Date: February 12, 2021

First United Methodist Church Purpose:

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As believers in Christ as the Son of God, and the Bible as the inspired word of God, we:

▪ Glorify God through worship
▪ Build strong relationships in the church family
▪ Grow in the knowledge of the truth as revealed through Jesus Christ
▪ Serve people as a reflection of the love of Jesus Christ, and
▪ Spread the Good News of the Gospel so that others may come to salvation through grace

Worship with Us on Sunday Mornings!

We would like to invite you to come and join us for our Sunday morning service.

Sunday Worship Time 10:00AM – Facebook Live


Join us - No Facebook Account Needed

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday: 9:15 am – 2:15 pm

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SERMON CORNER

This Week’s Message: - The Temptations of Jesus
Jesus was tempted. He faced physical, human, temptations, yet He remained faithful. Today we will take a deep look at the temptations that Jesus faced and that we face.

Next Week’s Message: - Jesus Walks on Water
If Jesus can walk on water and Jesus tells us we will do greater things (John 14:12), what is holding us back as we follow Jesus? The Disciples had a hard time believing, even as they saw Jesus, walking on the water.
Scripture: Matthew 14:22-36

Ray McDonald’s Blog | Thoughts and Reflections

Rev. Ray writes a devotional thought Monday through Friday each week. You can sign up to receive his posts by e-mail by going to his blog page at www.raymcdonald.wordpress.com

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Saturaday

9:00 AM "Love Give-Away"

SUNDAY

Communion Sunday
8:30 AM 2nd Cup Sunday School
10:00 AM Online Worship
11:30 AM Breakfast Club SS Class
12:00 PM Youth SS Class

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday

eRev & Bulletin Deadline
7:00 PM Disciple – Purple Book
7:00 PM Bible Study w/ Rev. Ray

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday
7:00 PM First Church Prayer Time

Thursday

7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Friday

7:00 PM First Church Gathering

Website: Please check out our new and improved website at fumcl.org. If you see any mistakes or think something should be on the site that is not, please let the office know at office@fumcl.org. We will try to perfect the site as we develop it. Thanks!

Building access by appointment only, and we can only occupy the Office, Narthex, Sanctuary, and bathrooms.

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Follow First UMC:

Twitter: twitter.com/RayMcDonald (@RayMcDonald)

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCLaurelMD/

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Tuesday Bible Study!

Join us for the Tuesday Bible Study at 7:00 pm live on Zoom as we Study: The Gospel of Luke 18:31.

Hope to see you there!

If you need the logon info, contact office@fumcl.org
Love Give-Away

On Saturday, February 13th from 9am – 12 noon, First Church will hold a clothing, blankets & non-perishable food give-away. We will be hosting this event outside on the church parking lot. Please pray for the team and those we serve.

How can you help?

- We are not seeking any additional clothing items at this time. However, if you have coats and/or blankets (that are in good condition) that you can donate, you can drop them off at church during office hours or on Saturday, January 30th 9am-12 noon or Saturday, February 6th from 9am-12noon.

  All items must be clean/laundered and in plastic bags before bringing them to church.

- We are also collecting non-perishable food items to share with our community. PLEASE, please make sure the items have not expired. Please consider dropping off the following types of food items:

  - Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
  - Canned Vegetables (all types)
  - Canned Soups / Stews
  - Boxed Pasta
  - Bagged Rice
  - Spaghetti Sauce
  - Cereal
  - Peanut Butter
  - Jelly
We are supplying bag lunches again for the Laurel Winter Shelter for 3 dates in February. We normally host the women’s shelter at this time. We felt it was a good way to help the people caring for our friends in the shelter. We need 50-200 lunches each day. Several groups have volunteered to organize the 3 days. We still need individuals/families to help support these groups to make as many bag lunches as possible. We are also able to provide masks and small hand sanitizer bottles.

The dates are 2/20 (Saturday), 2/21 (Sunday), and 2/28 (Sunday).

Each bag lunch should contain a sandwich, a juice/water bottle, bag of chips, and a sweet treat of some kind. If you are able to contribute in some way, please contact Bev Raynor at 301-275-5293 or leave a message with the Church office 301-725-3093.

In addition to providing lunches, CCSI (the organization that oversees the Laurel Winter Shelter) is in need of:

1. Masks
2. Cleaning Supplies
   a. Disinfectant Wipes
   b. Fabric Softener or dryer
   c. Lysol Spray
   d. Cleaning Solutions (Spray Bottles)
   e. Laundry Detergent (Pods)
   f. Clorox Bleach
   g. Hand Soap
3. Gift Cards for individuals
   a. Smartrip Metro Cards
   b. Walmart
   c. Target
   d. Wendy’s, Taco Bell, and McDonalds (these are near the Comfort Inn where the shelter will be held)
   e. Grocery Stores

In addition, if you are interested in providing lunches on other dates, you can sign up directly at: [http://bit.ly/LaurelWinterShelterLunches](http://bit.ly/LaurelWinterShelterLunches). If you have questions or need help with delivery of the items above, please contact the FUMCL Warm Nights team at (240) 554-5703.

**Hope House**

Our brothers and sisters at Hope House could use the following items for their guests:

Razors Double Blade
Combs
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Body Soap
Shampoo
Conditioner

All items can be delivered directly to Hope House at 419 or 429 Main Street, Laurel, MD. 20707
Volunteers Needed for FIRN's Navigator Program

When people are new to United States, they have many questions about how to navigate different systems. FIRN is looking to train volunteer Navigators to help guide immigrants through these different processes to ensure they receive necessary support and services.

Requirements:

- PHONE + COMPUTER
- 6 MONTH COMMITMENT
- MINIMUM 1 HOUR/ WEEK
- BILINGUAL & MULTILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS HIGHLY NEEDED (ESPECIALLY SPANISH-SPEAKERS)

Email KLilly@firnonline.org to apply
Join us Sunday at 10:00 am live on Facebook at

All services will be posted to:
http://fumcl.org/worship/worship-services/

Hope to see you there!
Join us online

2nd Cup Sunday School – 8:30 am live on Zoom
Multiple Topics – The Bible

Monday night Bible Study – 7 pm live on Zoom
God Comes to Serve and Save: The Gospel of Mark

Class info is on our website - www.fumcl.org

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7 PM First Church's Connect Time
Weekly on Friday
Description: Join Zoom Meeting

Contact the Church Office for Login Info
Grace is a gift from God

Ephesians 2:8