b>Sat. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 am <b>United Methodist Men's Study</b>
<b>Sun. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
	10:30 am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER:** During the summer months we are fortunate to have our special music provided by many talented members and friends of this congregation. If you would like to volunteer to share your musical talent during worship, please speak to Bruce, Barb, Carol or Logan.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Work on the roof and the steel was completed this week. Fire protection and heating/cooling systems are being roughed in. In the next week, you'll see siding begin to go up. Once the building is enclosed, we'll begin framing interior walls. Meanwhile, our team is busy looking at interior finishes – we plan to have some sample palettes to show you soon. We've also begun making plans for our grand opening on Sunday, December 17! Thanks for your support and prayers!

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**PAID SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** We are looking for a caring and nurturing individual 18 years and older who would be willing to serve in our nursery on Sunday mornings. The hours are 9:15 am until 12:15 pm and would be scheduled for approximately three Sundays each month. If you know of someone who is interested in the position which would begin in September please contact Pastor Kathleen.

**GUESTS FROM THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK RETURN FOR A WEEK IN AUGUST . . .** from 8/13 to 8/20. We still need a couple more meal preparers, dinner and evening hosts or over night hosts for our homeless guests. There are many open slots for van drivers too. Please sign up in the entryway outside the sanctuary. See Bill or Barbara Carlson or email them for more details: [carlsonb2@comcast.net](mailto:carlsonb2@comcast.net). Also, drivers, please contact Chris Stover directly for sign ups at 856/889-1522 or at [mrbinford1012@gmail.com](mailto:mrbinford1012@gmail.com).

## WORSHIP & STUDY

**“GOOD GRIEF” WORSHIP SERIES:** Loss is a part of life. No one is immune. How we grieve these losses – of people we love, jobs and relationships – determines how our lives unfold. In this mini-series, we set out to learn what the scriptures teach about God's presence in life and death and how best to help those who are dealing with grief. Join us August 13 and 20 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

**WORSHIP FEEDBACK NEEDED:** We're looking for your input on sermon themes for 2017-2018. Please take a few minutes to send an email to [joe@medfordumc.org](mailto:joe@medfordumc.org) with your thoughts on any/all of the following questions. Thanks in advance!

What are the faith questions you struggle with?

Are there books of the Bible or people in the Bible you'd like to learn more about?

What are some contemporary issues you'd like to hear a biblical perspective on?

**A QUIET PLACE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS AT 9:00:** Children are welcomed into worship throughout the summer. At the 9:00 service in Bowker Hall, we'll have a "Creation Station" with crafts, books, and quiet activities for kids during the service. They'll be on the table at the back of the room. Feel free to make use of the space at any time during worship. We do ask parents to supervise their children as they take part. In the sanctuary, we continue to offer our "activity bags" and Bible-themed activity pages - please just ask an usher if you need help finding them.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR CONVERSATIONS OF HOPE**

**ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:** Join us for one or all of the discussions, or contact Pastor Kathleen for access to the online conversation . . .

Thursdays, August 17 and 31 at 7:00 pm in Room 105/6: Discuss the book Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love by UMC Bishop William H. Willimon.

These discussions will occur in person as well as on an internet discussion board to broaden our conversation and include people who are on vacation. Rooted in the faith of Israel and the Christian story and vision, Willimon brings a Wesleyan perspective to bear on what may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the "Other" as they are - without any need for them to become like us.

**HARTFORD ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** Hartford Road will continue to be closed for repaving weekdays from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm from Taunton Road to Old Marlton Pike. Medford Township Police suggest that to access the church during the day, you do the following: ENTER the St. Peter's Church parking lot from TAUNTON Rd; drive around their building to reach HARTFORD Rd; then drive ACROSS Hartford to Medford UMC. DEPART by crossing Hartford to St. Peter's Church parking lot and EXIT onto Taunton Rd. Thanks for observing these guidelines during the project!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL FLEA MARKET - SATURDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 16:** Clean out your treasures and get ready for our annual Flea Market. Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (rain or shine). Registration forms for tables are available in the September Messenger, in the entryways or the church office. Spaces are just \$15 by Sept. 11! (\$20 Sept. 12 or later.) Contact Ginger Harriett at 609/953-1037 if you have questions. All proceeds will go to local mission projects.

**BELL NOTES:** As the fall calendar gets back in full swing, so does our music program. Our handbells and chimes will begin the regular ringing season as follows:

Tuesday, September 12 at 4:30-5:15pm: Chime Choir (grades 2-5)

Tuesday, September 12 at 6:45pm: Celebration Ringers

Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30pm: Jubilation Ringers

Thursday, September 21 at 6:15-7:15pm: Youth Bell Choir (grades 6-12)

Adults will gather on Tuesday, September 5 at 7:15pm to polish our bells, then enjoy ice cream and socialize. While it is great to welcome back current choir members, it is also exciting to include some new faces. If you are interested in or curious about our handbell and chime program, please contact Barbara Frame for more information ([609/654-0886](tel:6096540886); [harpframe@verizon.net](mailto:harpframe@verizon.net)), or join us on September 5 at 7:15pm.

**VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSALS:** If you like to sing, joining one of our choirs could certainly be a rewarding spiritual experience, a valuable service to our church – and a lot of fun. We have singing groups that encompass all ages, each of which would be happy to welcome new members. Why not consider becoming a part of one of them?

**Jr. Choir:** grades 2-6; rehearses on Thursday, 4:15-5:15; sings at 11:00 worship most Sundays from October to June.

First rehearsal: **Thursday, Sept. 7.**

**Youth Choir:** grades 7-12; rehearses on Thursday, 7:15-8:25; sings at 11:00 worship most Sundays from October to June.

First rehearsal: **Thursday, Sept. 7.**

**Wesley Choir:** adult SAB; rehearses on Tuesday, 8:30-10:00 pm; sings at 8:15 worship from September through June.

First rehearsal: **Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

**Garwood Choir:** adult mixed; rehearses on Thursday, 8:30-10:00 pm; sings at 11:00 worship from September through June. First rehearsal:

**Thursday, Sept. 7.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your participation in our choral activities, please feel free to speak to Carol Reilly after church, call 609/953-3805 or 609/706-0627 or email [Crlrilly@aol.com](mailto:Crlrilly@aol.com). Even better – come to a rehearsal and see what you've been missing!