

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**

Announcements: Verl McKinney

Prelude: “Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)” Tomlin & Cash
FUMC Choir

Welcome: Verl McKinney

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God gathers the overlooked and the waiting.

People: We celebrate God’s unexpected joy!

Leader: God invites the outsider to share in the story.

People: Our joy grows because God remembers us.

Leader: Come, worship with joy in the God who delights in us!

People: We worship and rejoice together!

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

Radiant God, we welcome you as you rise over us like new morning light. Fill us with joy, not because life looks finished, but because you come first. Tune our hearts to gratitude, wonder, and celebration, and let joy overflow through our worship today. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH #57
(v. 1, 2, 3)

*Praise Song: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH #206

Children’s Moment: Pastor, Dobyos Amos

Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon
[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday’s service.]

Prayer Song: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” UMH #204

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord’s Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Bob Sterling

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org]

FUMC Christmas in January Choir Presentation: **"Season of Joy"**

Arranged by Daniel Semsen

- "Joy Has Dawned" with "Angels We Have Heard on High"
- "The Wexford Carol" with "I Wonder as I Wander" – Ken Budka, Soloist
- "By Faith"

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Arr. D. Semsen
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Offering Time: Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "The Carolin' Reel"

Arr. Arr. D. Semsen

*Doxology: "Thank You God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of generous joy, we give not out of pressure, but out of celebration. Multiply the joy of what is offered, and shape us into joyful witnesses who give gladly, trust deeply, and love freely. Amen.

*Closing Song: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

UMH #216

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude (*Congregation, please remain seated*):

"Celtic Christmas Blessings"

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Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you: your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Praise Song:
"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"
UMH #206

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

(Chorus)
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

(Chorus)
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

(Continued...)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

(Chorus)
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Prayer Hymn:
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
UMH #204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called, Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called, Emmanuel.

Doxology:
"Thank You, God"
Mitch Samu

Thank you, God, Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God, Love you, God,
Praise you, God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Closing Song:
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
UMH #216

(Verse 1)

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As those of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

(Verse 2)

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

(Verse 3)

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel in glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man yet very God,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

January 25, 2026

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us in person, or virtually, we are glad you are with us.

Altar Flowers are donated by Andrea Garcia, in honor of Olivia and Ian's birthdays.

January Soul Supper: Thursday, January 29, 2026. 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Reflection, 6:10 p.m. – Food & Fellowship. Join us in Wesley Hall at 6 p.m. as Pastor Yoseb leads us in a 5-minute prayer & reflection. After that, we're going to enjoy an authentic German meal: Sauerbraten (German Pot Roast), Red Cabbage, Potatoes, and Pretzels & Mustard, along with Apfelmuchen (German Apple Cake). Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall by Jan 25th if you plan to attend. If you want to help with the food prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on the 28th at 1pm.

Join us for our "Soup-er Bowl" Luncheon following service on February 8th in Wesley Hall.

Nothing helps you beat the winter blues like a warm bowl of soup - or two or three! In addition to the soup, we will be enjoying a salad, bread, and dessert. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall by 1/25 if you plan to attend.



Please remember to bring in cans of soup to donate for our soup collection. Boxes labeled NFL & AFL are in the sanctuary. Place your donation in the box of the league you are rooting for.

Volunteers are needed to help supply refreshments for Fellowship time. If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall.

**Online Giving is now even easier:
Just scan the QR Code!**



Cards with the QR Code can also be found in the card holders in the pews.

This Week at a Glance (January 26 – February 1)

Monday: 2:00 p.m. - Elizabeth Circle (Wesley Hall)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Godspell" – (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Godspell" – (Wesley Hall)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - "Oasis" Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Godspell" – (Wesley Hall)
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
6:00 p.m. - "Soul Supper" (Wesley Hall)

Friday: ***

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall till 4:00 p.m.)

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seekers Study (Seekers Classroom)
8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Classrooms)
9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. - Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

(Nursery care for our youngest members is available during worship service.)

*** No Events Scheduled

January Birthdays

(1) Ed Beach	(18) Olivia Garcia	(21) Gerhard Lux
(7) Cindy Curtis-Budka	(21) Gabrielle Lux	(27) Ian Garcia
(12) Melanie Bowen	(21) Gilliane Lux	(31) Beth Avallone

COMMUNITY:



**UNITED THEATRE AUDITIONS:
GODSPELL A MUSICAL BASED ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
Directed by Susan Zuckerman**

January 26, 27, & 28 at 7:00 p.m. (Wesley Hall)

Please come prepared with a pre-recorded accompaniment of 32 bars of your audition piece.
A speaker will be provided.

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

Book by John-Michael Tebelak

For more information please visit our website: Unitedtheatreinc.org