



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 16, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 2:00pm

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“...Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how....”

~Mark 4:26-29

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

1. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday (November 21st) for **WORSHIP** at 9:00am and 10:30am !
At the end of worship, we'll be bringing our pledge cards to the front.

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

2. **Because of a bequest from Alta Tidball**, our Trustees will be able to make significant improvements to the Thompson Hall area. These include upgrading the ceiling, lighting, paint, and carpet. As a result, TH will be unavailable through the end of the year. **Please check the calendar for your new meeting location.** Many thanks to the Tidball family!

3. The Trustees have decided to rent the former Associate Pastor's parsonage (at 101 Walchest Drive). But there is work to be done before renting, so the Trustees are having a **Workday THIS SATURDAY (11/20) from 9-12pm** at the house. Please text or call Tom Newsome (848-224-2814) if you can help this Saturday. Thank you!!

4. Our **Diaper Drive** for The Maker's Place in Trenton will be **THIS Sunday (11/21)** through December 5th. Please bring your diapers (they especially need size 6) to worship over the next few Sundays.

5. Questions about **Youth and College Ministries?** Contact our Co-Directors, Matthew Fullerton & Bob Ferrara at matthew@fumctr.com or bob@fumctr.com

6. Please fill out the **Ministry Survey** that was distributed (on 10/24 & 10/31). They are now available on the information tables in the Sanctuary and FLC. Please return to the box marked Surveys. Thank you!

7. **Advent Study** with Pastor Ed...*Advent through the Eyes of Joseph!* Wednesdays in December (1,8,15,22) at **10:00am AND 6:45pm**. Books are \$14 (Scholarships available!). Sign up on the Clipboard on the Information Tables – please indicate what session you are attending ☺ **More Books SHOULD be available THIS Sunday (supply chain issues ☹!)**

8. Thank you to all who made the **Operation Christmas Child** Ministry a great success (85 boxes)!

9. I know you don't need me to remind you that the ongoing ministry of First Church depends on, to a great extent, your regular financial support. The details for giving are below & I am grateful to you for the many ways you have continued our shared ministry and pray for the strength you need to navigate through these difficult and sometimes scary times. **We will get through this and we will be stronger than ever!**

November Birthdays

Beth Brierly (19)
Barbara Minue (21)
Ed Zakar (23)

November Anniversaries

Peter & Liz Mitchell (24)
Mike & Kate Pape (25)

Electronic Giving Address:

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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.

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

Church Council will meet on Nov 23rd at 7pm in the Sanctuary