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Hi Friends!

Our God is a God who brings new things - we see this every day throughout the world. Think about it: Summer turns into fall, the new morning comes with the sunrise, and the birth of a new infant signals that God brings new things into this world every day. *And God is introducing a new thing at First Church, too. Keep reading to discover what it*

Here's your weekly update...

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



1. Re-Opening Training will be held at the church facility NEXT **Tuesday, September 8th at 4pm and 6:30pm** (you only need to attend one of them – please wear your mask and socially distance). Please go to the building at which you'd like to help! Thank you ☺

As you know, 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 the training. We will need ushers (more than usual), temperature takers, door openers, bathroom attendants, parking lot coordinators, etc. Please read the [reopening policy](#) and see what responsibilities you would like to adopt as your ministry – then, let me know through the email above or by leaving a message at the church office. We Still Need MORE HELP to re-open! **This training is important because....**

2. First Church will OPEN its facility for public worship on September 27th at 9am (Family Life Center) and 10:30am (Sanctuary). Hallelujah ☺ And yes, we will have online worship in some form – that is yet to be determined.

3. In order to attend, you will need to make a reservation by calling the church office and reserving your number of seats and the time (9am or 10:30) you will be worshipping. We are limited to 100 per worship service. Reservations start the Monday before that Sunday's worship, so the earliest you can reserve a seat for 9/27 is Monday, September 21st. The deadline for reservations each week is Thursday at 3pm.

4. The Trustees have contracted with a painting company to paint the Family Life Center and the Kitchen during the dates of September 10th through 16th. We thank them for their ongoing hard work!

September Birthdays this Week:
Alice Hannan, Loretta Strasko (2);
Susan Schoonmaker, Cristina Pulido, Jesalyn Astayev (3); Bob Nemoto, Dan Clinch (5); Manny Hirshblond (8)

September Anniversaries:
Paul/Kathy McVoy Gary/Hazel Shelhimer (4);
Haeja/Hojun Woo (6)

Peace,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

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