



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 19, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

*“Spirit of God descend upon my
heart
Wean it from earth, through all
its pulses move; stoop to my
weakness, mighty as thou art, and
make me love thee as I ought to
love”
~George Croly, 1867*

“...you are worried and upset
about many things, but few things
are needed—or indeed only one.”
~Luke 10:41-42

1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday (Jan 24)** 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 **Youth Ministry** meets *every Sunday evening at 6:00pm in Thompson Hall*. We are socially distanced and safe! Looking forward to seeing you!

3. Our next **Food Pantry Ministry** is February 10th. Please bring your food items to worship that day or to the church office breezeway the week before. Thank you!

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. Thank you so much for your faithful giving in these past months. Without you, none of the ministry that occurs can happen...you are a vital part of the FUMCTR family and I am grateful for your faithfulness to God. Please see the box below for information on how to give.

Jan 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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