



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

1. We will meet for in-person worship this **Sunday (March 14)** 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 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  
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2. Our next **Food Pantry Ministry** is **THIS SUNDAY, March 14th**. Please bring your food items to worship that day or to the church office breezeway this week. Thank you!

3. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS** begins on Sunday, March 14. Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

4. **Lent & Easter Schedule:** April 1: Holy Thursday -7pm (FLC); April 2: Good Friday – 12N (Sanctuary); April 4: Easter Sunday (9am FLC & 10:30am Sanctuary). **Please make your reservations!**

5. The **Amazon Smile Program** is up and running. If you make First United Methodist Church, Toms River your charity, our church receives a percentage of the eligible purchases you make. Great, huh? A separate email detailing the program will come later this week ☺

6. **A note from Vicki Gernert:** *“I would like to thank my church family for all the cards, calls, and well-wishes – but especially prayers – during my recent hospital stay and home recuperation. They were all very much appreciated! I know for sure they helped me recover as quickly and as well as I did! I could not have done it without you!!! God bless you all!!!”*

7. **Congratulations to grandparents, Tom & Kathy Newsome** on the birth of Tomas Rex Chamberlain Zelehoski Newsome on March 4<sup>th</sup> in Mexico! Tomas weighed in at 7lb and 3oz. Mom had a rough go of it but is doing fine now. The family is due back in the States in the next few weeks. Be careful – the Newsomes have lots of pictures!!!

8. **Easter Flower Information:** Flowers for the Sanctuary and Family Life Center are \$20/flower. Please make your checks payable to FUMCTR. Deadline is March 24<sup>th</sup>. Indicate whether the flower is *in memory* or *in honor* of someone.

9. We will hold a very brief **Church Conference (via Zoom)** on March 23, 2021 at 6:45pm in order to receive officially our second PPP grant

10. Almost every week, I hear from people from all walks of life who are benefitting and being blessed by our First Church ministry. Thank you for your financial faithfulness during these uncertain times. Presently, our financial situation is very concerning but I believe your continued faithfulness will get us through. Please consider a special gift to First Church during this season of hope and resurrection.

### March Birthdays

Loris Pelkey (17), Susan Burch  
(18), Bette Ann Seiffert (18),  
Joyce Carter (20), Victoria  
Smialkowski (20), Ashley Mann  
(21), Arnold Egeland (22)

### March Anniversaries

Sue & Dennis Malinowski (19)

Thank you for your faithfulness,  
*Pastor Ed* (cell: 609-617-5182)

### In Memoriam

Robert C. Cottrell – March 2, 2021