

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, Frankie Aguilh.

Today's altar flowers were donated by Ms. Avrille Nicholls in celebration of her birthday.

Happy birthday and God bless you, Ms. Avrille!!

Upcoming Small Group Meetings

- NOW Prayer Meeting: Saturday, February 1, 9:00am
- UMW Gathering: Saturday, February 1, 10:30am

Sunday School schedule

- Children's Church: Pre-K to 6th grade during service
- Bible study class for adults at 12:00pm

Youth Group is starting! This Thursday, January 30th @7pm

All youth are invited to this kick-off day of this new youth gathering. If you have any questions, please see Christopher Sterling.

Souper Saturday: 2nd & 4th 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!

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,
January 26
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Following."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
12:00pm: Adult Bible Study
- Thursday,
January 30
- 7:00pm: Youth Group
- Saturday,
February 1
- 9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting
10:30am: UMW Gathering

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Sarah Kezengwa
- Reader: Joe Myers
- Children's Message: Dr. Leslie Lester
- Children's Church: Sarah Kezengwa & Eliza Lopez
- Ushers: Hilda Taylor & Avrille Nicholls
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Counters: Bobbette Kelly & Nicole Peaks

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Micah 6:1-8
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 15
- Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12



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January 26, 2020: Third 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.

Bolded 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**

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

All: To those who dwell in gloom and despair, God’s glorious presence has appeared.

Leader: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

All: We will follow, unafraid, where God and Jesus lead us.

Leader: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

All: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.

Opening Praise

Here I Am to Worship

Shout to the Lord

LIFT Band

Prayer of Confession

All: God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Hear us as we cry aloud in our need. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Our God of light and love hears us when we cry

aloud. We have nothing to fear. Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms, lifts us from the darkness of our guilt and sin, and forgives us once and for all.

All: We know that we dwell in safety in God’s house, now and forevermore. Thanks be to God!

***Praise & Worship**

The Summons

Every Move I Make

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Message

Dr. Jee Hei Park

Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children’s Room

- please follow today’s teachers, Mr. Julian Espinal & Ms. Marilou Rivera.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4 (p.638)

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:12-23 (p.3)

Sermon

“Following”

Rev. Earl Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Praise**

We Are Marching (Caminamos)

***Sending Forth**

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

***Postlude**

Today’s Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Reader: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Children’s Message: Dr. Jee Hei Park
- Children’s Church: Julian Espinal & Marilou Rivera
- Acolyte: Kira Lindo
- Ushers: Robert & Bobbette Kelly
- LIFT Band: Jee Hei Park, Ken Rapp, Arlene Stewart, Yutaka Uchida

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 from Tuesday to 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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| 2 | Olivia Duho | 12 | Janice Hines |
| 3 | James Myers | 16 | Michelle Kim |
| 6 | Jayden Paredes | 17 | Jackson Kim |
| 8 | Emilie Pozo | 25 | Avrille Nicholls |
| 9 | Jee Hei Park | | Robert Lester |
| 11 | Nicole Peaks | | |