



SpiritLines

November 21, 2021

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.

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

Hanging of the Greens – TODAY after church. Come out and help decorate the church for the Christmas Season! Pizza will be provided following the decorating. Please contact Cindy Hedin with any questions.

Special Charge Conference – will take place on December 1, 2021 at 7pm for a conference wide resolution on how to relate to Boy Scouts of America after their bankruptcy.

Adopt-A-Family – Help feed your neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. A \$45 donation will provide a family of four with a Thanksgiving dinner, but any amount will be gratefully accepted. See insert in bulletin for more information.

Jersey Cares Coat Drive - Winter is coming and with it comes cold weather. Every year, First UMC collects new or gently used winter coats for those in need. The drive starts now and will end in January. You may drop winter coats off at church on Sunday, or during the week leave them in the drop box in the parking lot. If you cannot make it to the church, please contact Morgan Henry and she will find someone to pick up the coats and deliver them to the church for you. Please call the church office (908-725-1473) for Morgan's phone number if you don't have it.

Messy Church - "Church, but not as you know it." Intrigued? Wondering what it is and what it does? See Janet Stafford and find out! Also, look for the videos on Facebook and our website.

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.

Angel Tree – We're putting an Angel Tree up in the Family Room this year! Pick an angel off the tree. Each angel tells you whether the person is a mom, a boy, or a girl and what their gift wishes are. Then sign up on the Angel Tree list. Go shopping, wrap your gifts, attach the angel to your gifts, and bring everything to the church office no later than December 19. If you are attending church online, please go to our SignUpGenius link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49a4a62ea6ff2-home1>).

Book Club - The FUMC Book Club will next be reading *The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig. This bestseller was published about a year ago and has already won numerous awards, including a Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction and an Amazon Best Book of the Year. Our club is open to any interested member of our church family and has been meeting via Zoom. We will meet to discuss this book on Monday, Nov 29th. Let Mike Ultee or Pat Dedert know if you'd like to join.

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.

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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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