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*I am a work of art
In the Almighty's hands.
The intent of my heart,
God totally understands.*

*God shapes and God molds,
For to God, I belong.
The perfect plan he holds,
And he is never wrong. –A. Alabi*

**“See what great love the
Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God!”
1 John 3:1
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Here's your weekly update...

1. Re-Opening Training will be held **THIS AFTERNOON** at the church facility **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 ☺

Please read the reopening policy ([click here](#)) so you are familiar with the nature of our worship services as we return.

2. As announced in last week's Update, First Church will **OPEN** its facility for public worship on September 27th at 9am (Family Life Center) and 10:30am (Sanctuary). Praise the Lord ☺ And yes, we will have online worship in some form – since we will be live streaming it will be different than the past 6 months, but we will have online worship!

3. In order to attend, you will need to make a reservation by calling the church office (number listed above) and reserving your number of seats and the time (*9am or 10:30*) you will be worshipping. We are limited to **80 in the Sanctuary** and **100 in the Family Life Center**. 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. **NEW INTERN:** Long before the pandemic, First Church partnered with the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference to bring on a Ministry Intern from September to June. The GNJAC is supporting the large majority of this internship. We welcome **MATTHEW FULLERTON** to our ministry this week!

September Birthdays this Week:
Vickie Gernert (11); Edna Fischer
(13); Swee Chan (14); Andrew
Boufford (14)

September Anniversaries:
Doug/Laurie Leifert (11)



Peace,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

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