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Weekly Newsletter

November 22, 2020

Please remember in prayer those listed below:

Prayer requests are taken on an ongoing basis. A new list begins the second Sunday of each month. Be sure to obtain the individuals' permission to submit the name(s) to be published on our list.



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| Carl Brundin | Louise Conover | Gloria Donati |
| Dick Hoagland | "Lucas" | Jeremy Perez |
| Max Perez | Chuck Steininger | Patti Williams |
| The Families of Joyce Wood, Augustus Robbins, Mae Vaughan and the Rios Family | | |

Dear First Church,

Thanksgiving is nearly here. It is no surprise, then, that this week we might think about the role of gratitude in our lives. Albert Einstein once said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." In other words, we often take for granted all the things for which we have every reason to be thankful. It is no secret that having a spirit of gratitude is a powerful way to change your life, and to change the way your life affects those around you.



When the apostle Paul was in Athens, he addressed a group of philosophers. The text says, "I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'" It may be obvious to many that life is a great gift. It may even be obvious that we ought to be grateful. But grateful to whom? I hope you will join us this Sunday as we consider Paul's words in the book of Acts.

With love,
Scott 804-712-4725 scotthonaker@vaumc.org

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WELL!



IN-PERSON WORSHIP CONTINUES NOVEMBER 22, 2020
FACE-COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES.
Body temperatures must be less than 100.4.

NOVEMBER USHERS		
Randy Honaker	Gordon Bowman	Mike Bujakowski
Jeff Moosman		Clarence Mosley
NOVEMBER GREETERS —Linda and Wilfred Frederiksen		

Report for the Week of November 15th	
Operating Budget Offering	\$4,200.00
Loose Offering	\$25.00
Love and Needy	\$50.00
Major Needs	\$50.00
Memorials	\$50.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$75.00
Poinsettias	\$39.00
TOTAL OFFERING	\$4,489.00
IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	38
If you are not attending our services, please remember to send in your offerings and pledges, (FUMC, P.O. Box 636, Hopewell 23860)	

The church office will be closed Wednesday thru Friday, Nov 25-27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you need assistance, please call or text Pastor Scott at 804-712-4725.



REMINDER: It's time to order Poinsettias!
Deadline to order is Monday, November 30th. Cost for a 6-1/2" foil-wrapped plant is \$13. Complete the order form, attach check, place it in the offering plate on Sunday, or return it to the church office. Make check payable to First UMC, and note "Poinsettia" on the memo line.

LET'S DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS!

The Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas on **Tuesday, November 24th, at 10:00 AM.** If you can help, your assistance will be appreciated!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – On behalf of the First UMC Mission Committee, thank you for your generous support of this outreach project again this year. Our 35 shoeboxes, packed full of wonderful gifts, are on their way to needy children around the world. I am sure the children will be excited and happy to receive them. Thanks again for your support. It is appreciated! (Verna Brundin)



The flowers in our sanctuary this Sunday are presented to the Glory of God by Charles & Pat Steininger in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations, Charles & Pat!

Dear Lord, today we are coming to you in the spirit of Thanks. Thank you for all your gifts, our lives, our health and our strength. Thank you for this Season of Thankfulness. Thank you for living in our hearts and working in our lives. Thank you for your salvation and, most of all, Lord, thank you for your son, Jesus. In the Name of Jesus, Amen. (Theresa Gee, First UMC Admin. Asst.)

