

The Witness

First United Methodist Church
JANUARY 2021



Dear Church Family,

It seems that every time I tried to find a review of 2020, everything sounded like the Dr. Seuss character, “The Grinch.”

When the clock strikes 2021, we will say, “Hail to the New Year!”

If this were a year, like any other year, we would make resolutions or write a list of our hopes and dreams for the new year.

But it is not!

Self improvement during a pandemic (which follows us into 2021) is fool hearty. I would suggest that we declare 2021 as the year to make a few **adjustments**.

Here are a few suggestions to help you get started.

Try praying five times per day...grace over three meals and two thank you prayers will be enough to breathe something into your soul.

Try reading five lines of Holy Scripture per day...start with a Psalm or a few words from the Gospel. Matthew 5, “The Beatitudes,” might be a good beginning.

Have a five minute devotional with your family—especially your children—and spend time checking in with one another. Checking in every day is really important.

Do five acts of kindness each week. Small gestures will bring a smile to your heart and energize your peace of mind.

Forgive yourself as often as you can...God forgives us and offers his love to us many times during an average day. So should we.

Let's focus on what we can do, instead of what we cannot do.

I long for more grace and peace to come in 2021.

Faithfully Yours now and in 2021,



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2. MAIL 200 EAST DECATUR ST
3. WEB FUMCDEMOPOLIS "GIVING"
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**Monday, January 11th at 5:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.**

This meeting also includes a Charge Conference

Confirmation

Confirmation Class 2021

The purpose of Confirmation is to encourage students to discover what the church is all about, what it means to be a Christian, how to grow as a disciple, and to understand basic Christian beliefs and Bible knowledge. Confirmation 2021 will begin on **January 19th**. The class will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 3:30 pm until April. Everyone in the 5th Grade and older is invited to be a part of this class. Please contact Jennifer or the church office if you have questions or would like to participate.



LISTEN LIVE TO ALL THREE SERVICES ON FM 87.9. You have to be in close proximity to the church. You can tune in at 8:45 am, 10:00 am, and 11:00 am.

Sunday Worship Service times:

- **8:45 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.
- **10:00 am** – Traditional Service: Masks are required at all times in the Sanctuary.
- **11:00 am** – Contemporary Service: Please wear a mask while walking around.

Nursery Schedule for January

Volunteers needed for 10:00 am and 11:00 am

3rd: 8:45 am - Loraine & Duane Andrews

10:00 am -

11:00 am -

10th: 8:45 am - Morgan Walters

10:00 am -

11:00 am -

17th: 8:45 am - Ashley & Will Coplin

10:00 am -

11:00 am -

24th: 8:45 am - Mollie Parker

10:00 am -

11:00 am -

31st: 8:45 am Suzanne Young

10:00 am

11:00 am

Ushers

8:45 and 11:00 am – Corey Windham, Willy Hill, Kevin Horne, Jeffery Hasty

10:00 am – Mike Walters, Garry Malone, John Compton

Altar Guild: Joy Collins, Rebecca Baker, Lori Giles, Margaret Cross, Susan Grayson, Dana Hill, Karen Kerby



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