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July 21, 2020 – Office Hours 10-12:30 M-F (Closed Thursday)

Hi Everybody!

I hope you are experiencing the love and the presence of Jesus wherever you may be. As the pandemic marches on, let us remember that there is nothing too high, too low, too entrenched or too difficult for God. Our Lord is the one who overcomes and gives us the victory. I encourage you to contact a friend, relative or co-worker today and encourage them in that truth. God will deliver us – just like he always does!

Here's your weekly update...

“..there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one lost person who is found!”

~Luke 15:10



1. There will not be an update next week. The next update will arrive in your inbox on August 4th. We will continue to worship online through August with a *hope* to open public worship early in the fall, although *no date has been set at this time*.
- 2 In the meantime, please review the online reopening policy so that you will be well-prepared when the time to open public worship arrives. Remember, First Church IS NOT CLOSED! We are simply doing ministry in a different way in the midst of a crisis. Thank you for your patience and your prayers.
3. We are in need of volunteers to staff all the necessary public worship duties that arise in a pandemic. Please contact me at ed@fumctr.com if you would like to be a part of a training that will take place in early September. We will need ushers (more than usual), temperature takers, door openers, bathroom attendants, etc. Please read the reopening policy online and see what responsibilities you would like to adopt as your ministry – then, let me know! Thank you.
4. Please note that the church office schedule has been adjusted - the office will now be **closed on Thursdays** (it is open on Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri from 10-12:30pm). Thursday is the day when we tape the videos for Sunday. The more people there are in the building on Thursdays, the more difficult it is to shoot the video.
5. Thank you for always letting us know about those from our church family in need. Pastor Wes and I are happy to follow up with any information you pass onto us!
6. You are a very faithful church! I am grateful to be a part of your family. Your giving is a vital component in our ability to navigate the present storm and I thank you in advance for your continuing support over these next extremely challenging months. With God's help, we will prevail!

I love you,

Pastor Ed

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