

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

- Prayer for ministries of Pastor Earl Kim, Bishop John Schol, D.S. Manuel Sardinas, and Rev. Franck Aguilh.
- Pray for First UMC of Montclair and its leadership.
- Remember these names in your prayer: Rev. Dr. Michael Williams, Ricardo Coward, Nicole Peaks' mother, godparents James and Rochelle Stewart, her cousin April, Coco Kenny and her mother, Rob Lester's father Robert Lester, Gloria Foster's sister Hannah Wedderburn, Dan McGivern, and Langirene, Kennette, Keira, Christopher, Franckie Aguilh.

### Upcoming Small Group Meetings

- N.O.W. Prayer Group: Saturday, February 2, 9am

### Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Youth Sunday School: 7th grade and up at 11:30am
- Bible study class for adults at 11:45am

### Souper Saturday: 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, January to April

Our annual soup kitchen is back! We cook and deliver hot soup to those in need. Please consider donating ingredients, joining the cooking team or the delivery team!

### Sign up for the Coffee Hour!

We're looking for those who want to be part of the coffee hour hospitality. Any food and drinks are welcome! The sign-up sheet is in the Mills Room.

During the fellowship on Sunday, Feb. 13, there'll be a time to introduce the agenda of a special session of the General Conference scheduled for Feb. 23-26.

## SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,  
January 20
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.  
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Free and Abundant Gift."  
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 11:30am: Youth School
- 11:45am: Adult Bible Study
- Saturday,  
January 26
- 9:00am: Souper Saturday

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

### Worship Team

- Liturgist: Gloria Foster
- Reader: Dr. Leslie Lester
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Emilie Pozo
- Ushers: Robert & Bobbette Kelly
- Acolyte: Kira Lindo
- Counters: Robert Kelly & Jasper Nwafor

### Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 19
- Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21



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SERVE FIRST.

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### January 20, 2019: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS**

We belong to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference  
of The United Methodist Church.

- Rev. John Schol, Bishop
- Rev. Manuel Sardinas, District Superintendent
- Rev. Earl Kim, Pastor
- Ken Rapp, Music Director
- Dr. Michael Stewart, Lay Leader

\* - If able, please stand where indicated.  
Bolted text - said in unison by all.  
LYRICS ON SCREEN

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal  
FWS - The Faith We Sing Songbook

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

\*Prelude *Sabbath* – Dennis Eliot

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God, your steadfast, never-giving-up love is so huge that it fills the heavens.

**All: Your faithfulness is so vast that it rises to the clouds.**

Leader: Under your loving wings, we find comfort and refuge.

**All: In your house of love, we sit around the table feasting.**

Leader: Your life and love are like a fountain in our lives.

**All: You are the love-filled Light that allows us to see and understand. O God, your faithful love is precious to us!**

\*Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: We stand in your house of love and remember the many ways you have blessed us with faithful love. Your love is like a fountain in our lives, welling up in ordinary, everyday ways, and in unexpected, extraordinary ways. We stand in your presence with thankful hearts, grateful that your love fills the cosmos and gives us life. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: From the very start, you have loved us, God. But there are times and circumstances in our lives when we're not always so sure where your love is. When things become really tough and sometimes wonder where you are, losing our sense of hope that your love will always be there. No matter where we are today—feeling hopeful or facing despair—let your fountain of life flow anew in our lives: bringing us and our deserts to life, watering our lives in their thirsty places. We pray in your powerful name.**

**Amen.**

*(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: This is the house of love. We are accepted no matter what.

**All: God is the Fountain of Life—the fountain that waters our thirsty lives!**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message** Avrille Nicholls

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children's Room  
- please follow today's teachers, Mss. Nicole Peaks and Emilie Pozo.

**Praise & Worship** Voices of Praise

*I've Just Come from the Fountain*

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson** Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.692)

\***Gospel Lesson** John 2:1-11 (p.93)

**Sermon** "Free and Abundant Gift" Rev. Earl Kim

\***Passing the Peace of Christ**

**CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offering** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Voices of Praise

\***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

\***Prayer of Dedication**

**CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

\***Closing Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* UMH 519

\***Sending Forth**

\***Circle of Blessing** *We Shall Overcome* (v.1) UMH 533

\***Postlude** *To God Be the Glory* – Tom Birchwood

**Today's Worship Team**

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children's Message: Avrille Nicholls
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Emilie Pozo
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Ushers: Paula Blackman & Sarah Kezengwa
- Voices of Praise: Rev. Franck Aguilh, Gloria Foster, Joe Myers, Avrille Nicholls, Jee Hei Park, Arlene Stewart, Hilda Taylor, David Winful

**Our Mission Statement**

As members of the First United Methodist Church of Montclair, our mission is to love, encourage, and equip each other to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ; and by inviting, embracing, nurturing, and empowering ALL others, to raise up new disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Office Hours** Church office is open from Tuesdays to Fridays 9am-2pm. Rev. Kim is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm, and available by phone or by appointment when he is not in the office.

**FUMC's Facebook page** Find First United Methodist Church of Montclair on Facebook! Please "like" the page so that you can be updated with the church's news and photos.

**Flowers for the Special Days** Birthdays, anniversaries – mark the special days in your life with a gift of flowers for the Altar.

**January Birthdays**

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| 3  | Olivia Duho    | 12 | Janice Haines    |
| 3  | James Myers    | 16 | Michelle B. Kim  |
| 6  | Jayden Paredes | 17 | Jackson Kim      |
| 8  | Emile Pozo     | 25 | Avrille Nicholls |
| 9  | Jee Hei Park   | 25 | Robert Lester    |
| 11 | Nicole Peaks   |    |                  |