



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Update #86

December 7, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 2:00pm

"...for to us a child is born,

to us a son is given..."

~|isaiah 9:6

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

1. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday (December 12th) for **WORSHIP** at 9:00am and 10:30am.

This Sunday is the **THIRD 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. Thanks for your help at the **Diaper Drive** for The Maker's Place in Trenton. Your gifts were overwhelming!

5. **We are so happy to welcome Julie Kidd** as our *Children's Christian Education Director* (beginning 12/1)! Julie's main focus will be to revive our Sunday School and re-establish our Vacation Bible School Ministry. Please pray for Julie, offer your help when you see her on Sundays, and spread the word that Sunday School will be back mid to late January! Her email is Julie@fumctr.com

6. **Do you like history?** Joseph Latshaw is looking for volunteers to help make exhibits for our glass showcase in the Education Wing. This will help convey First Church's rich history since 1828. If you're interested, contact Joseph at rj1072001@gmail.com

7. **Advent Study** with Pastor Ed...*Advent through the Eyes of Joseph – STARTS TOMORROW & continues through December (8,15,22)* at **10:00am AND 6:45pm**. Meets in Sanctuary.

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 ☺ - Also, there will be ONE service in the sanctuary at 10am on December 26th and January 2nd.

9. As we come to the close of another year, please consider a special gift to the ministry of your church (in addition to your regular giving) so that we can end the year on a strong financial note. Ministry happens because of you! Thanks and blessings!

Dec Birthdays

Abigail Dorso (12); Nancy Raisch (16);
Mike Pape (17); Tom Newsome (22);
Lillian Carney (23); Joy Hartjen (27);
Al Tarbous (28); Diane Pinand (31)

Dec Anniversaries

John & Pat Aitken (19)
Janet & Jack Bush (23)

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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.

Bell Choir
Practice
Every
Tuesday at
6pm in the
Choir Room!

All welcome

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