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*SpiritLines*  
January 16, 2022

**Welcome worshipers!** We're glad you joined us for services this week! God uses worship in so many ways: to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion and bind people to one another. We hope the service will be a good—and meaningful—experience for you and we hope you'll feel happy you logged or dialed in. We hope you'll come back!

**Parents** - We love having your children and youth worship with us and we believe it is important for the generations to worship together. Relax, stay positive, and know God's grace is at work even when we can't see it. Worship is love.

**Pastoral Care** Please see that the pastor or the church office is notified in the event you or a family member is hospitalized. *Need to talk?* Please see Pastor Ben or call his cell phone (908 674-1453) for an appointment. Or just check the last item on the Prayer Request form (I'd like to schedule an appointment with the pastor) and give the form to an usher. If you are homebound or otherwise unable to travel and would like to receive communion, please let Ben know.

**Virtual Martin Luther King Community Service – TODAY (1/16)!** The service will take place over Zoom at 3:00 PM.

MLK meeting ID number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81737883800>

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The conference call meeting **dial – in number is (978-990-5000); and access number: 900212** .

**Offering Envelopes** - for 2022 are available. If you would like a set, please contact Cindy Hedin or the church office. Please let us know if you plan to pick them up at church or if you would rather we mail them.

**Bible Study** - Zoom Bible Study will start up again on January 20, 7:30-8:30. We will be reading Exodus and learning about how God led the Hebrews from slavery and into the Promised Land. Interested? Read chapters 1-2, and we'll see you this Thursday! We're on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>, if you are asked for a passcode, it is 002367.

**Bare Necessities** – Somerset County Jail inmates always need underwear and other items, regardless of the season. Since we are entering the cold weather season, there are some extra items added to the list. Please bring any of the following items and place in the Bare Necessities bin in the family room: solid white socks, no stripes or colors, solid white undershirts (S, M, 2X, 3X), solid white boxer shorts (S, M, 2X, 3X), white long underwear (tops, bottoms, all sizes), gray hooded sweatshirts (all sizes), gray sweat pants (all sizes), nylon/polyester windbreakers (all sizes, must be inexpensive, shell only, unlined).

**Ushers needed!** We need to rebuild the usher group. New volunteers are needed asap as we prepare to reopen the sanctuary for in person worship. Now is the time for you to step forward to help your church in a meaningful way. Safety and hospitality are sacred elements of each Sunday morning. To volunteer, please call Jen at the church office (908 725-1473) and leave a message in her voicemail box.

**Prayers** - Got a prayer request? Go to: <http://www.fumcsomervillenj.org/prayer-requests.html>

**Prayer Requests:** Laura Sergile, member; Laura Sergile's parents, Irene and Robert Nelson; Judy Smith's nephew and family; the people of St. John UMC, Fordville, NJ.

Online giving through Zelle: [givingtofumc@gmail.com](mailto:givingtofumc@gmail.com).  
Or you can simply mail your donation check, or drop off it off in the church's side-door mail slot. Thank you!

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