

Dear FUMC Family,

We hope you are exercising appropriate caution and staying well during this COVID Omicron surge. We urge anyone with any COVID or cold symptoms, possible exposure, or compromised immunity to worship from home through Facebook Live, at <https://www.facebook.com/ogdenfumc> . Masks are required for in-person worship, and we encourage you to maintain some social distance. If you haven't gotten your vaccine booster shot, please do so for yourself and the health of our whole congregation.

If you missed **last Sunday's service**, you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/ogdenfumc/videos/734732054070658> . Or you can listen to the service by calling our worship-by-phone number: **801-436-3829**. (The phone service for the week is available beginning at about noon on the original Sunday until about that time the following Sunday, when the service is updated.)

The **Mission Emphasis** for January is the "**Souper Bowl of Caring**" food drive for Catholic Community Services. We won't be in a contest with other UMCs this year. But we will be **collecting canned and dry food** on a table in the back of the sanctuary all through the month. If you prefer to give monetary donations, all loose coins and designated gifts will be given to CCS for them to buy food.

United Methodist Special Offering: Throughout the year, there are six denomination-wide special offerings, to which you might like to donate. On Jan. 16, United Methodists around the globe will join in celebrating Human Relations Day, a special offering that supports ministries that bridge the gap between the church and community. Some 57% of Human Relations Day gifts help support the Community Developers program, which is dedicated to building and strengthening racial ethnic minority United Methodist congregations. Use the special envelope that was included in your January newsletter (and/or write on the note line of your check).

[Here's what's happening at First UMC this week:](#)

Fri, Jan. 14--Friday Study at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/456354739?pwd=cjRSdGFKT21kYjWams3V2w4WVBOUT09>

The Friday Study will begin a new book. Order your own copy of *Caste: Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabelle Wilkerson and read through Part 1 (through page 35) for the Jan. 7 class. All are welcome to participate in lively discussions about faith and society.

Sun, Jan. 16--Adult Sunday Class at 8:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room or by Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85291045925?pwd=NjZmTVgxYjBwaUJzakJwZTgybWYvdz09>

We have started a simple study called *The Up and Down Stories of the Bible*, appropriate for the emotional rollercoaster we've been riding during this pandemic. You don't need to buy a book or do any reading at home. Just bring your own Bible or use a class Bible in the Wesley Room. This would be a great time to begin attending Sunday School. We hope you will plan to join in!

Sun, Jan. 16--Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or participate

at www.facebook.com/ogdenfumc . You will find the bulletin link

here: <http://www.fumcogdenut.org/we-are-open1.html>. Occasionally, there are some hiccups in the livestream. Just hang in there with us, as we move on toward perfection! Throughout January, Rev. Kim will be preaching a New Year's sermon series that will recall the vows we make when we join a United Methodist congregation. This Sunday's sermon is called "Renewing Our Resolutions: Gifts."

Sun, Jan. 16--Coalition of Religious Communities Faith Day Photo--After worship, all who would like to participate are invited to write "No Food Taxes" on a paper plate and stand for a photograph. Or you can take your own selfie from home. We will send these to Bill Tibbitts, (bill@crossroads-u-c.org) by Jan 19, so he can publish them all at once. He's hoping for over 100 pictures to show the state legislators how much we people of faith care about eliminating the state sales tax on groceries, which is one of the most regressive taxes in the way it impacts the poor. This photo submission project is in lieu of gathering on the steps of the Utah state capitol on Jan 20, as we had previously planned to do.

Sun, Jan. 16--Youth Sunday School in the Wesley Room at 10:00 a.m.

Sun, Jan. 16--Third Sunday Zoom Fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82584085989>

Sun, Jan. 16--New Members Class (Part 2) in the Wesley Room at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tues, Jan. 18--Trustees at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86763552610?pwd=a0dHRlpQeijpdGgzN3M0VmthSVdKQT09>

Wed, Jan. 19--Bell Tones Rehearsal at 5:00 p.m.

Wed, Jan. 19--Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Jan. 20--Finance Meeting at 3:00 p.m. by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81704318374?pwd=dkZUUhVJKzNiKzRBa2VNQm8yTi9sQT09>

Fri, Jan 21--Friday Study at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom

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Prayer Requests:

Shirley Valencia
Paul DeLong

Peggy Davis' nephew
Several church members with COVID symptoms

Financial Contributions: Thanks to all who support our church through your automatic electronic giving. If you wish, you can also give through our church website donation page: <http://www.fumcogdenut.org/donate.html> or mail your checks to FUMC, 1339 W 400 N, Marriott-Slaterville (Ogden), UT 84404. We also have the ability to receive donations by text

message sent to 385-355-6188. Please know that your financial support makes a huge difference in our congregation, community, and the world!

Have a great week,
Gail