

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, September 13, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Announcements: Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome: Dan Tagatac

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We come carrying hopes we can name and longings we cannot explain.

People: God has placed eternity within our hearts.

Leader: We have searched for home in places, memories, achievements, and dreams.

People: Yet our restless hearts long for something more.

Leader: God call us home, not to a place on a map, but into the presence of grace.

People: In God, we are known. In God, we are loved. In God, we belong.

Leader: Come, let our restless hearts find their rest.

People: Let us worship God, our true home.

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

Everlasting God, you have placed within us a longing for something more than we can see or possess. We search for home in so many places, yet our hearts remain restless until they rest in you. As we worship today, quiet the noise that keeps us searching elsewhere. Remind us that we are known, loved, and welcomed in your presence. Lead us home to your grace, and teach us to trust that in you, we truly belong. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57
(v. 1, 2, 3)

***Praise Song:** "Where Could I Go but to the Lord" J.B. Coates

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: "In His Time" TFWS #2203

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:11 Anne Mayer

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:

The Soundtrack of Faith – Week 1:

“The Place I Belong” (*Take Me Home, Country Roads* by John Denver)

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for August will benefit Native American Ministries. Your gift funds urban ministries with Native Americans, scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist seminaries, and annual conference Native American ministries. **Giving Page:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory:

“Acclamation”

Robert Ray

FUMC Choir

*Doxology:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of abiding grace, everything we hold is temporary, yet your love endures. Receive these gifts as signs that our security is not found in what we possess, but in you. Use what we offer to create places of welcome, belonging, and hope, so that those who are searching for home may catch a glimpse of your love through us. Amen.

*Closing Song:

“How Great Is Our God”

Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

*Benediction:

Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Anne Mayer

Ecclesiastes 3:11

11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
(v. 1, 2, 3)
UMH #57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Praise Song:
“Where Could I Go But to the Lord”
J.B. Coats

(Verse 1)
Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford.
Striving alone to face temptation's call,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Chorus)
Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Verse 2)
Life here is grand with friends I love so dear.
Comfort I get from God's own word.
Yet, when I face the chilling hand of death,
Now won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?

(Continued...)

(Chorus)
Where could I go? Oh, where could I go?
Seeking a refuge for my soul.
Needing a friend, to save me in the end.
Oh, won't you tell me
Where could I go but to the Lord?
Where could I go but to the Lord?

Prayer Song:
“In His Time”
TFWS #2203

(Verse 1)
In His time in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time
Lord please show me every day
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

(Verse 2)
In Your time in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time
Lord my life to You I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

Sermon Series Song – Week 1:
“Take Me Home, Country Roads”
(Original Version)
Song by John Denver

Almost heaven, West Virginia,
Blue ridge mountains, Shenandoah river.
Life is old there, older than the trees,
Younger than the mountains, blowing like a breeze.

(Continued...)

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
West Virginia, mountain mamma,
Take me home, country roads.

All my memories gather 'round her;
Miner's lady, stranger to blue water.
Dark and dusty, painted on the sky,
Misty taste of moonshine, teardrop in my eye.

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
West Virginia, mountain mamma,
Take me home, country roads.

I hear her voice, in the morning hour she calls me,
Radio reminds me of my home far away.
Driving down the road I get a feeling
That I should have been home yesterday,
yesterday.

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
West Virginia, mountain mamma,
Take me home, country roads.

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong,
West Virginia, mountain mamma,
Take me home, country roads,
Take me home, country roads,
Take me home, country roads.

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:
"How Great Is Our God"
Tomlin, Reeves & Cash

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
And trembles at His voice.

(Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb.

(Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

Bridge (2X)
Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise;
My heart will sing
How great is our God.

(Last Chorus)
How great is our God,
Sing with me,
How great is our God;
And all will see how great,
How great is our God.

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 & Diane Spangler, in memory of Loved Ones.

Have you reserved your spot for the "Elizabeth Circle of FUMC Day Apart"?

Sat. Sept. 26, 2026 - 9am-4pm at the home of Melanie Bowen - 66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale
Cost \$20.00 (includes program, breakfast bagels and lunch!)

Space is limited! (20 women). Contact Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowenni@gmail.com



September Soul Supper – Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in **Wesley Hall** for a delicious Italian meal: Baked Ziti, Chicken Parm, Eggplant Parm, Meatballs, Salad and Italian Bread. Ice Cream and Cookies will finish the meal. Please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend.

If you would like to help with the meal set-up and prep, we will be meeting in the kitchen on September 23rd at 1:00 p.m.



Calling All Church Members! We would like to update our dishes in the kitchen to ones that are more attractive, but more importantly, to ones that are more lightweight. We are asking for any help you might provide in the way of funds to pay for the 90 place settings we would like to purchase. Each case contains 6 – three-piece settings for \$80. Cash or checks for any amount can be put in a Pew Envelope marked "Dishes." Thank you in advance for your generosity.



FUMC Fall Fest & Food Truck Event – September 27, 2026

Join us for good food, fun and fellowship following service!
Invite family, friends and neighbors!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Our team of Youth Sunday School teachers would be glad to have a few more teachers on the team. This class meets each Sunday from 8:45 to 9:30, with intermediate and high school level students. Each Sunday's class is led by one teacher and one assistant teacher.

We currently have 3 teachers active in the rotation. If you might be interested in joining the teaching team please contact Glenn Meredith (glenn.meredith@gmail.com or 732-614-6804). Thanks.



Choir Note: The FUMC Choir will stay for a brief rehearsal following today's service.

September Birthdays

(02) Diana L. Dreyer
(02) Cara Hennessey
(03) Rachel Englert
(04) Charlie Mongano

(06) Dora Moore
(10) Susan Mulholland
(18) Bob Sterling
(20) Sammy Jeon
(30) Katelyn Cronin

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 (September 14 – September 20)

Monday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	10:00 a.m. -	Reading between the Vines (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	Finance Committee Meeting (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. -	Oasis Bible Study Group (Coffee Room)
	7:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
	7:00 p.m. -	Administrative Council Meeting (ZOOM)
Friday:	6:00 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Coffee Room)
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
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 (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)

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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