

First United Methodist Church of Freehold  
Bulletin

Sunday, January 18, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Announcements:

Verl McKinney

Prelude

Welcome:

Verl McKinney

\*Call to Worship:

Leader: When love feels easy, we follow Jesus from a distance.

**People: When love becomes costly, Jesus calls us closer.**

Leader: On the road, where fear says, "pass by",

**People: Jesus teaches us to stop.**

Leader: This is who we are, a people shaped by courageous love.

**People: We come to worship the God who teaches us to love boldly.**

\*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

**Loving God, you call us not only to welcome, but to love with courage. In Jesus, you show us a love that stops, sees, and acts, even when it costs something. Shape our hearts today so that we do not turn away from need or walk past suffering. Teach us to love as you love, with compassion that risks comfort, and mercy that moves us to action. As we worship, form us again as your people. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH #251

\*Praise Song:

"One Love"

Bob Marley

Children's Time:

Pastor Dobyo 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 Hymn:

"The Gift of Love"

UMH #408

Pastoral Prayer:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer:

UMH #895

Scripture Reading:

Luke 10:25-37

Anita Ritchie

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

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

Message:

This Is Who We Are – Week 2:  
“Bold Love: Love That Dares”

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

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

Offertory:

“3 Notes”

Mitch Samu

\*Doxology:

“Thank You God”

Mitch Samu

\*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

**Generous God, you have loved us with a love that did not pass us by. As we bring our gifts today, we offer ourselves along with them. Use what we give to turn compassion into action, mercy into care, and faith into bold love. May our giving reflect our desire to stop, to serve, and to love as Jesus loves. In his name we pray. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn:

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster

\*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

\*Postlude

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**Scripture Passage**

**Liturgist: Anita Ritchie**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.<sup>[a]</sup> “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn:  
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"  
UMH #251**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

(Verse 1)

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

(Verse 2)

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

(Verse 3)

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

**Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**Praise Song:  
"One Love"  
Bob Marley**

One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right  
Hear the children crying (One love)  
Hear the children crying (One heart)  
Sayin', "Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I  
will feel all right."  
Sayin', "Let's get together and feel all right."  
Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa  
  
Let them all pass all their dirty remarks (One love)  
There is one question I'd really love to ask (One  
heart)  
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner  
Who has hurt all mankind just to save his own?

Believe me  
One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right  
As it was in the beginning (One love)  
So shall it be in the end (One heart)  
Alright, "Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I  
will feel all right."  
"Let's get together and feel all right."  
One more thing  
  
Let's get together to fight this Holy Armageddon  
(One love)  
So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom  
(One song)  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
There ain't no hiding place from the Father of  
Creation  
  
Sayin', "One love, one heart  
Let's get together and feel all right."  
I'm pleading to mankind (One love)  
Oh, Lord (One heart) Whoa.  
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all  
right.  
Let's get together and feel all right.  
Give thanks and praise to the Lord and I will feel all  
right.  
Let's get together and feel all right.

**Prayer Hymn:  
"The Gift of Love"  
UMH #408**

(Verse 1)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

(Verse 2)

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

(Verse 3)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

**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 Hymn:  
"Love the Lord"  
Lincoln Brewster**

(Verse 1)

Love the Lord, your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind,  
And with all your strength.

(REPEAT)

(Chorus 1)

**With all your heart, with all your soul,  
With all your mind with all your strength.  
Love the Lord, your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul, with all your mind,  
And with all your strength.**

(Verse 2)

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, and with all my strength.  
(REPEAT)

(Chorus 2)

**With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength.  
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.**

(Bridge)

I will love You. (I will love You).  
I will praise You. (I will praise You).  
I will serve You. (I will serve You).  
I will trust You, Lord. (I will trust You).

(Chorus 3)

**With all my heart, with all my soul,  
With all my mind, with all my strength.  
(REPEAT)**

I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,  
With all my soul, with all my mind,  
And with all my strength.  
(REPEAT 2X)

Announcements  
January 18, 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.**

**January Soul Supper: Thursday, January 29, 2026. 6:00 p.m. – Prayer & Reflection, 6:10 p.m. – Food & Fellowship.** Join us in Wesley Hall 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 Apfelkuchen (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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Our Wednesday Bible Study has a new name: “Oasis Bible Study Group”. Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Coffee Room and be quenched by the Word of God.

**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.

**Our Board of Trustees has been faithfully working to be good stewards of our building where disciples are equipped and nurtured. Below is a summary of the projects and spending totals for the past 5 years.**

Year	Totals	Major Items
2021	101505	Organ repair, solar panels, heating units
2022	73485	Parsonage kitchen, solar panels
2023	41865	Parsonage kitchen
2024	13083	
2025	17516	
	<b>\$247,454</b>	

**Trustees were reimbursed by the Endowment Fund for the following (not included above):**

Parsonage basement repair (2024)

Parsonage lead abatement (2021)

### This Week at a Glance (January 19 – January 25)

Monday: **Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance**

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
7:30 p.m. - Reading Between the Vines (In Person – Coffee Room)

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - "Oasis" Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)  
7:30 p.m. - Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - Walking Group (ZOOM)  
2:00 p.m. - Stitcher's Circle (Coffee Room)  
7:00 p.m. - Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)

Friday: \*\*\*

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

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Seeker's Study (Seeker's Classroom)  
8:45 a.m. - Youth Sunday School (Classrooms)  
10:00 a.m. - Worship with Choir Presentation: "Season of Joy" (Sanctuary)  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. - iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary)

(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 News:



United Theatre will be holding auditions for their upcoming musical, "Godspell" – January 26, 27, & 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Performance dates: March 26, 27 & 28. With so many talented singers in our church, we would **love** to have you join us in this beautiful musical based on the Gospel of Matthew. The show will be directed by Susan Zuckerman.