

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**-our next blood drive will be held on Mon., Mar. 3 from 1:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Please donate to help your neighbors who need life-giving blood. Contact Jen Dunne at [jendunne1@gmail.com](mailto:jendunne1@gmail.com).



**WHAT'S HAPPENING**  
**AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LOVE GOD~REACH PEOPLE~SERVE ALL**

**SERMON NOTES:**

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**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17-FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

**Welcome to FMC!**-We're grateful that today you've chosen to worship our Living Lord, because at FMC, ALL are welcome and you belong. Today we are grateful Central District Superintendent Ronell Howard is our guest preacher. DS Howard brings passion, energy and a call to foster renewal and collaboration. Her challenge to us this year is to begin with purpose, united in our commitment to draw closer to God and one another.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**-please continue to bring in or mail your Faith Promise cards. We appreciate all of your dedication to our local and global missions. Please watch our video at [www.fmcmoorestown.com/missionsvideo](http://www.fmcmoorestown.com/missionsvideo).

**NURSERY**-Our nursery is available during both the 9am and 11am services. Additionally, it is staffed with childcare volunteers. Parents are invited to drop off their children with our volunteers or are welcome to stay in the Parlor with their children. Busy bags will be available for use in the Sanctuary. Questions, please contact Nursery Coordinator Sarah Owens at [sarahmowens13@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmowens13@gmail.com).

**OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW**-in commemoration of Presidents' Day.

**ESJ SPEAKER**-Feb. is Black History Month. We will have Richard Gray as our speaker today at 10am in the Heritage Room. Mr Gray is the Director for Communities and Schools Partnership at the Center for Collaborative Education in Boston. He will speak on the history of the West End Community Center in Moorestown and the effort to preserve its legacy.

**EUREKA BOOK CLUB**-Meets at 6pm this Tues., Feb. 18 (bring your dinner) and discussion of *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. This imaginative bestseller features well-developed characters and great writing. Questions, contact Patti Walz at [revwalz@gmail.com](mailto:revwalz@gmail.com).

**RESCHEDULED BLANKETHON**- Please join Crafts for Good and My Abba's Hands next Sun., Feb. 23 in the Heritage Room (note room change) from 10:30am-3pm to make blankets for our homeless neighbors. For no-sew blankets, please bring 2 yards of 60" fleece, fabric scissors, and a ruler. For sewn blankets, you will need 4 yards of 42" flannel as well as your sewing machine and supplies. If you want to save time and do the cutting at home, contact Cindy Cope at [cjcope1055@gmail.com](mailto:cjcope1055@gmail.com) for a PDF instruction sheet.

**ESJ FIELD TRIP**-We are sponsoring a trip to the African American Museum in Phila. next Sun., Feb. 23. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1pm to carpool and plan to return about 3:30pm. Cost is \$11 (\$9 for teens). Please sign up in the Narthex near the ESJ bulletin board. The tour will help us learn more about history from the Black perspective. Please join us!

**MIND CAFÉ:** Teens and young adults in the area are invited to come to F105 on the following Weds. from 6:30-8:30pm to make new connections, practice wellness tools, and share a meal: 2/26, 3/12, and 3/26. It's free! Sign up at <http://mindcafeconnect.org> or contact Jen Kaminski at 609 929 8687.



**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION** – If you would like to make an electronic donation to FMC Moorestown, go to [www.fmcmoorestown.com/give](http://www.fmcmoorestown.com/give) or scan this QR code to connect to our digital giving page. Please consider giving generously to support the ministries of FMC that impact communities locally and globally!



**MINI-MISSION FOR FEB**-we are collecting items to put into flood buckets to assist with emergency preparedness to help in disaster relief. Please bring items to the Narthex during the month of Feb. The list of items needed is here: [www.fmcmoorestown.com/floodbuckets](http://www.fmcmoorestown.com/floodbuckets).

**UPPER ROOM**-New copies of The Upper Room and My Daily Bread for daily devotions are on the Narthex table as well as in the wall rack next to it. Please help yourself!

**CA WILDLIFE FIRE DONATIONS**-We pray for and grieve with those affected by the devastating wildfires in CA. We also pray for the first responders bringing aid and relief. The UMC is on the ground supporting those efforts. There are 2 ways to give financially to help those in CA through the UMC:

- 1) UMCOR "US Disaster Relief Fund" at [www.fmcmoorestown.com/umcor](http://www.fmcmoorestown.com/umcor).
- 2) California-Pacific UMC Conference's "Los Angeles Fires Recovery Fund" at [www.fmcmoorestown.com/ca-wildfires](http://www.fmcmoorestown.com/ca-wildfires). Both funds directly help those affected in CA both short- and long-term.

**ESJ PRESENTATION**-We are sponsoring speaker Matt Peace, from Churches of Welcome, on Sun., Mar. 2 at 10am in the Heritage Room. Churches of Welcome is a national movement of churches who engage and assist in the refugee and immigration crisis. We will learn about the crisis and find out how we can help share God's love to the underserved. Questions, contact Patti Walz at [revwalz@gmail.com](mailto:revwalz@gmail.com).

**2025 FMC PLEDGE CARDS**- Please continue to bring in your Pledge Cards for 2025 as your commitment to Christ's ministries. We will make this a great year for our church with your ongoing support! Thank you for your generosity!

**SERMON TEXT**-Copies of the sermon manuscript are available on the Narthex table for those who wish to follow along with the message. Please see an usher or feel free to take a copy.