

## 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

- NOW Prayer Meeting: Saturday, March 7, 9:00am
- Youth Group Meeting: Thursday, February 27, 7:00pm

### Sunday School schedule

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

### Ash Wednesday Service: February 26, 7:30pm

The Lenten season is approaching. Come and join us for the Ash Wednesday service.

### Rise Against Hunger: March 21, 12-2pm

Our youth is joining GNJ Annual Conference's mission of packing a half million meals for hungry people on Saturday, March 21 at Korean Community UMC in Englewood. This is open to anyone – please sign up by next Sunday!

### 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!

## SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,  
February 16      10:00am: Sunday Worship.  
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message,  
"Back to Basics."  
Please join us for refreshments after  
the service.
- Thursday,  
February 20      7:00pm: Trustees Meeting
- Saturday,  
February 22      9:00am: Souper Saturday

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

### Worship Team

- Reader: Robert Kelly
- Children's Message: Avrille Nicholls
- Children's Church: Julian Espinal & Marilou Rivera
- Ushers: Joe Myers & Langirene Aguilh
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Counters: Robert Kelly & Nicole Peaks

### Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 2
- Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9



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SERVE FIRST.

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### February 16, 2020: Sixth 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

**CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

\*Prelude *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* – Janet Calkins

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.

**All: Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.**

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**All: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

**All: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life!**

\*Opening Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 152

**Opening Prayer**

Leader: Holy Spirit, guide us as we walk in faith, and guard us against the powers that would draw us away from your love. Help us live according to your commandments, that we might live long in the land you have prepared for us. Prompt us to seek you with our whole heart and guide us to walk in your ways, that we may carry out the vows of the covenant we share. May our words and deeds bring life and faith to others, as we hold fast to the gift of faith. Be near us each and every day, and bless us with your light, that our days may be filled with grace. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world’s call rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty**

**jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.**

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Pastor: God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life. God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love.

**All: God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love. Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing Our Joys & Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Message** Dr. Michael Stewart  
Children from PreK to Grade 6 are dismissed to the Children’s Room  
- please follow today’s teachers, Ms. Nicole Peaks & Mr. Chris Sterling.)

**Responsive Hymn** *Somebody’s Knocking* Voices of Praise  
*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

**CALLED TO THE WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (p.186)

\***Gospel Lesson** Matthew 5:21-37 (p.4)

**Sermon** “Back to Basics” Rev. Earl Kim

\***Passing the Peace of Christ**

**CALLED TO SHARE**

**Offertory** *I Shall Not Be Moved* Voices of Praise

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

\***Prayer of Dedication**

**CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD**

\***Closing Hymn** *Close to Thee* UMH 407

\***Sending Forth** Rev. Earl Kim

\***Circle of Blessing** *Shalom to You* UMH 666

\***Postlude** *Stand Up for Jesus* – George Webb

**Today’s Worship Team**

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Gloria Foster
- Reader: Dr. Leslie Lester
- Children’s Message: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Children’s Church: Nicole Peaks & Christopher Sterling
- Acolyte: Ariana Padilla
- Ushers: Robert & Bobbette Kelly
- Voices of Praise: Rev. Franck Aguilh, Carmen Campbell, Gloria Foster, Joe Myers, Avrielle Nicholls, Jee Hei Park, Arlene Stewart, 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 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.

**February Birthdays**

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|---|----------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Silas Kezengwa | 14 | Gaby Paredes      |
| 3 | Paula Blackman | 17 | Stefon Arseneault |
| 8 | Noah Laluz     |    |                   |
|   | Marcos Lopez   |    |                   |