



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 2, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

1. We will meet for in-person worship this **Sunday (March 7)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Celebrate Communion with us!

Remember that it is very important to **SIGN UP** for worship **EVERY** week. It makes it easier 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>.

Electronic Giving Address:

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ATTN: Financial Secretary, First UMC
129 Chestnut Street, Toms River, NJ 08753

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2. 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!

3. 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/>

4. 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 – **IF YOU STILL WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF IT, LET ME KNOW YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO I CAN SEND YOU THE ZOOM LINK!**

5. Thank you to everyone who has made the Shop-Rite Gift Card Program a success! We have received donations to the Hope Center & the Soup Kitchen. Also, the church has already received some money as well. If you buy a card (please indicate the denominations you want) for your regular groceries (*or to donate to the HOPE Center or Soup Kitchen*), FUMCTR receives 5% of the total at no cost to you!!

6. 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.

Thank you for your faithfulness,

Pastor Ed (cell: 609-617-5182)

"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."
~Ephesians 5:19b-21

March Birthdays

Paul McVoy (12)

Pat Aitken (12)

Ann Cattley (13)

Sue O'Malley (15)

March Anniversaries

Bob & Terri Ferrara (13)

In Memoriam

Connie Shivers – February 14, 2021

Judy Dean – February 26, 2021