

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

- UMW Gathering: Saturday, December 7, 10:30am
- Irvington Feeding: Saturday, December 21, 10:30am

Sunday School schedule

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

Christmas Tea Party: Saturday, December 7, 4:00pm

Mark your calendar! Come and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship with tea, refreshments, and Christmas carols!

Caroling at Van Dyk: Sunday, December 8, 1:30pm

Our youth and children will be visiting Van Dyk, a local nursing home, next Sunday to sing carols and share the joy of the season!

Hanging of the Greens: Friday, December 14, 7:00pm

Come and join us in beautifying the sanctuary for the season!

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- Today,
December 1
- 10:00am: Sunday Worship.
Rev. Earl Kim will deliver the message, "Zechariah & Elizabeth."
Please join us for refreshments after the service.
- 12:00pm: Advent Bible Study
- Saturday,
December 7
- 9:00am: NOW Prayer Meeting
4:00pm: Christmas Tea Party

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Worship Team

- Liturgist: Hilda Taylor
- Reader: Dr. Leslie Lester
- Children's Message: Nicole Peaks
- Children's Church: Dr. Leslie Lester & Gaby Paredes
- Ushers: Dr. Michael & Arlene Stewart
- Acolyte: Sarah Nwafor
- Counters: Dr. J. C. N. Nwafor & Robert Kelly

Readings

- Hebrew Bible Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
- Psalter Lesson: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
- Epistle Lesson: Romans 15:4-13
- Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-56

Many thanks to all who helped Thanksgiving Feeding!



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December 1, 2019: First Sunday of Advent

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 *The Advent of Our King* - Camil Van Hulse

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Keep awake.

All: Christ is coming

Leader: Wait for the Lord.

All: Love is coming.

Leader: Prepare the way.

All: Hope is coming.

Leader: Worship the Lord.

All: Christ is coming soon.

*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Advent Candle Lighting Screen

Responsive Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (v.1) UMH 211

Opening Prayer

Leader: God of hope, we come before you full of expectation for what lies ahead. God of new life, prepare our hearts and our lives, that we may wait with joy and hope for the birth of your Son. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, how many times have we wandered?

We spend our lives searching for answers that are right in front of us, if we would only look to you. Forgive us, holy One—for using hateful words instead of joyful acclamations; for taking violence for granted instead of promoting your peace and justice; for allowing darkness to overcome your radiant light. Loving God, help us turn our lives to you, that we may be ready when your Son is born, among us and within us. Amen.

(Pausing for Silent Prayer and Confession...)

Pastor: Jesus proclaims, "Keep awake." Brothers and sisters, awaken to a new day—

All: A day when our lives are filled with the forgiveness and the mercy of our loving God. Amen.

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, Mss. Nicole Peaks & Marilou Rivera.)

Responsive Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* UMH 626

CALLED TO THE WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson Malachi 4:1-6 (p.890)

*Gospel Lesson Luke 1:5-25 (p.56)

Sermon "Zechariah & Elizabeth" Rev. Earl Kim

*Passing the Peace of Christ

CALLED TO BE BLESSED

Hymn of Preparation *Let Us Break Bread* (vs.1-2) UMH 618

Service of Holy Communion Screen & FWS 2257-b&c

Responsive Hymn *Wait for the Lord* Screen

CALLED TO SHARE

Offertory *Come, O Savior of the World* - Glenn Medlock

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

*Prayer of Dedication

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

*Sending Forth Rev. Earl Kim

*Circle of Blessing *Shalom to You* UMH 666

*Postlude *Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"* - James Denton

Today's Worship Team

- Preacher: Rev. Earl Kim
- Music Director: Ken Rapp
- Liturgist: Dr. Michael Stewart
- Reader: Vidal Guzman
- Children's Message: Dr. Jee Hei Park
- Children's Church: Nicole Peaks & Marilou Rivera
- Acolyte: Kira Lindo
- Ushers: Hilda Taylor & Avrille Nicholls
- Advent Candle Lighting: Julian Espinal & Marilou Rivera

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.

December Birthdays

1	Langirene Aguilh	19	Chika Nwafor
8	Donna Foster	20	Jonnathan Paredes
13	Marco Padilla	28	Wycliff Kezengwa
15	Clarence Pratt	29	Dewey Storms
16	Amaka Nwafor	31	Celia Arseneault