

SERMON NOTES:



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

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**WEEK OF JUNE 9-JUNE 15, 2025**

**WELCOME TO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH ON PENTECOST SUNDAY!**-At FMC, belonging isn't just a feeling—it's a truth we live out together. No matter who you are or where you come from, you are welcome here. Today we remember the day the Holy Spirit showed up loud, bold and inclusive—and set the church ablaze! The same is happening right now at FMC! Let us burn brightly in the power and light of the Holy Spirit!

**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 are available for use in the Sanctuary. Questions, please contact Nursery Coord. Sarah Owens at [sarahmowens13@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmowens13@gmail.com).

**COFFEE HOUR**-Please join us for coffee hour between services from 10:00 to 10:45AM in Fellowship Hall for conversation and fellowship.

**EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER THIS MORNING**-please join us at 10am in the Heritage Room to listen to psychiatric nurse Kelly La Rocca, MSN, AGPNP-BC, PMHNP-BC discuss perspectives on mental health. Ms. La Rocca has been a nursing provider for over 25 years. She has degrees in Nursing and is also a Nurse Practitioner in Adult Geriatric-Primary Care and Psychiatric Mental Health. She also teaches at Rowan Univ. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient care mental health care settings.

**FMC'S NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**— is Matthew Callender who will begin serving as our new Communications Director on July 7. Matt has experience in project management, non-profit climate advocacy, science education and disaster relief service. He holds a B.S. from Rutgers Univ. where he studied environmental policy graduating with distinction. Matt is excited to be able to use the skills he has been blessed with in ministry at FMC. In his spare time, Matt enjoys reading fantasy series, gardening, woodworking, crafting, and playing Dungeons and Dragons. He also enjoys hiking, camping, cooking, Star Trek, and Star Wars. As a new Dad to a beautiful daughter and husband of a Methodist pastor, Matt is a family man who believes in Christ's teachings, especially those regarding giving freely and loving all.

**NANTICOKE LENNI LENAPE TRIBAL NATION POW WOW**—The Equity & Social Justice Committee invites you to this event to be held at the Cumberland Co. Fairgrounds today to enjoy the culture and traditions of our Native American siblings. Bridgeton UMC will be raising money at the event for their VBS.

**MINI PROPERTY DAY**—will be held from 8am to noon on Sat., Jun. 21. Please join us as we work to keep the church and grounds looking beautiful. Contact Kerry Mentzer at [kmentzer@icloud.com](mailto:kmentzer@icloud.com).

**MEMORIAL GARDEN**—We need you to become part of our expanding team of volunteers to keep the Memorial Garden looking beautiful. Weeding, pruning, mulching, and planting can be done whenever works for you! Start now or join us for Mini Property day, Sat. Jun. 21. Questions, contact Ellen Bleidorn at [ebleidorn1@comcast.net](mailto:ebleidorn1@comcast.net).

**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.

**EUREKA! BOOK CLUB**—will not meet in Jun., Jul. or Aug. We will resume meeting in September. Our first book will be *Isola* by Allegra Goodman.



**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!



**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**—We are reading through the entire Bible, beginning to end, and welcome you to join us via Zoom on Mondays. from 9:30-11am. Questions, please contact Peggy Koenitzer at [paboblentz@comcast.net](mailto:paboblentz@comcast.net).

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP**—has begun studying *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. This book is described as “slaying giants, walking on water, and loving the Bible again.” Please join us from 8:30-10am on Thurs. in the Parlor for study, sharing, and prayer. New members are always welcome to join! Questions, contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051.

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**—This is a spiritual development and mutual support group for men of any age that meets every Fri. morning at 7am in the Parlor. We typically select books by Christian authors as a springboard for discussion of how we can live out our faith. New members are welcome and encouraged to join! Questions, contact Tom Kulp at 609 707 4708.

**YOUTH GROUP**—FMC Youth Group (6th-12th Grades) typically meets on Sun. from 5-7:30pm. To learn more, please grab a brochure from the welcome table or connect with Jeremiah at [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com).

**NEXT CONFIRMATION CLASS**—will start in Sept. 2025 and run through Jun. 2026. We are looking for students who would like to participate AND adults to serve as mentors to the students throughout the process, ultimately guiding them towards creating their personal statement of faith. For information or to sign up, please contact Jeremiah at [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com).