

All Church Announcements

CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

First Church is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, August 16th 8:00am-11:00am. To schedule your life-saving donation, please visit www.save3lives.org and use sponsor code A063. You may also sign up by contacting Amy in the church office.

SUNDAE FUNDAY

Join us August 13th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Free Ice Cream, Fun, and Fellowship in our Courtyard! Come have a tasty treat and be with people from our congregation and community! *This event made possible by the Marie Boardman Endowment Fund - if you would like to participate in this fund please contact our office.*

IN-PERSON CHURCH

Our service will continually have restrictions, but we believe the power of the service will not be in the beautiful music, or lack thereof – it will be in the power of being together. Please register [online](#) or call the church office to attend this week's worship!

WORSHIP ON WHEELS- W.O.W.

Join us for our next W.O.W. Wednesday, August 19th at 6:00pm. No sign up necessary; just come! Listen and watch our wonderful service while in the safety of your vehicle.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE

Worship with us each weekend. Find our weekly church service on our [website](#) every week by Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S OUTINGS

Join members of the Men's Thursday Noon Bible Study every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at City Park (kitty corner from church) for a casual time together with lunch. No need to sign up, just bring your lunch and a chair and enjoy time together!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE -DEVOTIONAL

Please join us for our Wednesday Night Live devotion via ZOOM 6:00-6:30 p.m. We will email the ZOOM link each Tuesday. You can also find our Devotional on our [Facebook page](#)!

DO YOU NEED A HYGIENE MASK?

We have skilled sewers in our church who would be happy to make a mask for you. Please contact the office@appfumc.org.

BLESSING BOX

Our Blessing Box is located by the portico doors. If you would like to donate, please contact Amy@appfumc.org in the church office and we will arrange for you to bring items in. *Take what you need. Leave what you can. Above all be blessed.*

TUESDAY NIGHT HYMN SING VIA ZOOM

Our last summer hymn sing is getting **personal** (well kind of)! For our last Tuesday night Hymn Sing happening August 25th, PJ is welcoming whoever would like to join to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to our parking lot to join in BOTH a LIVE and VIRTUAL hymn sing! We will still be offering our typical ZOOM option for those who want to tune in from near and far. We will be offering a sweet treat for those who join in person, so don't be afraid to bring a friend or family member and enjoy some "sweet" hymns with our FUMC music community. Look for the ZOOM link in our all-church email and we will see you on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00PM!

BEFRIENDERS

Befrienders are available for prayers after our worship service! Please find a Befriender under the portico after worship. Masks will be worn and social distancing will be kept.

SCRIP

Whatever you need to purchase, Scrip is here for you! We have gift cards in stock ready for you to swing by and pick up. Call the Church office to place your order.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

HARBOR HOUSE is our August Mission of the Month. Needed items are sanitizing wipes, pillows, adult pajamas, Girls pajamas (size 14/16), twin sheets, conditioner, Q-tips, liquid hand soap (with pump), Pine Sol, bleach, and multi-purpose cleaner.

Adult Christian Education

Please call the church office or sign up online through the ["Adult Education Page"](#) to receive the ZOOM link.

IN A WORLD THAT IS UNCERTAIN, LET'S BE ALTOGETHER READY FOR... FIRST CHURCH'S ADVENT DEVOTIONAL!

This year's theme is about being altogether loving, hope-filled, joy-filled, and peace-filled based off of John Wesley's "Almost Christian" sermon. To ensure a wonderful devotional, we are beginning our project now! We are looking for 21 participants interesting in writing a short devotion for this year's fun church opportunity. Contact Pastor Liz if you are interested to receive more information!

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

Tuesdays, 1:00.-2:30 p.m., via ZOOM ; Various Facilitators Enjoy some relaxing time talking about various podcasts that inspire at all times. Once you [sign up](#), you will receive information about how to be connected on ZOOM and the podcast for that week.

SUMMER GROUPS

Enjoy one of our several summer fellowship groups: Biking, Kayaking or Running. You can find more information about any of these by visiting our [website](#).

SHAKEN BY RACISM IN OUR COUNTRY?

We would love to have you participate in our last discussion on the book White Fragility by Robin Diangelo led by members of our Concern & Action Ministry Team. Please join us Wednesday night, August 19th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (following the WNL Devotion). Sign up by going on the [Adult Education page](#) of the website or call the church office.

Kidz Announcements

SECRET POSTER EVENT

This week your child should receive a mailing from Ms. Christine with a random coloring sheet. They might not look like much but when all the sheets are returned and put together they will become a one of a kind piece of art. Please help us to complete the poster for everyone to enjoy when we return to Sunday School. Instructions are included in the mailing.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Join us on August 19th at 6:00 p.m. for our next Worship on Wheels. We will have a special time for our children as we give thanks and bless the children who will be going back to class in-person or virtually. All children will receive a back-pack tag with a special Bible verse. We hope you can join us!

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons will be posted to our [FUMC Kidz/Kidz Konnection Facebook](#) page on Sunday mornings. Lessons will include a video and a link to a teaching guide and activities if you would like to use them.

Youth Announcements

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

All Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries Brian Stahl in the church courtyard for In-person Youth Group every Thursday night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our time will include a short message, small group discussion, fellowship and a time of prayer. We will practice Social Distancing; masks are encouraged. Please bring a blanket or camping chair.

FUMC APPLETON YOUTH MISSION TRIPS 2021!

We are excited that First Church will offer three Youth Mission Trips in the summer of 2021. The Middle School (Grades 6-8) trip will be to Sisseton, South Dakota from June 6-11- Total Cost: \$450. The High School Trip (Grades 9-12+) to Denver, Colorado will be June 26-July 3-Total Cost: \$500. The High School Trip (Grades 11-12+) will be to Arecibo, Puerto Rico June 12-18. Deposit checks should be made to FUMCY. The deposit for Sisseton and Denver is \$50. The deposit for Arecibo is \$150. If your family was signed up to attend one of our 2020 trips that were cancelled, please contact [Brian Stahl](#). One last thing, if your family has a Youth who is in the class of 2020, they are eligible to attend one or both of the High School trips. Space is limited for each trip.