

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 14, 2025
14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude: *Chloe's Memories and Melodies*
"Be Not Afraid" Music by Bob Dufford

Welcome: Linda Gatti

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, people of God, to the place where we live and worship.

People: We gather to seek the peace of our town and the blessing of our neighbors.

Leader: God has planted us here, in this community, at this time.

People: We will love where we are and pray for the flourishing of Freehold.

Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to root ourselves in love.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to praise the Lord.

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

God of every place, we thank you for planting us in this community. You know its history and its hope, its wounds and its dreams. Open our eyes to see our neighbors as you see them, and open our hearts to love this town with your love. May our worship root us more deeply in your Spirit, so that we may be your people here and now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "Coming in These Doors" Mitch Samu

*Praise Song: "City of God" Dan Schutte

Children's Moment: Pastor Doby Amos

Introduction to Prayer

[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: "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Blessing of the Shoes: (See Insert)

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7 Cindy Curtis-Budka

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]

Message:

Sermon Series: "This Is Our Community"
Week 1 – "Why We Love Our Community"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of September will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"In Christ Alone"
FUMC Choir

Getty & Townend

*Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer – UMC Discipleship (In Unison):

Gracious God, you have given us a home in this town and blessings to share. Receive these gifts, offered in gratitude, and use them to strengthen the life of this church and the well-being of our community. May our giving be a sign of our love for you and our neighbors. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Closing Song:

"Jesus Christ"

U2/Woodie Guthrie

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude:

"Jesus Christ"
(Reprise)

U2/Woodie Guthrie

Scripture Passage for Sunday, September 14, 2025

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

Jeremiah 29:4-7

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn:
“Coming in These Doors”
Mitch Samu

Coming In These Doors
I will leave my stress outside.
Coming In These Doors
I will find some peace and calm.
I will greet my brother. I will greet my sister.
I will greet the stranger too,
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I will seek for ways to serve.
Coming In These Doors
I will hear the word of God.
My heart will be open, I will lift my cares in prayer.
I will look to share my love
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I will be the face of Christ.
Coming In These Doors
I will be His hands and heart.
I will ask myself, "What would Jesus do today?
He would greet and bless this day
Coming In These Doors.

Coming In These Doors
I become refreshed, renewed.
Coming In These Doors
I will feel the heart of God.
Let me give my Love. Let me live my faith today.
Let me show the Face of God
Coming In These Doors.

Praise Hymn:
“City of God”
Dan Schutte

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep,
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light;
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

We're sons of the morning;
We are daughters of day;
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.

Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

God is light, In him there is no darkness;
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all.

O comfort my people, make gentle your words,
Proclaim to my city, the day of her birth.

Let us build the city of God,
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.

Prayer Song:
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Paul Baloche

(Chorus 2X)
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

(Chorus 2X)
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

(3X)

Doxology:
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Closing Song:
"Jesus Christ"
U2/Woodie Guthrie

Well, Jesus Christ was a man
who traveled through the land
A hard-working man and brave
Well he said to the rich,
"Give your money to the poor,"
For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

Halle - Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

Well, he went to the preacher
He went to the law
And told them all the same
He said, "Sell all your jewelry
And give it to the poor."
For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

Halle - Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

When Jesus come to town
all the working folks around
Believed what he did say
Well the bankers and the preachers
They nailed Him on the cross
For they laid Jesus Christ in his grave.

(Continued...)

And the hard-working people
They followed him around
They sung and shouted gay
Well, the cops and the soldiers
They nailed him in the head
For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

(Chorus – Repeat 2X)
Halle - Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!

For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave

Well, this song was sung in Freehold, New Jersey
A rich man, preacher, and slave
Well, if Jesus was to preach
What He preached in Galilee,
They would lay Jesus Christ in His grave.

(Chorus – Repeat 2X)
Halle - Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!
Halle – Hallelujah!

For they laid Jesus Christ in His grave.

Liturgy of Blessing of Shoes:

Leader: Creator God, you have walked with your people through wilderness and promise, through exile and return, through cross and resurrection.

People: Walk with those who will wear these shoes.

Leader: These shoes will touch the streets of our community, carried by neighbors seeking safety, stability, and new life.

People: May every step remind them that they are not alone.

Leader: We bless these shoes as signs of our love and care.

People: We bless those who will receive them with prayers of compassion and hope.

We will be packing **lunch bags for E.H.A.P.** next Sunday, immediately following service. This will not take long, and any time you can give is appreciated.

Join us for our next **Soul Supper** - Thursday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. The featured dish will be Broccoli Chicken Alfredo! The meal is free and all are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

2025 Church Conference Information:

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Location: St Johns UMC (2000 Florence Ave, Hazlet, NJ 07730)

Time: Worship at 10:00 a.m. Church Conference at 11:00 a.m.

After many devastating floods in our Southern states, the Elizabeth Circle is planning to fill **Flood Buckets** for disaster relief. If you would like to contribute, we can use the following supplies by September 21:

32-64 oz. dish detergent	Kitchen gloves (size M or L),
16-40 oz. liquid concentrate household cleaner (Pine Sol)	N95 or N94 respirator masks,
33-50 oz. laundry detergent	Plastic scrub brush
4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener	Cotton work gloves with leather palms
6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent	
Reusable fiber cleaning wipes (Handiwipes)	
Pkg of 36-50 clothes pins, 50-100 ft clothes line	
24 roll pkg. of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45 gallons)	

We can also accept donations to do the shopping for these items.

There will be a box in Mission Hall to fill.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer	(06) Dora Moore	(18) Bob Sterling
(02) Cara Hennessey	(10) Susan Mulholland	(25) Dawn A. Tephford
(03) Rachel Englert	(13) Rich Budalich	(30) Katelyn Cronin
(04) Charlie Mongano	(15) Jaslin Davison	

This Week at a Glance (September 15 – September 21)

Monday:	7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Little Women" (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Little Women" (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. - Reading Between the Vines (Coffee Room)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Auditions "Little Women" (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)
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 Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

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

*** No Events Scheduled

Dear Church Family~

From the bottom of our hearts, my sister and I thank you all for the beautiful dedication of the "Davison Nursery." As many of you know, my parents absolutely loved this church and were a major part of serving our church community for many years. They never wanted any fanfare for all the physical, financial and spiritual support they gave to Freehold First United Methodist Church. They gave because of their love for God, our church and family. When I was approached about naming the nursery after my family, I was surprised and humbled. Mom and Dad would most likely be embarrassed by the recognition, but I felt very proud to be a Davison. My parents left behind a beautiful legacy. On a side note, my sister and I felt it was fitting to donate a rocking chair to the nursery. It was that same chair where our mom and dad used to rock us to sleep when we were babies. It's 65 years old and now has a permanent place in the Davison Nursery. Thank you all for being such an important part of our lives and showing appreciation for two amazing people, Jim and Nancy Davison.

With sincere thanks and warm blessings~

Carol Davison