



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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June 15, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 12:30pm

“...For you have been my  
hope, Sovereign LORD,  
my confidence since my youth.”  
~Psalm 71:5

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)

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

1. I'm looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday (June 20<sup>th</sup> - **Fathers' Day**) at 9:00am and 10:30am! Just a reminder that the state of New Jersey has lifted the Covid guidelines and so, there is no longer a need to wear a mask or socially distance (for vaccinated persons) when at First Church. However, you are welcome to wear a mask and keep a comfortable distance while worshipping for as long as you like ☺ \*We will also stream both services at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>

**\*\*\*SIT WHEREVER YOU'D LIKE!! ☺**

2. Our next **Food Pantry Sunday** is July 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring your items to worship that day.

3. Our **Adopt-a-Spot Gardening Program** continues growing! We still have some orphaned gardens, so **WE NEED YOU!** Contact Kim ([kgeneral83@gmail.com](mailto:kgeneral83@gmail.com)) to claim your spot!

4. Our **College Group** meets on Fridays at 6pm and our **Youth Ministry** meets at 6pm on Sundays (both in Thompson Hall). Questions for Pastor Wes? His email address is [wesellis@fumctr.com](mailto:wesellis@fumctr.com)

5. The **Amazon Smile Program** continues. 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 [www.fumctr.com](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 [www.fumctr.com](http://www.fumctr.com)

7. **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. What does God put at our disposal with that gift? Well, the whole of creation is ours to use and look after. God's provision is enough to meet our needs and more – and all he asks is that we honor and care for it and use it in ways that serve others. So how can we not say, “yes” to being faithful to God's gracious gift? I want to *thank you* for saying “YES!” to the ministry of First Church as you share your time, talent and financial resources so that others know the same hope we have!

### Electronic Giving Address:

[www.fumctr.com/donate](http://www.fumctr.com/donate)

**To Mail Your Offering** (*thank you for the gift of a stamp!*)

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

**In Person:** Drop off your offering in the offering plates/baskets at the front of each worship location.

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

### June Birthdays

Hannah Davis (21)  
John Winiavski, Jr (23)  
Courtney Fritz (24)  
Suzanne Painter (24)  
Donna Varsanyi (25)  
Rosevelyn Medvigy (25)  
Alice Beese (26)

### Anniversaries

Loretta & Jim Strasko (20)  
Ted & Alice Hannan (21)  
Bob & Pat Nemoto (24)  
Ron & Rea Fritz (24)  
Dick & Jean Ostrander (25)  
Mike & Linda Bach (25)

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