



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 5, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

*“O victory in Jesus,
My Savior forever! He sought me
and bought me with his
redeeming blood; he loved me ere
I knew him, and all my love is due
Him; he plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood.”*

~Eugene Bartlett, 1939

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation
has come;
the old has gone,
the new is here!
~2nd Corinthians 5:17

1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday (Jan 10)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and the Sanctuary at 10:30am. Both services will be live-streamed.

Just a friendly reminder: Please call the church office by Thursday to make your reservations. Thank you!

2. Thanks to all the **decorators** who adorned our Sanctuary & Family Life Center for Christmas --- and then undecorated it, too! We are grateful for all your hard work. Here is a snapshot of our decorators.....

PLEASE NOTE:
The Sarah Circle will
NOT meet
on Monday (1/11)



3. **Soup Kitchen News:** In March 2008, we set out to minister to the homeless in our community. Over the years, we noticed that we fed many different people but very few homeless persons. Our most recent served meal was in March 2020...and of course, we had to close because of the pandemic. We are so grateful for all of you who have served in this wonderful ministry...

...We have been seeking the Lord as to what he has for us. And we think we have heard him! As we were still and listened to God, he allowed us to connect with the *Just Believe Ministry* – they lead the township’s *Code Blue* program that houses the homeless when it gets cold. So, we joined this great ministry! The Paula Brown Soup Kitchen cooks are now cooking from their homes and delivering these meals to *Code Blue*. So, with the soup kitchen funds, we are running like a well-oiled machine answering God’s call. We look forward to the day when we can all meet together again. – *Betty Lou Pinto*

January Birthdays

Harry Hartjen (18)
Hazel Shelhimer (18)
Adair Ruane (19)
Joyce Fullerton (21)
Marjorie Gillette (22)
Bob Ferrara (24)
Richard Matlock (24)
Kathy Tarbous (26)
Janine Wozniak (27)
Richard Herr (28)
Barbara Clinch (30)
Judy Dean (30)

Thank you for your faithfulness,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

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