



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**November 23, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 2:00pm**

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“...] am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord...”

~ John 1:19-31

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

1. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday (November 28th) for **WORSHIP** at 9:00am and 10:30am !

This Sunday is the **FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT †**

\*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. There will be a meeting with our **Bishop, John Schol**, for all laity in the Southern Region of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference on December 13 at 6:30pm via Zoom. If you are interested, contact Pastor Ed for the Zoom link.

4. Our **Diaper Drive** for The Maker’s Place in Trenton will be Sundays 11/28 & 12/5. Please bring your diapers (they especially need size 6) to worship on those next few Sundays.

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



6. Please fill out the **Ministry Survey** that was distributed in October. 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 at the Information Tables – please indicate what session you are attending ☺ Books are available now!

8. Thinking Ahead – Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be held at 5pm in the Family Life Center and at 7pm in the Sanctuary. We will be using real candles ☺

9. In this season of Thanksgiving, we have so much for which to be grateful. As you spend time with your loved ones this week, please give thanks for your First Church family as well. God has blessed us greatly and I am excited for all God has for us now and in the future. **Thanks be to God!**

### Nov/Dec Birthdays

Taylor O’Malley (29)  
David Maloney (30)  
Silvia Schottinger (2)  
Bonnie Citta (2)  
Paula Smith (4)  
Fred Muller (4)  
George Melnyk (4)

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

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