

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 18, 2024  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Introit: "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark Miller

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, give thanks to the Lord with all your heart and soul!

**People: We come, rejoicing over God's many blessings poured out on us!**

Leader: God's works are great!

**People: We delight in learning about them.**

Leader: Respect for God and all that God offers to us is the beginning of wisdom.

**People: With gratefulness, we shall praise and honor God all our lives. AMEN.**

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

**Gracious God, as we gather today, we thank you for your wisdom and guidance. Help us to walk wisely, making the most of every moment to live according to your will. Fill our hearts with gratitude, and may our lives reflect your love and grace. In all circumstances, may we offer you praise, giving thanks always in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** "In the Singing" TFWS #2255

**\*Praise Song:** "I Thank You, Jesus" Kenneth Morris

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: "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20 Dan Tagatac

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)]*

Message: "Radical Gratitude" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for the month of **August** will benefit **Native American Ministries**. Your contribution supports aspiring Native American pastors and enriches outreach in their communities.

**Giving Page:** [www.freeholdmethodist.org/give](http://www.freeholdmethodist.org/give)

Offertory: "The Reason I Live" Kwonhee Lee  
Daniel Jeon, Cello / Yoonjung Park, Piano

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95  
*\*Sung to the tune of "Beach Spring"*

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for your amazing grace that inspires our actions. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" J.M. Black

\*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" J.M. Black  
(Reprise)

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### Scripture Passage

#### Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Introit:**  
**"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"**  
**Mark Miller**

There's a spirit of love in this place,  
There's a spirit of love in this place.  
You can't see it, but it's there  
Just as precious as the air.  
There's a spirit of love in this place.

**O alleluia, sing alleluia!**  
**We bless your holy name.**  
**O alleluia, sing alleluia!**  
**There's a spirit of love in this place.**

There's the presence of peace in this room,  
There's the presence of peace in this room.  
In God's tenderness is found  
Peace that passes human bounds.  
There's the presence of peace in this room.

**O alleluia, sing alleluia!**  
**We bless your holy name.**  
**O alleluia, sing alleluia!**  
**There's a spirit of love in this place.**

**Opening Hymn:**  
**"In the Singing"**  
**TFWS #2255**

In the singing, in the silence,  
In the hands expectant, open,  
In the blessing, in the breaking,  
In the Presence at this table -

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:**  
**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

In the question, in the answer,  
In the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing,  
In the circle of Your people -

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:**  
**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

**Praise Song:**  
**"I Thank You, Jesus"**  
**Kenneth Morris**

(2X)

I thank you, Jesus.  
I thank you, Jesus.  
I thank you, Jesus, I thank you Lord,  
Oh, you brought me, yes,  
You brought me from a mighty,  
A mighty long way, a mighty long way.

You've been my mother,  
You've been my father,  
You've been my sister, my brother too,  
Oh, you brought me, yes,  
You brought me from a mighty,  
A mighty long way, a mighty long way.

You've been my doctor,  
You've been my lawyer,  
You've been my teacher, my friend indeed,  
Oh, you brought me, yes,  
You brought me from a mighty,  
A mighty long way, a mighty long way.

**Prayer Hymn:  
"Give Thanks"  
TFWS #2036**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son  
(2X)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
(2X)

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son  
(2X)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us."  
(2X)

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

**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 Hymn:  
"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"  
James Milton Black**

(Verse 1)

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound  
And time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair,  
When the saved of earth  
Shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.

**When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
I'll be there**

(Verse 2)

On that bright and cloudless morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
To their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.

**When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
I'll be there**

(Verse 3)

Let us labor for the Master  
From the dawn till setting sun.  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care.  
Then when all of life is over  
And our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.

**When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
When the roll is called up yonder  
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I'll be there**

## Announcements:

**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 donated by Verl and Joanne McKinney in celebration of Verl's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, and grandson, Sean Bourke's 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

On **August 25<sup>th</sup>** we will have a special visit from Cindy Curtis-Budka's nephew, David Houle and his wife Allie Houle. We are looking forward to hearing them speak about their mission work in Thailand.

**Save the Date: September 15, 2024 – Food Truck Event at FUMC!** Enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the Frankie Fed's Food Truck while you enjoy fellowship and a Special Music Presentation prepared by Mitch Samu. The lunch is free – compliments of FUMC. There will even be a bounce house for the children! The event will begin at 11:30 a.m.

There is still time to sign up for the **Elizabeth Circle Women's Retreat in Ocean Grove**. Please see the flyer at the end of this bulletin for details. Melanie Bowen will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the retreat.

We will be collecting food for **OPEN DOOR** next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. A few items in need are: Pancake Mix, Cake Mix and Canned Pasta.

### **Community News:**

**United Theatre Company Presents: "Winnie the Pooh" on the Wesley Hall Stage.**

Bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy this wonderful adaptation of A.A. Milne's classic story of Christopher Robin's little bear friend whose passion for honey and condensed milk keeps getting him into trouble. Directed by Elizabeth Ginn-Scott.

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

**Tickets: Adult \$10 / Child (under 12) \$7**

Tickets can be purchased online: <https://unitedtheatreinc.org/tickets/p/winnie-the-pooh> or at the door.

### **This Week at a Glance (August 19 – August 25)**

Monday: \*\*\*

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – Walking Group (ZOOM)

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. – Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)

Friday: \*\*\*

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

Sunday: 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

## *August Birthdays*

(3) Corbett Corey  
(4) Carolyn Brach  
(5) Cassie Sterling  
(17) Jessica Cronin

(18) Gayle Trulli  
(19) Ken Budka  
(21) Verl McKinney  
(21) Sandra Hernandez

(23) Garrett Ian Englert  
(25) Lindsey Hennessey  
(26) Anita Ritchie  
(27) Ernest Peart

It's not too late. There is still space .....

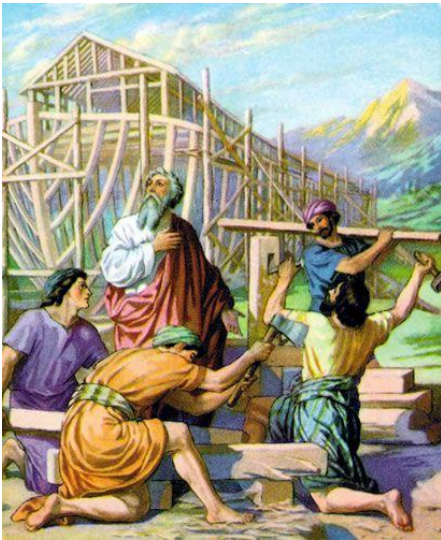
### **Noah Built His Ark in the Sunshine**

Elizabeth Circle Women's Spiritual Retreat

**Sunday September 30 (3:00pm) – Tuesday October 2 (11:00am)**

Carriage House Bed & Breakfast, Ocean Grove NJ

\$375.00 includes room and meals. Scholarships available



Great people of faith tend to prepare in advance for the storms of life that are sure to come...they don't wait until the last minute, they use the bright days in the sunshine to prepare, to get ready, and to build resources. That kind of faith doesn't happen overnight! We have to grow it.

**We have to work at faith....  
practice it, express it, study it, and share it.**

Join us as we study scripture, share stories, pray, show our "crafty" skills (we just gotta build an ark!) laugh ...and maybe cry ... together. While our time together will be structured, there will lots of free time...and opportunities for the Holy Spirit to take us wherever the Spirit blows us!

**There is something really special about the women of FUMC....  
join us and experience the specialness**

For more information or to register contact:

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