



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

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WEEK OF JAN 12 -JAN 18, 2025

**HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME TO FMC-**Today we begin our new sermon series, The Gifts of Imperfection, inspired by Brene Brown's guideposts for wholehearted living. We start by exploring gratitude and joy-not as fleeting emotions, but as practices that help us notice God's goodness in everyday, imperfect moments. Whether this is your first Sunday or your hundredth, you are welcome here, and you belong.

**COFFEE HOUR-** is held between services in Fellowship Hall. Join us!

**FAMILIES WITH YOUNG KIDS-**The nursery in the Parlor is staffed by childcare volunteers. There are also Busy Bags filled with coloring pages in the back of the church for children who want to sit in the Sanctuary. Questions or to volunteer, contact Sarah Owens at [sarahmowens13@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmowens13@gmail.com).

**FMC NOW HIRING *Director of Youth Ministries*:** 15 hrs/wk, \$19,500/yr to lead 6th–12th grade youth (Sun. nights 5–7:30pm), retreats/mission, and college connections. Help our students Love God, Reach People, Serve All! Contact Jeremiah Appleton at [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com).

**MIRACLES EVERYWHERE CAMPAIGN-**As we engage this season of generosity, we celebrate how our faith and giving help make miracles happen. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete and submit your Commitment card for 2026, you can still mail it to the church or take one from the Welcome table in the Narthex.

**CRAFTS FOR GOOD-** will meet on Tues., Jan. 13 from noon-3pm in F105 (note time is extended for this meeting only). Please come join us as we craft for our ministries! Questions, contact Cindy Cope at [cjcope1055@gmail.com](mailto:cjcope1055@gmail.com).

**KIDS' CHURCH**-Our Kids' Church Sunday school program meets during our 9:00 worship service in Room F103 for students in Grades K-5.

**YOUTH GROUP**-Our Youth Group program (for students in Grades 6-12) typically meets from 5-7:30pm on Sun. nights and includes dinner, games, worship, and small group discussion. For more information, please pick up a Youth Group brochure from the welcome table or reach out to Jeremiah at [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com).

**YOUNG FOLLOWERS**-Our Young Followers program is for students in Grades K-5 and meets from 5-6:30pm on Thurs. evenings. The program includes choir, dinner, games, and Bible lessons. For more information, please pick up a Young Families brochure from the welcome table or reach out to Jeremiah [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com).

**SUPER BOWL HOAGIE FUNDRAISER**-This annual Youth Group fundraiser is back in support of our summer Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project. Turkey, Italian, and Cheese hoagies are available with an option of gluten-free rolls. Orders can be placed at the Narthex table after services or by emailing [jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com](mailto:jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com) between now and Weds., Feb. 4 and will be available for pick-up between 10am-12:30pm on Sun., Feb 8. Hoagies are \$10 each. The enclosed flyer has a QR card to scan and order. If you prefer a printed order form, they are on the Narthex table.

**EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE**-invites you to attend the MLK Day Celebration at Bethel AME Church, 512 N. Church St., Moorestown on Mon., Jan. 19 at 5pm. Moorestown Mayor Quinton Law will be the guest speaker. The event will include the community choir, praise dancing, and spoken word.

**EUREKA! BOOK CLUB**-next meets on Tues., Jan. 13 at 6pm in the Parlor for dinner (bring your own) and discussion of *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. This best-selling novel is about the life of an 18th century midwife who defied the legal system when women were not seen or heard. Questions, contact Patti Walz at [revwalz@gmail.com](mailto:revwalz@gmail.com).

**MEN'S RETREAT**-We are holding a retreat entitled Vocation: Living Life on Purpose to which all men in the church are invited. In it, we will explore the call and purpose of the second half of life. The retreat will be held in the Heritage Room from 7-9pm on Fri., Jan. 30 and from 8-11 on Sat., Jan. 31. Questions, contact Rich Hendrickson at [richhendrickson58@gmail.com](mailto:richhendrickson58@gmail.com).

**PASTOR RICH BIBLE STUDY**-The study of Peter 1 & 2 entitled *Courage in Times of Trouble* will be held at 7 pm on Mons. (Zoom) and Weds. (Heritage Room). The Mon. study dates are Feb. 9, 16, and 23 and Mar. 2, 9, 16, and 23. The Weds. study dates are Feb. 11, 18, and 25 and Mar. 4, 11, 18, and 25.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**-Everyone is welcome to join us on Zoom on Mons. from 9:30-11am. We are studying the Bible from beginning to end. Questions, contact Peggy Koenitzer at [paboblentz@comcast.net](mailto:paboblentz@comcast.net).

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP**-meets on Thurs. From 8:30-10am in the Parlor. Please join us for **fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth**. On Jan. 8 we will begin the study of *Abba's Child* by Brennan Manning, who encourages us to freely accept our belovedness as a child of our heavenly Father. Questions, contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051.

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**-is a spiritual development and mutual support group for men of any age that meets weekly on Fri. 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.



**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!

**COPIES OF THE SERMON**-can be found on the Narthex table.