



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Update #88

December 21, 2021 – Church Office Hours M-F 9am – 2:00pm

*"... When the time had
fully come..."*
~Galatians 4:4-5

Shoprite Cards available after
9am and before
10:30am worship
on **2nd & 4th Sundays**
(Next Sunday is January 9th)

1. Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be held at **5pm** in the Family Life Center and at **7pm** in the Sanctuary.

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

2. Also - We will hold **ONE worship service at 10am** in the Sanctuary on **December 26th and January 2nd** (*Jan 2nd is Communion Sunday*)

*We will stream Dec 26th & Jan 2nd worship services at <http://www.fumctr.com/onlineworship>

3. There will be **NO UPDATE** during the week of December 27th. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

4. **We are so happy to welcome Julie Kidd** as our *Children's Christian Education Director* (she began on 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 in late January! Her email is julie@fumctr.com

5. **Because of a bequest from Alta Tidball**, our Trustees have made significant improvements to the Thompson Hall area. The work is wrapping up and TH will be available early in the new year. Questions? Contact Tom Newsome at tcntcn@verizon.net

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. Even in the middle of so many obstacles, **I believe that God has blessed First Church in 2021**. God walked with us through lockdowns, shutdowns, social distancing, masking, vaccines & boosters! Through it all, our God has reigned in power and given us direction for a bright and exciting future. In these last few moments of the year, please consider a special gift to your church family so we may continue in God's direction. 2022 looks to be a year of great opportunity and ministry. Looking forward to walking with you in the new year!

Dec Birthdays

Tom Newsome (22);
Lillian Carney (23); Joy Hartjen (27);
Al Tarbous (28); Diane Pinand (31)

Jan Birthdays

Pete Rich (2); Kelly Correll (3); Steve
Thatcher, Jr (4); Dave Correll (6);
Bill Bode (6)

Dec Anniversaries

Janet & Jack Bush (23)

Jan Anniversaries

Mike & Silvia Schottinger (5)

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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)