



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 8, 2020 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

*“This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
Angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him
laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.”*

~William C. Dix, 1864

And a voice came from
heaven: “You are my
Son, whom I love; with you
I am well pleased.”

~Mark 1:11

1. **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Regarding Worship through January 10th:**

***As you know, it has been necessary to close public worship on several occasions in the past months due to positive tests in our church family. We are concerned that if a positive test occurs within two weeks of Christmas Eve services, it will force us to close Christmas Eve worship. Knowing that all of us would like to avoid that scenario, I have decided to close public worship for the two Sundays before Christmas Eve. Those Sundays are Dec 13 and Dec 20 and will be *virtual only*. Also, since many will gather on Christmas Day with people outside their “pods,” we will also be *virtual* the two Sundays after Christmas. Those Sundays are Dec 27 and Jan 3. As a result, our December worship schedule will be as follows:

All Services will be available online at www.fumctr.com/onlineworship

Dec 13: Virtual Worship Only

Dec 27: Virtual Worship Only

Dec 20: Virtual Worship Only

Jan 3: Virtual Worship Only

Jan 10: Return to In-person Worship (*Tentative*)

***Dec 24 (Christmas Eve):** In-person worship (*5pm FLC/7pm Sanctuary*)

***Please note that the 5:00pm Family Life Center Service is FULL and no longer taking reservations. There is still limited space available at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**

2. 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!!!

3. As we approach the end of the year (*and aren't we glad 2020 is almost over!!*), I'd like to encourage you to make sure your **pledge** is on track & also consider a **special end of year gift** to First Church. With God's grace and your faithfulness, **this ministry will continue!**

December Birthdays

Zack Newcomb (14)

Shaun Norden (16)

Emily Basehore (16)

Nancy Raisch (16)

Michael Pape (17)

Kyle Bressman (19)

Shirley Cook (19)

Anniversaries

John & Patricia Aitken (19)

Thank you for your patience and
Understanding – Much love,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

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