

"There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. O, how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!"

-Frederick Whitfield, 1855

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things. " ~Philippians 4:8

Here's your weekly update...

1. <u>SCHEDULE CHANGE!!</u> On Monday (11/9), we were informed that a person who attended one of our worship services (on 11/8) tested positive for Covid-19. As a result, in order to follow CDC guidelines, we will be Cancelling Public Worship for the next two Sundays (Nov 15 and Nov 22). However, WE WILL STILL BE ONLINE BOTH SUNDAYS!! You will receive a link later in the week so you can tune in from the safety and comfort of your home. <u>Your safety is our first concern</u> O \*We will re-start public worship again on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 10:30am. Remember-11/29 is the first Sunday of Advent!! O

2. I will be leading a 3 week **Advent Study via ZOOM** based on the book, *Incarnation*, by Adam Hamilton. Interested? Send me an email at <u>ed@fumctr.com</u> to sign up. The book is available at <u>Christianbook.com</u>. If you need help acquiring the book, let me know and we will make it happen!

3. Thank you to all who helped on Sunday (11/8) with our **Food Pantry Ministry!** Our next Food Pantry offering will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

4. Join Pastor Wes and our Intern, Matthew Fullerton, on Zoom at 9:30am on Monday, November 16, for a **Zoom Prayer Meeting.** It'll be a time to lift up some prayer for each other and for our community. The link to join the meeting is <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86984861671</u> (If you are calling in from a telephone: Call 646-558-8656, Dial the meeting ID- 86984861671, followed by #, Then press # again and you should be in the meeting).

5. We will begin our **Diaper Drive** for <u>*The Maker's Place*</u> (located in Trenton) THIS WEEK. Please bring diapers to the office breezeway during the week. You may also bring them to worship beginning 11/29.

6. The new **Fall/Thanksgiving Banners** in the Sanctuary were given by the Memorial Committee in memory of **Bonnie Ball, Michelle Kanzler, Barbara Schumacher**, and **Gloria Smith**. We are grateful for the chance to remember these faithful Christians in this way.

November Birthdays
this Week:
Doris Laib (14)
Sibyl Walczak (15)
John Gatsch (15)
Patricia Roehrig (17)
Beth Brierly (19)
Barbara Minue (21)
Anniversary:
Carol & David Wentworth (17)

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

Electronic Giving Address: <u>www.fumctr.com/donate</u>

**To Mail Your Offering** (*thank you for the gift of a stamp!*) ATTN: Financial Secretary, First UMC 129 Chestnut Street, Toms River, NJ 08753

For the Most Recent Updates:: www.fumctr.com/calendar