



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 23, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

“Lord, who throughout these 40 days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay”

-Claudia Hernaman, 1873

“They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.”

-Nehemiah 8:8

1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday (Feb 28)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Remember that it is very important to **SIGN UP** for worship **EVERY** week. It makes it easy for us to prepare a spot for you! 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!

3. Our next **Food Pantry Ministry is March 14th**. Please bring your food items to worship that day or to the church office breezeway the week before. Thank you!

4. As it stays cold this winter, remember that Operation Code Blue is ministering faithfully to our homeless brothers and sisters in the area. If you would like to help or would like more information, log on to <https://justbelieveinc.org/>

5. Pastor Ed's **Lenten Study** will run on the following Wednesdays: *March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 6:45pm via Zoom*. We will pick up where we left off last year with Adam Hamilton's **Simon Peter**. **Read the first 3 chapters**. You may have the book from last year, but if you need one contact us at the office – **LET ME KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO I CAN SEND YOU THE ZOOM LINK!**

6. The **Shoprite Card Program happens this Sunday (after 9am worship & before 10:30am worship)!** If you buy a card (please indicate the denominations you want) for your regular groceries (*or to donate to the HOPE Center*), FUMCTR receives 5% of the total at no cost to you!!

7. Thank you for **making a difference** in the stewardship life of First Church. We are in “thin” times, for sure, but your faithfulness has helped us through today! If you are able, please consider a special gift in addition to your regular giving to bring your church family through this unprecedented period.

In Memoriam

Linda Cottrell – December 16, 2020

Timothy Clinch – January 12, 2021

Sue Walker Moczynski - January 16, 2021

Wil Barron (Willia's son) – February 7, 2021

Thank you for your faithfulness,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

March Birthdays

David Lutes (5), Jean Yeager (6),

Robert Intveld (6)

Jim Strasko (6),

Jay Latshaw (8), Samantha Rose

(8), Frank Snuffin (11)

March Anniversaries

Bob & Terri Ferrara (13)

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