

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

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

### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

**Worship:** 8:15 = 44; 9:30 = 131; 11:00 = 90, Total = 265

**Sunday School:** 17 Teachers, 56 Students; 4 Adults 6 Nursery; Total = 83

**FLC update:** Total Amount Received: \$ 551,241 / \$1,013,520 (54% of commitments)

**Amount Received Last Week:** \$ 4,340

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8:15 am	Traditional Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Installation for Rev. Frank Davis – St. Mark's UMC
<b>Mon. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship Begins for 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
	1:30 pm	Lois Circle – Room 104
	6:00 pm	"The Call" Study – Room 104
	7:00 pm	N.A. – Bowker Hall
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Children &amp; Youth Ministry Team</b>
<b>Tues. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	4:30 pm	Chimes
	6:00 pm	Yoga – Bowker Hall
	6:45 pm	Celebration Ringers
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Connections Team – Room 104</b>
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Outreach – Room 105/6</b>
	7:30 pm	Jubilation Ringers
<b>Wed. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30 pm	Wesley Choir
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts – Bear Den – Room B2
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Room B4/5
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Stewardship – Room 105/6</b>
<b>Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship – Room 104</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
	4:15 pm	Jr. Choir
	6:15 pm	Youth Bells
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Conversations of Hope – Room 105/6</b>
<b>Sat. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	7:15 pm	Youth Choir
	7:30 pm	Band Rehearsal
	8:30 pm	Garwood Choir
	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Church Work Day</b>
<b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8:15 am	Traditional Worship with Communion – Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Sunday School
	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
	11:00 am	Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
	2:00 pm	Girl Scouts – Room 105/6
	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Pet Blessing – Tomlinson Park</b>
5:00 pm	Confirmation	
6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship Begins for 3 <sup>rd</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Please help us continue this important tradition of community outreach by signing up to be a blood donor on Thursday, October 5 from 2 – 7 pm. Contact Lesley Koengetter, 609/268-9043, [kkoengetter9@comcast.net](mailto:kkoengetter9@comcast.net) or sign up in the narthex. Also, register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code – Medford UMC.

**TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4:00 – 6:00 PM** for children (toddler to 5th grade) of the church and those in our community too. Are you interested in decorating the trunk of your car and handing out candy to the children who attend? If so, please sign up in the Narthex or in Bowker Hall. Any questions please contact Bethany Carl at [bethany@medfordumc.org](mailto:bethany@medfordumc.org) or call the church office.

**CROP HUNGER WALK:** The Medford Area CROP Hunger Walk is being held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Freedom Park. 1:30 pm Registration, 2:00 pm Walk. Each walker is asked to bring a jar of peanut butter to be donated to the Medford Lakes Lions Food Pantry. Sign up to walk or donate in the Narthex or any time through the MUMC website. For more information, contact Linda Campbell, 609/654-1514.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY AT MEDFORD UMC: DIRECTOR OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC:** We are looking for a talented worship leader who has the right skills to help us continue growing this important ministry. Do you know someone with experience leading a band, with a dynamic presence and vital faith? We'd love to talk with them. Check out the job posting on our website or email [joe@medfordumc.org](mailto:joe@medfordumc.org).

**ADULT MISSION TRIP:** January 6-13, 2018 to Haiti with the Greater NJ Volunteers in Mission. Total cost \$1800. Team training at Medford UMC on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:00 am. Application and information available from Pastor Kathleen. Application deadline is Oct. 14 with deposit of \$1000. Remaining \$800 due December 1.

## WORSHIP & STUDY

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** We invite you to bring your pets, on leashes, in cages, securely held in loving arms, or even as a photograph, to be part of our celebration and blessing on the pavilion at Tomlinson Park (across from the library) **on Sunday, October 1 for 2.**

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR CASUAL BIBLE STUDY ON**

**THURSDAY MORNINGS, 10-11:30 AM:** We follow the Revised Common Lectionary readings as found in the Upper Room DISCIPLINES Daily Devotions. The readings for our next meeting: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

**NEW STUDY “THE CALL” BY ADAM HAMILTON STARTS SEPTEMBER 25:**

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ’s greatest teacher and missionary. We meet Monday evenings at 6 pm for dinner, and discussion from 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm in Room 104 on the following dates: 9/25,10/2,10/16,10/23,10/30,11/6. For more information email: Janet Scheffler [scheffler13@comcast.net](mailto:scheffler13@comcast.net).

**CONVERSATIONS OF HOPE SMALL GROUP:** The small group "Conversations of Hope" provides a venue for us to create bridges of respect that celebrate our uniqueness. If you are someone, or you know of someone, who is interested in diving deeper into our country’s history as well as seeking ways to improve our contemporary divisions, we invite you to join us on Thursday, September 28 and October 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm as we explore White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson. Please contact Pastor Kathleen for information at [kathleen@medfordumc.org](mailto:kathleen@medfordumc.org).

**DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US IN READING OUR NEXT BOOK?** The book club will meet on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Annex. We will be discussing The Light We Lost by Jill Santopolo. This devastatingly romantic debut novel about the enduring power of first love, with a shocking, unforgettable ending, is “*Love Story*, for a new generation.” Come and join us! For more information contact Glenna Bishop, [bishop.glenna@yahoo.com](mailto:bishop.glenna@yahoo.com); or Patty Rosvold, [pbrosvold179@verizon.net](mailto:pbrosvold179@verizon.net).

**KICK-OFF THE FALL SEASON BY JOINING THE UNITED METHODIST MEN FOR A FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT 8 AM.** Our speaker this month will be Tim Dayton, the Executive Director of REACH (our mission partner) in Roanoke, VA. If you are the parent of a past or future “REACHer” please join us to hear Tim’s message of service and hope. If you have any questions or would like to be included on the UMM email distribution list to receive updates on UMM activities please contact Bruce Rosvold at [pbrosvold179@verizon.net](mailto:pbrosvold179@verizon.net).

**FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT:** On Saturday, October 14, from 7 -9 pm, we will be hosting our Second Annual Family Trivia Night in Bowker Hall. Teams will compete for bragging rights and trophies, so grab some friends and family and put together a group of no more than six. 100 questions will be from ten different categories. All proceeds will be donated to the United Methodist Women charities/ministries. Entry fee for each team is \$25. To reserve a table, contact Suzy Cress at 856/797-8601 or [cress13@comcast.net](mailto:cress13@comcast.net) no later than October 10<sup>th</sup>. Snacks and drinks provided.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH (INFANT THROUGH GRADE 12):** It's time to register all children and youth for Medford UMC programs. If you haven't already responded, please go to <http://medfordumc.org/> and click on the SUNDAY SCHOOL logo. There is one registration for all programs (Sunday School, Youth Group, and Music Ministry). Please register each child separately. Sunday School for Preschool (ages 3 & 4) through Grade 8 occurs simultaneous to the Contemporary service (9:30-10:30 am). Childcare for infants and toddlers is professionally staffed 9:30 am- 12:00 noon.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Electrical, audio/visual and communications wiring continued this week, as did HVAC rough-in. Crews installed the windows and are working on building trim including gutters and downspouts. Inside, where wiring is complete, crews have begun installing drywall. Things are moving along quickly! Soon, we’ll see sidewalks poured and a roof installed over the walkway between buildings.

**FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY:** Join us next Saturday, September 30 at 9 am as we enjoy this opportunity for fellowship & beautifying our church property. We will be working on our sanctuary and meeting rooms; no special abilities needed . . . just a willingness to serve. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated!

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** Interested in joining Medford UMC? The pastors will lead a new members’ class on Sunday, October 22 at 12:15 pm. Joining a congregation is an important faith commitment, and we want to help prepare you for that decision. In our two-hour class, we’ll get to know one another better, talk about the expectations of membership, learn more about the United Methodist Church, and discuss ways you can get involved in the ministry of MUMC. RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, October 18. Lunch & childcare are provided.

(please see additional announcements on the back of the prayer insert)