



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 14, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 2:00pm

“Better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand elsewhere...”

~Psalms 84:10-12

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. COME TO WORSHIP this Sunday (September 19<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00am and 10:30am as we say,  
“**FAREWELL**” TO PASTOR WES and his family! We will have a reception after each service.

\*We will also stream both services at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>

\*Reservations are no longer required...come and sit anywhere you like ☺

2. Mark your calendars... The **Rummage Sale** will be held on October 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> (drop offs begin Sept 26<sup>th</sup> after 9am worship) and the **Holly Berry Bazaar** is Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>!

3. **Church Garage Clean Up Day** is THIS FRIDAY, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We need you! Contact Sue Malinowski through the church office for details.

4. Would you like to contribute to **Hurricane Ida Relief**? Please watch a short video [here](#) & then go to [gnjumc.org](http://gnjumc.org) to make a donation. Thank you!

5. Pray for our **Youth and College Ministries** as they continue they continue their activities during this time of Pastor Wes’ transition. Questions? Contact Pastor Ed at [ed@fumctr.com](mailto:ed@fumctr.com)

6. **CHARGE CONFERENCE (via Zoom) with the District Superintendent** is Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. This meeting is for **Church Council members** only.

7. The **NINE PATCHERS** meet on Wednesday (3pm-5pm) in Thompson Hall

8. As we continue our emergence from the pandemic, God continues working through First Church and into the lives of people. Your faithfulness has provided our members & attenders a way to grow in faith and our youth with a place to call home. Stability is so vital in these days and you are helping to provide that very thing -- which helps us build for a strong future. May God bless you in your continued and devoted stewardship to this church family!

**SPRC Meeting:**

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Thursday  
6:30 pm  
Thompson Hall

### September Birthdays

Evie Paulsen (22)

Debby Pease (22)

Clyde Crofoot (23)

Nene Ottmer (25)

Molly Smialkowski (25)

Viv Johnson (25)

Liz Mitchell (26)

Nancy Kaulback (26)

Richard Batchelder (26)

### September Anniversaries

Kay & Jim Agans (21)

### **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:** We pass the plates/baskets during worship or you may drop off your offering to the office during the week.

*The greatest of these is love,*

*Pastor Ed* (cell: 609-617-5182)