







FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 15, 2020 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains,
Glo  ri  a
In excelsis Deo
Glo  ri  a



They were filled with awe and praised
God. "A great prophet has appeared
among us," they said. "God has come to
help his people."



~Luke 7:16

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 decided to close public worship for the two Sundays before Christmas Eve. They are 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 worship schedule will be as follows:

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

Dec 20: Virtual Worship Only

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

Dec 27: Virtual Worship Only

Jan 3: Virtual Worship Only

Jan 10: Return to In-person Worship

*Please note that **BOTH Christmas Eve SERVICES ARE FILLED** and no longer taking reservations. Watch online at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>

2. There is still some **decorating to do for Christmas Eve** in both buildings. We need your help **THIS SATURDAY**, December 19th at 12Noon. Contact Donna (donnavarsanyi@aol.com) or Kim (kgeneral83@gmail.com) for more information.

3. As we approach the end of the year, please make sure your **pledge** is on track & also consider a **special end of year gift** to First Church. Please note that, in order for giving to be designated for 2020, it must be received by Dec 31. With God's grace and your faithfulness, First Church **will continue to change lives!**

December Birthdays

Tom Newsome (22)
Beverly Williams (23)
Lillian Carney (23)
Sue Moczynski (24)
Joy Hartjen (27)
Al Tarbous (28)
Diane Pinand (31)

Anniversaries

Jack & Janet Bush (23)

Thank you for your patience and
Understanding – Much love,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

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