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The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

~ John 1:14

May 5, 2020

Dear First Church,

I am amazed continually at our wonderful church family. Every day I hear about another example of the servants at First Church. Whether you are delivering groceries, doing yardwork for a neighbor or making a phone call to a person you know might be lonely, you are sharing the light of Christ in positive and powerful ways. **Thank you** for being the presence of Jesus ♥

Please remember: The prayer chain is available for prayer concerns/joys at office@fumctr.com or the church office phone number.

In this weekly email update, let me share some new & not-so-new information with you...

1. Congratulations to our Educational Assistance Fund recipients! They will be introduced in an upcoming worship video. Please pray for these fine young people.
2. First Church is the recipient of a grant that will assist us with our payroll for a short period of time. According to United Methodist polity, a charge conference (made up of our church council) is required to accept the grant. So the council will have a brief charge conference via Zoom technology on Monday, May 11 at 6pm. If you have questions/clarifications about this grant, please feel free to contact me anytime at my email address or by my cell phone.
3. Thank you so much for forwarding our worship videos! Between Facebook and YouTube, we have more than 500 views a week. If you consider that more than one person watches at each "view", that adds up to a whole lot of souls hearing the Good News! Make sure you like us on FB and keep forwarding our worship videos like crazy ☺
4. Even in the midst of a pandemic, your faithful stewardship allows us to share the Gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community through the Hope Center. We're answering the cry of the needy and it's all because of God's grace & your faithfulness. We earnestly appreciate your tithes & offerings and want to let you know we're here if you need us. If there's ever anything we can do for you and your family please reach out and let us know. You are a valued member of our church family and a blessing from God.

I love you,

Pastor Ed

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