



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*“If you want to make God laugh,  
tell Him what you’re going to do  
tomorrow.”*  
-Woody Allen

“It is not the healthy who need a  
doctor but the sick. I have not come to  
call the righteous but the sinners to  
repentance.”  
~Luke 5:31-32  
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Here’s your weekly update...

1. Thanks to everyone who made our re-opening worship service a great experience. I can’t wait until we see each other again! **However...**

A person who attended worship last Sunday (9/27) may have been exposed to the virus two days before they attended that worship service. They were informed about this possible exposure yesterday. This person will not be tested until Friday because tests are not taken until 7 days after exposure.

**THEREFORE** – we are cancelling public worship for 10/4 and will be emailing a worship video to you on Saturday evening (10/3) as we have before.

\*\*If the person tests negative (we will tell you the results in next week’s update) we will hold worship services on 10/11. If they test positive, we will wait to hold worship services on 10/18 (giving us the recommended two week separation). Please continue wearing masks and social distancing.

2. October 4<sup>th</sup> is **Communion Sunday**. We will celebrate Communion in the online worship video.

3. We have a ministry collecting new **HATS, MITTENS and GLOVES**. Contact Kathy Newsome for details (732) 341-6643.

4. **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** boxes will be available in the church building on Sundays during October. They will also be available in the church office throughout the week. Boxes are due by November 1.

5. We are starting our **FOOD DRIVE** again! If you attend worship, please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the outside bin on the **SECOND Sunday of the month**. If you are not attending worship, bring your items the week before that Sunday (Monday through Friday) and place them in the breezeway outside the church office. Thank you for helping with this outreach!!

### September/Oct Birthdays this Week:

Lewis Clayton (30);  
John Wardlaw (30); Joan Alt (30); Bill  
Szczytko (30); Joel Day (10/1); Dan  
Rubino (10/2);  
Barbara Dawson (10/3);  
Alan Carter (10/5)

### October Anniversaries:

Paula/Randy Smith (10/1)

Peace,

**Pastor Ed** (cell: 609-617-5182)

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