

FOOD PANTRY

The First UMC Food Pantry wishes to thank everyone who has so generously donated food recently. Demand remains high and all food and monetary donations continue to be very much needed. Also, please continue to contribute clean, empty egg cartons as well. Thank you!

New Small Group Study for Advent

November 30-December 21

Sundays at 8:45 AM

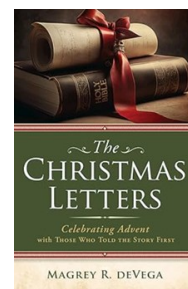
Join us for a 4-week Advent study of Magrey R. DeVega's

The Christmas Letters. The letters in the New Testament,

known as the Epistles, contain the first attempts by the church to understand and celebrate the mystery of the

Incarnation. They point us to the origins of what we believe about Jesus, fully human and fully divine.

As we read from Romans, 1 John, Philippians, and Colossians, we will find within the texts an invitation from God to deepen our understanding of the Incarnation and embrace a fuller commitment to Jesus Christ. Books are available through the church or through Amazon.



BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 19

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month — a time to shine a light on awareness, prevention and the power of early detection. As a valued Blood Program Leader, your partnership plays a vital role in supporting both patients and donors in your community. The American Red Cross is expanding its health offerings to include hemoglobin [A1C testing](#) on successful donations in November (one test result per donor in a 12-month period). The A1C test is a simple, no-fasting needed screening that helps detect prediabetes and diabetes by measuring average blood sugar levels over the past three months.



KIDS AT FIRST UMC. Let the little children come! Fun and meaningful **Kids Ministry** is Provided for K-5th grade during our Sunday worship services. The children begin in the sanctuary for opening worship and then head to their classrooms. **Nursery & Pre-K Care** is also provided Sundays during worship in Room 211. **The Wiggle Room.** We have a comfortable wiggle room in the back of the sanctuary with rocking chairs, play space, and a clear view of worship. You are welcome to utilize this space with your active toddler or a bubbly newborn.

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CONNECT CARD

Thank you for coming today!

November 15 and 16

Please tear off this tab and drop it in the offering box at the bottom of the entrance stairs.

- [] I'm New here!
- [] 5 pm Saturday
- [] 10 am Sunday

Name: _____

Address : _____

Phone _____

Email _____

[] This is new contact information.

New here? Welcome! How did you hear about First UMC?



CONNECT CARD

[] I'd like to receive a weekly email of First UMC prayer requests (Printed copies of the prayer requests are available in the Narthex.)

New Member Meeting, 1/18, after worship

[] Yes, I would like to attend the new member meeting.

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Prayer request/praise report

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST UMC!

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| Sat, Nov 15  | Traditional Service, 5 pm                     |
| Sun, Nov 16  | Sunday Social, 9:15 am                        |
| Sun, Nov 16  | Praise Service , 10 am                        |
| Sun, Nov 16  | Harvest Dinner, after service                 |
| Mon, Nov 17  | James II Project Community Lunch, 11:30—12:30 |
| Mon, Nov 17  | Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm                     |
| Tues, Nov 18 | Food Pantry, 8:30—11:30 am                    |
| Tues, Nov 18 | Al-Anon, 6:30 pm                              |
| Tues, Nov 18 | Alateen, 7 pm                                 |
| Wed, Nov 19  | Bible Study, 10 am, Parlor                    |
| Wed, Nov 19  | Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-5 pm                 |
| Wed, Nov 19  | Chancel Choir, 5:15 pm                        |
| Thur, Nov 20 | United Methodist Women, 10 am, Parlor         |
| Thur, Nov 20 | Praise Band Practice, 7 pm                    |
| Fri, Nov 21  | Womens' Card Group, 11:30 am, Parlor          |
| Fri, Nov 21  | Narcotics Anonymous, 7 pm                     |

## SAVE THE DATES

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 23 | Community Thanksgiving Service, 4 pm,<br>Grace Presbyterian |
| November 24 | Decorate for Christmas, 5 pm                                |
| November 30 | New Small Group Study for Advent, 8:45 am                   |
| December 6  | Breakfast with Santa, 8-10:30 am                            |
| December 14 | 98th Annual Christmas Concert, 4 pm                         |
| January 4   | Faith Partners Meeting, after service, Fellowship Hall      |
| January 18  | New Member Meeting, After Worship                           |



*Welcome!*

**November 15 and 16**

## Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

## Ways to Give @ First UMC

**IN WORSHIP** - Place your giving and Connect Card in the wooden boxes at the sanctuary entrances.

Use the **Tithe.ly** App for debit/credit card

**AUTO DRAW** - Set up an auto pay from your checking account or contact our office for help with electronic giving through Vanco.



**MAIL TO** - 113 Grand Avenue, Festus, MO 63028

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