

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4

also available on the church website, [medfordumc.org](http://medfordumc.org)

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 am Communion Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship – Family Life Center  
9:30 am Sunday School for adults  
11:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary  
2:00 pm Girl Scouts – Room 105/6 & B4/5  
5:00 pm Chime Choir – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm Confirmation – B4/5  
6:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Groups - FLC  
7:30 pm 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group – Annex/FLC
- Mon. 5<sup>th</sup>** 2:00 pm Caring Team #1 – Room 104  
7:30 pm N.A. – FLC Meeting Room
- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>** No Bell Rehearsals  
9:30 pm Sarah Circle – Room 104  
6:00 pm Yoga – Bowker Hall  
7:00 pm Prayer Shawl – FLC Meeting Room  
8:30 pm Wesley Choir – Choir Room
- Wed. 7<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Toddler/Parent Class – Room 105/6  
12:30 pm H.O.P.E. Grief Support Group – Room 105/6  
6:00 pm MYAA Cheerleading – FLC  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts – B2 and B4/5
- Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 am Music Together – Room 105  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study – Room 104  
4:15 pm Jr. Choir – Choir Room  
5:15 pm MYAA Cheerleading – FLC  
6:30 pm NO Youth Bell Choir  
6:45 pm Daniel Plan Lifestyle – FLC Meeting Room  
7:00 pm Witness – Room 104  
7:15 pm Youth Choir – Choir Room  
8:30 pm Garwood Choir – Choir Room
- Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day until 7 pm - FLC
- Sat. 10<sup>th</sup>** 8:00 am United Methodist Men's Breakfast - FLC
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup>** 8:15 am Communion Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship – Family Life Center  
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary  
12:30 pm Mission Trip Info – Bowker Hall  
5:00 pm Chime Choir – Sanctuary  
6:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Groups - FLC  
7:30 pm 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group – Annex/FLC

### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

**Worship:** 8:15 = 48; 9:30 = 124; 11:00 am = 96; Total = 268  
**Sunday School:** 15 Teachers, 34 Students, 7 Adults; 8 Nursery; Total = 64  
**FLC Update:** \$824,497 / \$1,013,520 (81% of commitments)  
**Amount Received:** Last Week: \$2,937

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE & GIVE

**LET'S GIVE THANKS AND HELP THE COMMUNITY OF CAMDEN:** The Neighborhood Center is collecting food for the families of Camden. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Nov. 18. Suggested items - Fresh veggies: green beans, carrots, collard greens, broccoli; **Canned veggies:** corn, green beans, mixed veggies, peas; **Starches:** white potatoes, sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing, mac & cheese, brown/white rice, instant potatoes; **Fresh fruits:** apples, oranges, bananas, pears; **Misc:** pastas, sauces, seasonings, baking goods, chicken broth, oil, hot/cold cereals, tuna, peanut butter, jelly. Donations to purchase food or turkeys are also accepted. Help is also needed with sorting the items after the 9:30 service and delivering to Camden at 1:00 pm on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> (will need people with STRONG muscles!). For more info, please contact Karen Dvorschak, [khumphries@pemb.org](mailto:khumphries@pemb.org).

**LIVE NATIVITY** at the Dickens Festival, Saturday, December 1. We have sheep, goats, a donkey and a camel as well as the Holy Family ready to go. We still need angels, shepherds, and Wise Ones, as well as set up/clean up folks, cookies, and hospitality. There are lots of ways that everyone can help us share the story of Jesus' birth. More info in the November newsletter and on Sign Up Genius. Sign up is easy. Go to <http://medfordumc.org/livenativity>. Question? Contact Pastor Kathleen.

**ARE YOU A CREATIVE PERSON WHO WORSHIPS IN THE NEW FAMILY LIFE CENTER?** This year is our first opportunity to adorn this multi-purpose space for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to share ideas and help make our worship space celebrate the birth of Christ Child, please contact Pastor Kathleen. Now is the time!

**DO YOU HAVE "EXTRA" HALLOWEEN CANDY?** Ronald McDonald House in Camden will utilize the extra Halloween candy for families staying in the "Family Rooms" with their sick children while they get treatment. Let's work together to support this wonderful program, Candy donations will be accepted today only. You can bring your candy to the church any time before 12:30 this afternoon (drop off outside the sanctuary) or tonight from 5:00 – 8:00 pm (drop off in the FLC lobby). Please send in all donations in a clear gallon sized zip-lock baggie! Questions? Please contact Bethany Carl, [bethany@medfordumc.org](mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org).

## WORSHIP AND SMALL GROUPS

**ALL WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY** are invited to attend the Sarah Circle meeting this Tuesday, November 6 at 9:30 am in Room 104, behind the offices. Join us for refreshments and a fascinating presentation by Rich Stolz, detailing his and Kathleen's recent journey to Scotland. Come and enjoy the warmth of our fellowship on a cool November morning. Contact Carol Reilly, 609/953-3805 for more info.

**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN WILL GATHER FOR OUR MONTHLY BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018 BEGINNING AT 8:00 AM IN THE FLC.** Pastor Kathleen and Rich Stolz will be joining us to share their recent experiences from their trip to Scotland. You can expect some great photos as well. Please plan to join us for a great breakfast, fellowship and our speaker. Please contact Bruce Rosvold (pbrosvold179@verizon.net) if you would like additional information or would like to be added to the UMM email distribution list.

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** All women of the church, and their friends, are invited to come together on Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:30 am, for a Bible Study facilitated by Pastor Kathleen. Readings for Nov. 8 - Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:28-34. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathleen.

**ADULT SINGERS WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR VOCAL CHOIRS ON A REGULAR BASIS** are invited to join with us for our Choral Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 9 at 7:00 pm, always one of the highlights of the Christmas season. Plan to attend rehearsal from 8:30 till around 9:15 pm, beginning on November 6. This will give you a good amount of time to learn the music and feel comfortable singing with the group, but won't involve a year-long commitment. Adult rehearsals are held on Tuesdays or Thursdays, beginning at 8:30 pm. If you would like to investigate this idea further, please call Carol at 609/953-3805 or email Crlrly@aol.com - or just come out to rehearsal, where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TONIGHT!** 3rd - 7th\* graders are welcome from 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the FLC followed by High School from 7:30 - 9:00 pm meeting in the FLC first followed by time in the Annex. Come for games, fun activities and a sweet treat at the end with some music time too! All youth are encouraged to bring some of their "extra" Halloween candy to contribute to our church's donation to Ronald McDonald house. More details have been sent by email blast. Not getting the Youth Email Blasts? *Email Bethany Carl at [bethany@medfordumc.org](mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org) from 5:00 - 7:30 pm in the 8th grade classroom and are invited for an end of the evening treat in the FLC at 7:30.*

**6TH - 12TH GRADE LOCK - IN:** National Sleep Out is scheduled for Friday, November 16 from 7:00 pm - Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 am. From coast-to-coast, people all over the country will step out of their homes - and their comfort zones - to sleep out in support of those who have no choice. Sleep Out America will help Covenant House bring shelter to young people who have no place else to turn. [Youth can sign up for this event online starting Monday. Questions can be directed to Bethany Carl at \[bethany@medfordumc.org\]\(mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org\).](#) Please see the weekly email and church website for information on how to donate online.

**UPPER ROOM DISCIPLINES 2019:** Cost is \$12 per copy for the yearly devotional. (Large print is \$15.) Sign up outside the sanctuary. *Disciplines* can help you rejuvenate your soul by integrating regular daily devotional reading into your routine. Drop off payment with Lisa in the church office no later than **Monday, November 19.**

**ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE:** Our annual Church Conference will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2018. This year's Super Church Conference will include a time of worship and plenary session with other churches on our district. All church members are welcome to attend. All members holding leadership positions are strongly encouraged to attend. We will try to arrange carpools from the church for those attending. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend; the conference will be held at Calvary Korean United Methodist Church, 572 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Schedule: 10:00 - 11:45 am - Worship & Plenary Session; 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Church Conference.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Sunday, November 18, 7:00 pm. Join your neighbors from various area faith communities as we gather to thank God for our many blessings. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and build bridges of understanding. This year, we are hosting at Medford UMC - and this gathering will replace our traditional Wednesday evening service. [We could also use a little help.](#) Would you consider hosting a time for fellowship after worship? If you can assist, please contact the church office.

### GET CONNECTED!

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Sermon Podcast: [medfordumc.buzzsprout.com](http://medfordumc.buzzsprout.com)

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Our 9:30 service is streamed on Facebook Live each week. When you're in the building, check in so people will know that MUMC is your church home.