

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Campaign - Week 2**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We have been welcomed by grace and held by love.

People: Now God calls us to share that grace with one another.

Leader: When troubled waters stand between our neighbors and hope,

People: God calls us to become bridges of compassion, courage, and love.

Leader: As we begin a new season of ministry, let us offer ourselves again to God's work.

People: Here we are, God. Send us to love and serve. Let us worship God together!

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

God of compassion, you have never called us to faith for ourselves alone. You gather us into community and send us to love our neighbors, carry one another's burdens, and stand beside those who struggle. As we begin this new season of ministry, awaken us from comfort and complacency. Show us where people are hurting, where barriers need to be crossed, and where bridges need to be built. Give us courage to offer our time, our gifts, and ourselves in faithful service. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496

***Praise Song:** "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

Children's Time: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" TFWS #2158

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-12; 1 Corinthians 12:21-27 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:

[\[www.freeholdmethodist.org\]](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org)

Stewardship Moment: Charlie Mongano

Message: Sermon Series: Connected (Week 2): "Connected to Others" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“No Mountain High Enough”
FUMC Choir

Charles Kirby

*Doxology:

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of unity and grace, receive these gifts and use them to strengthen your Church and bless your world. Through them, may people find hope, belonging, healing, and purpose. Unite us in mission and make us faithful stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Closing Song:

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS #2223

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Cindy Curtis-Budka

Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator[a] shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”
If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

1 Corinthians 12:21-27

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (UMH Pages 33-38)

Reception Into the United Methodist Church:

As a member of Christ's universal Church,
will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

Reception Into the Local Congregation:

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service
and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend *Minda Doner* to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase her faith,
confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses those baptized, confirmed, or received, using an appropriate blessing:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
that you may live in grace and peace.

Opening Hymn:
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
UMH #496

(Verse 1)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

(Verse 2)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
The joys I feel, the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face,
And gladly take my station there,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

(Verse 3)

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Praise Song:
"Here I Am, Lord"
UMH #593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(Chorus)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

(Repeat Chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

(Repeat Chorus)

Prayer Song:
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
TFWS #2158

(Verse 1)
I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

(Verse 2)
Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

(Verse 3)
When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore
Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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:
"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
TFWS #2223

(Verse 1)
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored:

(Chorus)
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

(Verse 2)
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land:

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 3)
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride:

(Repeat Chorus)

(Verse 4)
All praise to the Father,
From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one:

(Repeat Chorus)

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

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by Elizabeth Cortijo, "In loving memory of my husband, Angel's birthday."

All Saints Sunday is November 1st. To honor the memory of our beloved family and friends who have returned to the Lord since last All Saints Sunday (November 2, 2025), we will have a special time during the service to remember and commemorate them. **please email photos and names to the church office no later than Wednesday, October 28th (office@freeholdmethodist.org).**

Soul Supper: Thursday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Menu: Chili, Corn Bread, Salad, and a surprise dessert. Sign up on the sheet in Wesley Hall if you plan to attend. Please speak with Gayle Trulli if you would like to help with meal preparation.

FUMC Charge Conference: Saturday, October 31st at The First UMC of Oakhurst (103 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755) The conference will immediately follow the 10:00 a.m. service. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

October is "EYEtober"! Our Missions Committee is collecting donations of old eyeglasses and readers (no cases please). Please place donations of your old prescription glasses and readers in the special box (in the Sanctuary) labeled "Eyeglass Collection."

Refreshments for Fellowship Time: There are lots of open dates to sign up to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time. Refreshments can be store-bought; they do not have to be homemade. Any date you can sign up for is appreciated. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall.



The choir is asked to stay after service today for rehearsal.

Unable to make it to church? There are several ways you can join us virtually: Find us on:

- **Our website:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2890014881?pwd=QnpGZkxudzR4cU9zV0hYcnlQV0hjZz09&omn=82251952816>

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This Week at a Glance (October 26 – November 1)

Monday:	2:00 p.m. -	Elizabeth Circle (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	6:00 p.m. -	Soul Supper (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday:	6:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary and Coffee Room until 10:00 p.m.)
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall until 5:00 p.m.)
	10:00 a.m. -	FUMC Charge Conference (The First UMC of Oakhurst)
Sunday: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY		
	8:30 a.m. -	Seekers Class (Seeker's Classroom)
	8:45 a.m. -	Children's Sunday School (Classrooms)
	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (TBD)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Refreshments and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
	11:00 a.m. -	Choir Rehearsal (TBD)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

October Birthdays

(01) Allein Sampieri (daughter)	(14) Allein Sampieri
(05) Grace Mulholland	(25) John Martz
(09) Jennifer Bleimann	(25) Lindsay Davala
(13) Peyton Avallone	(28) Leah Zuckerman-Curran
	(31) George Sologuren

Ways to Give to the Church:

- 1) **Sign-up for Subsplash!**
- 2) Download the FUMC church app! Go to the app store on your smartphone or tablet and search "First UMC Freehold". Look for a blue icon with the Methodist cross and flame.
- 3) Go to our website: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give
- 4) Text-to-give by texting "freeholdumc" to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
- 5) Mail a check to 91 West Main St. Freehold, NJ 07728
- 6) **VENMO**@FumcFreehold.
- 7) Scan the **QR code** on the card located in the pew card holders.



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