



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim,
In the light of his glory and
grace”*

~Helen Lemmel, 1922

“When he saw the crowds, he had
compassion on them, because
they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.”

~Matthew 9:36

1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday (Jan 17)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Please remember that it is very important to sign up for worship EVERY week. It makes it easy for us to save you a spot! And just a reminder, both services will be live-streamed. You can access them at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>

2. The **Diaper Drive** netted 2,524 diapers for *The Makers' Place* ministry in Trenton. Thank you so much for your help. Remember our goal.... *“No Child Wet Behind!”*

3. Thank you so much for your help with the Food Pantry Ministry last Sunday (even though I forgot to announce it!). **Our next Food Pantry Ministry is February 10th.**

4. **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. You can learn about them [here](#) 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*

5. Thanks for all your help for the **Operation Christmas Child Ministry**...we were able to send 89 boxes to children around the world so that they would have something to open on Christmas day. Praise God!

Jan/Feb 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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