



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 11, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

*“...But Jonah ran away from  
the Lord and headed for  
Tarshish...”  
~Jonah 1:1-15*

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**For the Most Recent Updates:** [www.fumctr.com/calendar](http://www.fumctr.com/calendar)

1. **We will meet for in-person worship this Sunday (May 16)** at 9:00am in the Family Life Center and 10:30am in the Sanctuary. You can access the live stream at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>.
2. The next **Food Pantry Ministry is June 13th**. Please bring your food items to worship that day or to the church office breezeway THIS WEEK!
3. Our **Adopt-a-Spot Gardening Program** is off to a great start! Heartfelt thanks to all of you who are participating in this labor of love. **We could still use more wonderful volunteers**. Please refer to the attached document describing the areas and contact Kim ([kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com)) to claim your spot! Please note: if there is a name next to the spot, it has already been claimed. Thank you!
4. Our **Youth Ministry** meets every Sunday night at 6pm in Thompson Hall and our **College Ministry** meets every Friday at 6pm...*All are welcome!*
5. The **Amazon Smile Program** is up and running. If you make First United Methodist Church of Toms River your charity, our church receives a percentage of the eligible purchases you make. Questions? See the announcement flyer available on Sunday mornings (also available at our [website](http://www.fumctr.com)) ☺
6. **Pastor Wes' Online Devotional** is **EVERY THURSDAY** at 10am on Facebook. Log on at [www.facebook.com/fumctr](http://www.facebook.com/fumctr). You can also see it at our [website](http://www.fumctr.com)
7. **Congratulations to our Educational Assistance Fund recipients** for this year! Their names will be listed in this Sunday's announcement flyer (also available at our [website](http://www.fumctr.com))
8. One of God's mysteries is the love and salvation he gifts to us by grace. And in exchange, we are only asked to be trustworthy. God's provision is enough to meet our needs and more – So how can we not say, “yes” to being faithful to God's gracious gift? I want to **thank you** for saying “**YES!**” **to YOUR CHURCH** as you share your time, talent and financial resources so that others know the same hope we have!

### May Birthdays

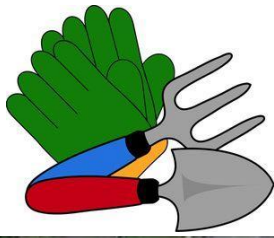
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Laura Thatcher (16)  
Alex Zier (16)  
Jean Ostrander (17)  
Ken Faber (18)  
Kaitlyn Mann (18)  
Meg Muller (19)  
Allison Vogel (19)

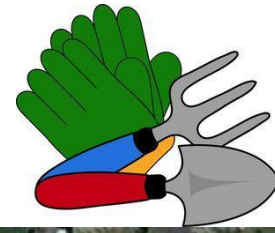
*Shoprite Cards* available after  
9am and before 10:30am worship  
on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

*Interested in Ushering at one of our two  
services? We can always use your help!  
Contact Pastor Ed at [ed@fumctr.com](mailto:ed@fumctr.com)*

I love you,  
**Pastor Ed** (cell: 609-617-5182)



# Introducing Adopt-A-Spot



## Hey Church Family!

### We could use some help taking care of God's House






In order to keep our church grounds looking great, we are asking for volunteers to "Adopt-A-Spot." You may work individually, as a couple, as a family, as friends, as a group – we need you all!






### How it works:






1. Select your spot from the diagram above. There is also a picture of each spot and a description of what needs to be done in the chart below. There are spots of varying sizes available for varying skill levels.
2. See Kim General on Sunday or email her at [kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com) to claim your space.
3. Please plan an initial clean-up of your area between now and June 1 (whenever it fits best in your schedule)
4. Then please periodically "spot check" your spot between now and October to keep our grounds looking great all summer!







Have fun! And thank you for offering your time, your talents and your service.






The Trustees and the Stewardship Committee







Area #	What it looks like	What it needs	Caretaker
51		<p>Flowerbed – near sign on Old Freehold Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Mulch</li> <li>• Seasonal flowers</li> </ul>	Pastor Ed
2		<p>3 Forsythia Bushes – left side of entrance from Old Freehold Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prune annually after flowering (before July)  <a href="https://www.gardenin.gknowhow.com/ornamental/shrubs/forsythia/forsythia-pruning.htm">https://www.gardenin.gknowhow.com/ornamental/shrubs/forsythia/forsythia-pruning.htm</a> </li> </ul>	
3		<p>4 Forsythia Bushes – along office side parking lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prune annually after flowering (before July)  <a href="https://www.gardenin.gknowhow.com/ornamental/shrubs/forsythia/forsythia-pruning.htm">https://www.gardenin.gknowhow.com/ornamental/shrubs/forsythia/forsythia-pruning.htm</a> </li> </ul>	
4		<p>Flowerbed – right of office door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Mulch</li> <li>• Trim Shrub</li> </ul>	Pastor Ed
5		<p>Flowerbed – left of office door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Mulch</li> <li>• Trim Shrub</li> </ul>	Pastor Ed

6		<p>Memorial Garden – along office wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> <li>• Cut dead branches in small shrubs</li> <li>• Leave tall arborvitae alone</li> </ul>	
7		<p>Memorial Garden – Along parking lot fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> <li>• Prune shoots of the Japanese holly bushes</li> </ul>	
8A		<p>Memorial Garden – Center Flower Bed closest to the office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> </ul>	Don and Nancy Kaulback
8B		<p>Memorial Garden – Center Flower Bed left of center walkway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> </ul>	
8C		<p>Memorial Garden – Center Flower Bed closest to Chestnut St.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> </ul>	

<p><b>9</b></p>		<p>Memorial Garden – Along Sanctuary Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• <del>Mulch</del></li> <li>• Trim small shrubs when needed</li> </ul>	<p>Beth Brierley</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>		<p>Playground *Access through large gate on FLC side</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Dispose of leaves, trash (Leaf blower would be helpful)</li> </ul>	<p>Boy Scout Troop 92 (Tentative)</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>		<p>North Side of FLC – Facing Chestnut Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Rake &amp; Weed</li> <li>• Mulch (if desired)</li> <li>• Trim Perennial Grasses</li> </ul>	<p>Joyce Fullerton and Jill Metzler</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>		<p>FLC – Large Flowerbed to the right of the door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Mulch</li> <li>• Trim Shrubs and Perennials</li> </ul>	<p>FUMC Youth Group (Tentative)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>		<p>FLC – Large Flowerbed to the left of the door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edge Border</li> <li>• Weed</li> <li>• Mulch</li> <li>• Trim Shrubs and Perennials</li> </ul>	<p>Cub Scout Pack 57 (Denise Roe)</p>

14		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim ground cover</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	
15		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	
16		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	
17		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	
18		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim ground cover</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	
19		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	

20		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	Joseph Latshaw
21		<p>FLC Parking Lot Island #21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Shrubs</li> <li>● Trim dead tree branches with pole saw if available (NO Ladders)</li> </ul>	Joseph Latshaw
22		<p>South side of Thompson Hall from kitchen door to right side of choir room door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Remove old mulch</li> <li>● Do NOT add new mulch</li> <li>● Till soil (landscapers will re-seed so that grass grows to the wall)</li> </ul>	
23		<p>South side of Thompson Hall from choir room door to front corner near Sanctuary parking lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Remove old mulch</li> <li>● Do NOT add new mulch (except right next to the door if desired)</li> <li>● Till soil (landscapers will re-seed so that grass grows to the wall)</li> </ul>	
24		<p>Front of Thompson Hall adjacent to Sanctuary parking lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Trim Cypress</li> <li>● Remove old mulch</li> <li>● Do NOT add new mulch (except right next to the door if desired)</li> <li>● Till soil (landscapers will re-seed so that grass grows to the wall)</li> </ul>	

25		<p>Along the hallway of the Education Wing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rake</li> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Trim shrubs as needed</li> </ul>	
26		<p>Inside HVAC fence (Gate is on the left side)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remove leaves and debris</li> <li>● Weed</li> </ul>	
27		<p>Area to the right of the Sanctuary doors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rake</li> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Burning Bush (summer)</li> </ul>	Bob Ferrara
28		<p>Area to the left of the Sanctuary doors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rake</li> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● Mulch</li> <li>● Trim Bushes</li> </ul>	Bob Ferrara
29		<p>Bell Island from bell toward Old Freehold Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● <del>Mulch</del></li> <li>● Trim bushes</li> </ul>	
30		<p>Bell Island from bell toward Thompson Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Weed</li> <li>● <del>Mulch</del></li> <li>● Trim bushes</li> </ul>	Kim General



Quick notes:

- If you are unsure about how or when to trim a particular plant, please Google it! There are some fantastic online articles and videos on just about every issue a gardener could face. If that doesn't help, please email Kim ([kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com)) and she will do her best to help. This is a work in progress – we will figure it out together!
- Please dispose of the weeds and debris in the dumpster in the FLC parking lot.
- Please avoid “mulch mounding” (Too much mulch is not good for the plants / trees)
- Please avoid the use of chemicals.
- Please follow safety guidelines (e.g. gloves, goggles, etc.)
- Please avoid the use of ladders.
- We are guessing that people have basic gardening tools. If you need anything (tools, bags, etc.), please let us know.
- Cub Scout Pack 57 did a phenomenal clean-up of the Bell Island and Memorial Garden (Thank you Cub Scouts!). We are offering those areas for adoption because they will need to be maintained.
- The Trustees are in the process to acquiring more mulch. We will let you know as soon as we have a delivery date.

**Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**