

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, June 14, 2026  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Safe Sanctuary Awareness Sunday**

Announcements: Pamela Wentworth

Prelude

Welcome: Pamela Wentworth

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: God of Refuge, we gather in your presence, seeking your safety and peace.

**People: We come as children of your sanctuary, committed to creating a space of safety and grace.**

Leader: In your wisdom, you teach us to guard the vulnerable, to protect the innocent.

**People: Help us to embody your love, to act justly, and to serve diligently.**

Leader: As we worship, let us celebrate the sanctuary you provide, and commit to extending it to all.

**People: We are ready to learn, to grow, and to reflect your sanctuary in our lives.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Lord, as we gather today in your sacred space, we ask for your guidance and blessings. Illuminate our hearts with your divine wisdom as we strive to uphold the sanctity of your sanctuary. Help us to remember the importance of protecting all who enter our doors, especially the most vulnerable among us. May our actions and decisions reflect your compassion and righteousness, and let our community of faith be a beacon of safety and love, where all can feel secure and valued. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

\*Praise Song: "Here I Am to Worship" Tim Hughes

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 Hymn: "Jesus, Name above All Names" TFWS #2071

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Hospitality Mission Moment: Sharon Shutzer

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:36-37; 10:13-16 Susan Zuckerman

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)]*

Offering Time: The Special Offering for June will benefit **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)**. UMCOR offers immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters, and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. **Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "Lean On Me" Bill Withers  
Mitch Samu. Piano

\*Doxology: "Thank You God" Mitch Samu

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Gracious God, with humble hearts, we bring our gifts to you today, grateful for the sanctuary and the safety your love provides. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to strengthen our church's commitment to being a safe sanctuary for all. May our resources enable us to train, support, and equip our community to better protect and cherish every soul that seeks refuge with us. Guide us in your grace and wisdom as we use these gifts for your glory and for the good of those we serve. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "Walking in the Light of God" Traditional Zulu

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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**Scripture Reading:**  
**Mark 9:36-37; 10:13-16**

**Liturgist: Susan Zuckerman**

<sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

### **Jesus Blesses Little Children**

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Hymn:  
"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)**

**Praise Song:  
"Here I Am to Worship"  
Tim Hughes**

(Verse 1)

Light of the world, You stepped down into  
darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

(Chorus)

**So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.**

(Verse 2)

King of all days, O so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

(Bridge)

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.

**(Repeat Chorus)**

**Prayer Song:  
"Jesus, Name above All Names"  
TFWS #2071**

(Chorus)

**Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**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!

‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,  
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,  
‘Ham-ba koo kah nigh nee,  
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walking in the light of God.  
(2X)

**Closing Song:**  
**“Walking in the Light of God”**  
**Traditional Zulu**  
**Arr. Dean McIntyre**

Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walking in the light of God.  
(2X)

Walk, walk, walk, walk,  
Walking in the light of God.  
Walk, walk, walk, walk,  
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walking in the light of God.  
(2X)

‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,  
Walking in the light of God.  
‘Ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba, ‘ham-ba,  
Walking in the light of God.

Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walk in the light,  
Walking in the light of God.  
(2X)

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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.

**One on One Time with Pastor Yoseb:** Pastor Yoseb would like to connect with everyone in a one-on-one setting. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Yoseb's availability, or you can contact the church office to reserve a date. [Office@freeholdmethodist.org](mailto:Office@freeholdmethodist.org) (732-462-1745)

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet on June 22 at 2:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Carol Davison and Anita Richie will provide a program on card making. As always, we will have yummy treats, business and mission work to plan, joys and concerns to share, and, of course lots of smiles! All women are invited to attend.



**Our very own FUMC Music Director, Mitch Samu, and his wife, Kristen, will be providing live music on the patio at Frankie Fed's in Freehold on Sunday evening, June 28, 2026 (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm).** Come enjoy a wonderful Italian meal or Fed's famous crispy thin-crust pizza and have a great time listening to Mitch's music. It promises to be a very lovely evening.

Call Frankie Fed's directly to make reservations (732-294-1333) or let Carol Davison know and she will be happy to keep track of reservations for that evening. Invite your family and friends to join in the fun.

Any questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to Carol. 732-919-1744 (home), 732-740-0388 (cell)

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

### **AAUW Annual Book Sale at FUMC**

#### **Dates and Times:**

- **Wednesday, June 17th** (Preview Day \$10 entrance fee)  
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 18:**  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Friday, June 19th:**  
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 20th:**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Senior drivers**, join us on **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** as FUMC hosts a **CarFit Event**. Trained volunteers will complete a 12-point checklist with each driver including: Correct position of driver's seat, driver's ability to easily reach pedals, and proper adjustment of mirrors. The program will provide older adults with the tools to understand and apply the safety features of their car. The event will be held in the church parking lot and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Each appointment will last about 20 minutes.

**Unable to make it to church?** There are several ways you can join us virtually: [Find us on:](#)

- **Our website:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream](http://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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### June Birthdays

(03) Dexter Prendergast	(16) Madison Calcao	(25) Anne Mayer	(28) Rita Curven
(03) Jane Healtton	(21) Diane Spangler	(26) Marshall Gorman	(29) Carmen Hernandez
(06) Carol Davison	(21) Laurie Sciortino	(28) Daniel Cronin	

### This Week at a Glance (June 15 – June 21)

Monday: 8:45 a.m. - AAUW Set-Up (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal – (Wesley Hall)

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
8:45 a.m. - AAUW Set-Up (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)  
7:30 p.m. - Reading between the Vines (ZOOM)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)  
1:00 p.m. - AAUW Book Sale (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)  
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary or Coffee Room)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
9:00 a.m. - AAUW Book Sale (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)  
7:00 p.m. - United Theatre Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - AAUW Book Sale (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary)  
9:00 a.m. - AAUW Book Sale (Classrooms & Wesley Hall)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)  
9:30 a.m. - Choir Warm-Up \*TBD (Sanctuary)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)  
5:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)