



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**November 24, 2020 – Church Office Hours M-F/9am – 12:30pm**

*“Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!”*

*-Henry Alford, 1844*

“Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and  
his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the LORD is good and his love  
endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all  
generations.”  
~Psalms 100:4-5

Here's your weekly update...

1. We will **gather for public worship THIS SUNDAY (11/29)** at 9:00am and 10:30am. Just a Reminder- Please call the church office this week to make your reservations. Keep in mind it is a short week so call early! ☺

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 [ed@fumctr.com](mailto:ed@fumctr.com) to sign up. The book is available at [Christianbook.com](http://Christianbook.com). If you need help acquiring the book, let me know and we will make it happen! The Advent Study will be held on **12/2; 12/9; and 12/16 at 6:45pm**. Please read Chs. 1 and 2 for 12/2

3. Please take a look at our great **Testimonies Video** [here](#) →Special thanks to our featured members: Fred Muller, Sam Rose and Kim General for their great work!!!



4. Save the date! The Worship Committee needs volunteers to help **Decorate the Sanctuary and the Family Life Center for Christmas**. No experience necessary! We will be doing it a little differently this year. All spirited elves should gather THIS WEEK at 10 AM on Saturday, November 28 to decorate the Sanctuary (FLC will follow). Email Donna [donnavarsanyi@aol.com](mailto:donnavarsanyi@aol.com) or Kim ([kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com)) if you are interested in participating. Thanks!

5. Our **Diaper Drive** for *The Maker's Place* (located in Trenton) is in full swing! Please bring diapers to the office breezeway during the week. You may also bring them to worship beginning 11/29.

6. *I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, calls & cards set to my family & me at the loss of my father. Blessings - Tammy Adams*

### **December Birthdays this Week:**

Sylvia Schottinger (2)  
Bonnie Citta (2)  
Fran Cicci (2)  
Paula Smith (4)  
Fred Muller (4)  
George Melnyk (4)

Peace,

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

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