

We light candles in memory of these members and loved ones who have died since our last service.

Robert Steiglitz November 27, 2019

Elizabeth Brandenburg December 19, 2019

> Nína Schmídt January 2, 2020

> *Myrtle Foster* January 2, 2020

Charles Schoenfeld January 19, 2020

Matthew Milne January 27, 2020

Delores Arcíszewskí January 27, 2020

Florence Kurrasch February 1, 2020

Myrth Bogumíll February 23, 2020

Donald Jagler March 11, 2020 *Príscílla Cedar* April 2, 2020

Delma Jahnke April 2, 2020

Ruth Howard April 29, 2020

Phílíp Jones June 12, 2020

Vírgínía Day June 22, 2020

Vívían Thompson July 15, 2020

Robert Schmoldt July 27, 2020

Claire Hornby September 8, 2020

William Kohlman October 6, 2020

Shírley Johnson Krueger October 12, 2020

Gather Family Together at First UMC for the Holidays

Many extended families are unable to gather safely in homes for the holidays, so first UMC would like to offer our Parlor, Kitchen, and Fellowship Hall as much larger (and safer) spaces to be able to host your extended family Thanksgiving or Christmas gatherings this year. There will be Christmas decorations, a warm fireplace, and comfortable chairs spread out to allow for the cousins, aunts, and uncles to enjoy exchanging gifts and catching up in the wide-open Parlor. Each household can sit and eat at separate tables spread safely in the Fellowship Hall. These rooms are usually available between 9 am—5 pm most days (staff will also be present Mondays through Thursdays).

You can call the church office Monday-Thursday between 9-1 pm to reserve a day for your family gathering. In case others have already reserved your first choice, please have a second and third choice in mind.

In lieu of the normal fees for using these spaces, please ask each of your guests to bring gifts to help our various missions. The Personal Needs Closet, Claire's Critter Closet, and the Warming Center will have donation trees where each person can bring unwrapped gifts to help support those in need. A list of specific ideas and other guidelines will be mailed to the host of each gathering who makes the reservation.

In order to assure everyone's safety:

- 1. Anyone with symptoms or who has been recently exposed to someone with COVID is asked to stay home.
- 2. Everyone must properly wear a mask unless they are eating.
- 3. Food should be plated and served only by one or two designated masked and gloved people.
- 4. Disposable (preferably recyclable or compostable) dinner-and drink-ware should be used.
- 5. We recommend a limit of 20 people in the Parlor and 40 people in the Fellowship Hall.
- 6. Festivities should conclude by 4 pm so a cleaning/disinfection checklist can be completed no later than 5 pm.

We hope our large spaces can be used to gather and strengthen your extended family, give to those in need, and build your faith in God who comes to live with us.

