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CHURCH NAME TAGS – If you have a name tag please wear it to church services! Also wear your name tag to church meetings and events you're attending. Order forms are on the Welcome center. Complete the form and drop it in the box located on the Welcome Center Table.

FUMC UNEMPLOYED MINISTRY – If you or someone you know is unemployed, furloughed or simply looking to switch jobs or careers, contact the FUMC group for unemployed/furloughed adults. We can provide inspiration and support (maybe some blessings, too) in these challenging times through idea sharing, meetings and other resources. For more information, contact the church office, 856-235-0450.

PHOTOS WANTED! The Communications Committee would like to add new photos that represent the many activities of the church to the FUMC website. If you take pictures of any church events, please share your favorite shots with the Communications Committee by emailing them to webcontent@meetwithgod.com.

DISCOVER THE TREASURES IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY! Did you know that FUMC has a fabulous church library? We are blessed with a library full of fascinating books, DVDs, and music to help children, teens, and adults grow in knowledge and faith. If you're in a hurry, visit the display of Christmas books in the hallway across from Fellowship Hall, where you can check out books right at the display. When you have a little time to explore, continue past the coat rack outside Fellowship Hall to see the library all spruced up for Christmas. Visit the Children's corner for picture books, children's bibles, and more, and check out the extensive collection of fiction, nonfiction, and biographies for adults. The Reconciling Committee has donated a wonderful collection of new books to help children, teens, and adults grow in our understanding of LGBTQ+ issues and what it means to be reconciling people of God. All church members and visitors are welcome to borrow materials from the library. Questions? Please contact Jen Dunne at jendunne1@gmail.com or 856-979-6329.

CHURCH EMAIL UPDATES – Would you like to receive email updates from the church? Please send a message to the church office at church@meetwithGod.com to request to be added to the email list.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! – The Christian Caring Center is in desperate need of assistance regarding the Code Blue Shelters. Like most shelters across the state, they are experiencing a severe shortage of overnight staff. There are 2 overnight staff on each shift. The staff will oversee up to 14 adult male and female guests when the County declares Code Blue. A Code Blue is announced when temperature drops to 32 degrees or colder. Burlington County is actively in a Code Blue Status and immediate assistance is needed. Volunteer duties may consist of helping to serve guests a prepared dinner, supervise them as they watch movies, put together puzzles, or read. You may assist them as needed with simple tasks. COVID protocols in place for everyone's safety. If you are able to help, email Madelyn Sutton at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST CHURCH - WEEK OF – January 9 - 16, 2022

HELP IS NEEDED TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH starting at 1:30 p.m. to remove the greens and Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. Please meet in the Sanctuary to assist Carol Staffieri (Taylor) who will be heading up the efforts. Your help is greatly appreciated!

BLANKETHON!! Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. We will again be making blankets for the homeless on Monday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Masks will be required. You can also make at home and drop off at the church if you prefer.

SUPPLIES NEEDED – For no sew fleece you will need a 2 yard piece of 60" wide fleece fabric, sharp fabric scissors, and a ruler. For sewn flannel blankets you will need 4 yards of 44-45" wide flannel, sewing machine, and basic sewing supplies. If you have an extension cord, please bring it along.

P.S. This year we will also be collecting socks as they are a highly requested item at the homeless shelter. If you can, please bring a pair or two to drop in the box. Thanks!

PPS. Search for the no sew fleece tutorial on the church's Facebook page. (Virtual Blankethon). For more information please contact Cindy Cope 609-790-7456 or Rae Caputo 609-417-4444.

COVID UPDATE—FUMC continues to follow the State and CDC guidelines for the health, safety and well-being of our members, visitors and groups. We continue our policy that for all indoor gatherings at FUMC, including worship and small groups, all participants are strongly recommended to wear a mask— **including both those who are vaccinated and those who are not.** Please remember if you are experiencing any symptoms of an illness, we ask that you join us virtually until you are feeling well and healthy. Let us continue to serve and lead and worship together in-person and on-line so that we may grow in our faith and share in our witness of the Love of God! Questions or concerns contact the church office at 856-235-0450.

UPDATE FROM THE TUG VISION TEAM – The TUG team and consultant Mark Meyer have met for more than 20 hours of retreats and meetings working through a guided process to develop a five-year vision (that could be summarized on one page!). The vision is bold and provides a framework from which goals and actions will spring as we continue with the process and the consultant. Look for opportunities to hear about and discuss this vision through presentations occurring in early January. The TUG team looks forward to sharing the excitement of the vision and what we have to look forward to.

COFFEE HOUR! – Due to the rising number of Covid cases, we are temporarily discontinuing Coffee Hour. While we love this time to chat with one another over coffee and goodies, it's best that we do our part in keeping one another safe and healthy and suspend Coffee Hour for now.

A NOTE FROM THE MISSIONS COMMISSION – Tuesday, January 11th, our "homegrown" missionary, Craig Fisher, son of Beth and Max Fisher, will be discussing the mission work he and Cassandra are doing in Nicaragua. All interested folks are invited to join the Mission Commission in welcoming Craig in the parlor at 8pm. Masks will be required for the meeting. Questions, contact Steve Feerrar, stevefeerrar@yahoo.com, 856.266.0524.



YOUTH MINISTRY – NEW FOR 2022 – Beginning January 9, 2022 – Youth Group will meet on Sunday nights from 4pm-7pm! **Please note the time change** Dinner, games, service projects and small groups, all wrapped up in one night! All Jr. & Sr. High students are invited to join us!

Bring your friends! We meet in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Kathy Clawges, 856-912-1148 | kclawges@gmail.com. ***Volunteers needed to help with dinner: prep, serve & clean-up 4-5pm and donations of dinner foods always welcome!***

NEW FOR 2022 – “INTERGEN” SMALL GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 6-7:30 – beginning January 12, 2022

If you are an adult, 18+ and would like to be a part of a group of all ages, then this group is for you! We are a group of intergenerational followers seeking spiritual balance in a crazy world! Join us as we begin “Soul Reset” – breakdown, breakthrough, and the journey of wholeness. Come, learn from each other’s journey. We meet in the Resource Room. For more information or to order a book, contact Kathy Clawges 856-912-1148 | kclawges@gmail.com.

SENIOR QUILTS – *Attention High School Seniors* – My Abba’s Hands Quilting Ministry will be making graduating seniors a quilt as a gift from your church as you graduate from High School and enter the next phase of your career. Information sheets are in the bulletin, as well as the Welcome Center Table. Please fill out the form and drop it off in the church office no later than February 6th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL– for children grades K-5th. Children should sit with their parents at the start of services. At 9:20 am, the children will be dismissed after the Youth Disciple’s Time. Youth in grades 6th-12th grades can attend worship.

YOUNG FOLLOWERS meets Thursdays 5:00-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Children in K through 5th grades are welcome to join us for a Bible Lesson, Music, Crafting and dinner. We look forward to seeing all our kids on Thursday afternoons! For a schedule email Donna Banes: donna@meetwithGod.com.

SMALL GROUPS BOOK STUDY “SOUL RESET” Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Any questions, contact Donna Banes, donna@meetwithGod.com.

MESSENGER DEADLINE – Article for the February, 2022 Messenger are due to the church office by Monday, January 10th.

2022 ANNUAL PLEDGE AND STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - We have embarked on a strategic planning initiative that may inform a number of changes in our ministry focus and infrastructure for delivery of services/initiatives. The timing is such that we have delayed the annual campaign for 2022 from autumn of 2021 to the month of February 2022. It only makes sense that we allow for the planning process to drive the focus of our spending. We have more than sufficient funds and healthy member giving to support near term spending at the same levels as last year. We have asked the various church ministries and committees to keep their early 2022 spending at the 2021 level until they can get and give more input into the strategic planning process. This is an exciting time for our church family and we hope you will embrace the 2022 stewardship campaign with enthusiasm in February. If you have any questions please contact Susan Schlindwein, 856-439-6910 or susan@schlindweincpa.com.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – We will be reading and discussing together “Soul Reset”, by Rev. Junius B. Dotson. We will study the book, as well as follow along for 6 weeks with the church in the New Year Sermon Series on this same book. Soul Reset is a call for the church and all of Jesus’ disciples to reset and reorder their lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water so that we don’t burn out or break down. And, if we do burn out or break down, we learn to lift one another up and point one another back to Jesus. This book study will be 6 weeks and begins on JAN 10th. We are temporarily meeting via Zoom every Monday from 9:30-11am, but hope to meet again soon in person in the church parlor. To join us contact Peggy Koenitzer at Paboblentz@comcast.net.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN’S GROUP – We will be reading and discussing **Soul Reset** in conjunction with the January sermon series. We meet on Thursdays, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. meeting masked and in the Parlor. The book is about “...resetting and reordering our lives around spiritual practices, to learn to walk through our difficult seasons with our souls connected to the source of Living Water...” What a great way to begin 2022! Contact Carol Talbot at 856-235-9346 for info.

“EUREKA BOOK CLUB” 2021-2022 – Rev. Patti Walz will be leading this monthly book club. “Eureka Book Club” participants will meet the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come for dinner (to be ordered from a local restaurant and shared cost). Each month, participants will read a book that is fodder for discussion, growth, inspiration, and/or discipleship. Please read the book before our meeting and jot down questions or discussion points to be shared. Books are available through amazon.com, the local library, or any online or actual bookstore. Contact Rev. Walz revwalz@gmail.com or call the church office 856-235-0450 if you would like to join “Eureka!”

January 25, 2022 – “Living Water” by Obery Hendriks. Author Dr. Hendricks, an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and life-long social activist, brings to life the biblical story of the woman at the well amidst the cultures and customs of the time. in depth references to historical events. If you prefer to meet by Zoom call Patti Walz at 315-382-0977 and those arrangements will be made.