

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, October 18, 2026
Stewardship Campaign Week 1 / Laity Sunday**

Announcements: Sharon Shutzer

Prelude: "Belle" Mitch Samu

Welcome: Sharon Shutzer

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come, let us remember the goodness of God.

People: Every good gift comes from the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us remember God's faithfulness.

People: God has sustained us through every season.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who gives life, hope, and purpose.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to worship God.

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

Generous and gracious God, before we offered you our praise, you offered us your love. Before we sought you, you were already seeking us. Before we drew our first breath, you called us your own. Open our eyes to recognize the gifts that surround us each day. Open our hearts to receive your grace with gratitude. Open our lives to your transforming presence so that our worship may become a living response to your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

*Opening Song: "Coming In These Doors" Mitch Samu

*Praise Song: "Even You Are Welcome" Mitch Samu

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: "I Know That I Know" Mitch Samu

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:11-18; John 15:5-8 Melanie Bowen

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:

Ed Bowen

Message:

Sermon Series: Connected (Week 1):
"Connected to God"

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for October will benefit the CWS CROP Hunger Walk.

Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

"Amazing Grace"

Mitch Samu

*Doxology:

"Thank You, God"

Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to proclaim good news, strengthen your church, serve our neighbors, and bring hope to the world. Multiply what is offered and continue your work of grace within us and through us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song:

"Choose to Thrive"

Mitch Samu

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

"Joyful"

Mitch Samu

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Melanie Bowen

Deuteronomy 8:11-18

¹¹ "Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

John 15:5-8

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Song:
"Coming In These Doors"
Mitch Samu

(Verse 1)
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.

(Verse 2)
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.

(Verse 3)
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.

(Verse 4)
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 Song:
"Even You Are Welcome"
Mitch Samu

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody's welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

If you're not here
There's something that is missing.
Without you here we all are incomplete.
Because if you are not invited
Then count me out as well;
The God I know has room for us all.

Even you are welcome,
Even I am welcome,
Even they are welcome,
To touch the face of God.
Everybody's welcome,
Even we are welcome,
All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.
(2x)

All of us together
Can hold the hand of God.

Prayer Song:
"I Know That I Know That I Know"
Mitch Samu

I know that I know that I know
That my God loves me.
I know that I know that I know
God is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
God's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
That God cares.

I know that I know that I know
That Jesus loves me.
I know that I know that I know
He is my friend.
I know that I know that I know
He's always with me;
And I know that I know that I know
Jesus cares.

I know that I know that I know
You are my brother.
I know that I know that I know
You are my friend.
I know that I know that I know
You are my sister;
And I know that I know that I know
That you care.

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 Song:
"Choose to Thrive"
Mitch Samu

(Verse 1)
I'm gonna choose to thrive,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my mind on God.

God's in charge
And that's fine by me.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

(Verse 2)
I'm gonna choose to change,
I'm gonna be alive,
I'm gonna live in love
And set my heart on God.

God and me,
He's gonna set me free.
I'm gonna live my life,
I'm gonna choose to thrive.

(Verse 3)
I'm gonna choose to fly.
I'm gonna be alive.
I'm gonna take the leap
I'm gonna jump in deep.

God and me,
We're gonna spread our wings.
We're gonna fly so high,
Way up above the sky.

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 John and Connie Martz, "In loving memory of our parents."

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

The Annual Freehold Area **CROP Hunger Walk**, sponsored by The Greater Freehold Clergy Association will be held on this afternoon with registration and prizes being awarded at 1:30 PM and the walk stepping off at 2:00 p.m. from the **Reformed Church of Freehold** (67 West main Street). The route is 2.6 miles long in historic Freehold and there is also a mini-route.

October 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.

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.

Please be aware that next Sunday, October 25th, Freehold Borough will host it's annual **Halloween Parade** at 1:00 p.m. The parade will march down Main Street so the street will be closed off prior to the start of the parade. For the parade route, and more information on Halloween events, go to:

www.freeholdspooktacular.com

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 19 – October 26)

Monday:	7:00 p.m.	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	10:30 a.m. -	Reading Between the Vines (Coffee Room)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Oasis Bible Study (Coffee Room)
	2:00 p.m. -	Stitchers Circle (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
	7:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Lounge)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	United Theatre Rehearsal (Wesley Hall)
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.)
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 (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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