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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION  Nathan Oney

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Prelude: El Flautista Alegre · The Happy Flutist (Ramón Noble) Ty Woodward, Organ

*Procesional Hymn #89 United Methodist Hymnal — Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Call to Worship

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts.
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*Choral Act of Praise

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH**

**Children’s Ministry**

February Theme: Leaders of the Community

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**United Methodist Youth Fellowship**

3 - 8:30 p.m. Youth Meeting, Youth Lounge

The youth ministry at First UMC is a safe, Christ centered environment where youth explore and grow in their faith. Activities are designed to nurture relationships and build a strong, loving community. This is a place of acceptance, outreach and spirituality.

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Keep the youth in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for and carry out this project from June 20-28, 2020.

In June the First UMC Youth will be going to spend a week working with an organization called the Appalachia Service Project. They have been active in the Appalachian Mountains doing home repair for over 40 years. The Appalachian Mountain Region is one of the poorest parts of our country. Through their service they will help to repair the homes of some folks who really need the assistance. This way they can have a safe, warm and dry home to live.