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SERMON NOTES:



**FIRST METHODIST
— CHURCH —**

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

WEEK OF JAN 26-FEB 1, 2025

WELCOME TO FMC—Today is **Mission Sunday**, and we welcome guest preacher **Callie Crowder**, Director of The Maker's Place in Trenton. Today we reflect on how wholehearted living takes shape through service, compassion, and showing up for others here at FMC and beyond. Members of the Missions Committee will lead both services. If you're curious about how faith becomes action, this Sunday is for you—everyone is welcome, and there is a place for you here. The Missions Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, contact the Rev. Diane Dyson at dianemdyson@gmail.com.

CALLIE CROWDER—is an alum of Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a visionary and compassionate leader called to help, to heal, to share, to teach, and to love. She's happiest when she's doing these things, and her role at The Maker's Place makes her heart sing. She is a licensed minister in the Baptist church and has served the body of Christ in numerous capacities--from finance to the kitchen ministry. At Princeton, she obtained a dual degree--MDiv and Master of Arts in Christian Education and Spiritual Formation with aspirations to create alternate worshipping communities for those unwilling to step into sanctuaries. She is blessed to be mom to two sons: Omar and Messiah, and dog mom to Duncan, their spoiled and sweet Cockapoo.

MISSIONS BREAKFAST—is today between services in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we learn more about all the local and global missions we support!

FAITH PROMISE CARDS—will be collected today. If you are not able to turn in your pledge today, you can mail it to the church or take one from the Welcome table in the Narthex.

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.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES—can be found in the tech booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

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.

KIDS' CHURCH-Our Kids' Church Sunday school program meets during our 9am 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.

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 at jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com.

TROOP 44 PASTA FEST-The Boy Scouts invite all to their annual pasta dinner in Fellowship Hall next Sat., Jan. 31. Seatings are at 3pm, 4pm, and 6:30pm. Tickets cost \$10. Bring the whole family and support our Scouts! You can dine in or bring a take-out container to be filled for you. The Scouts prepare, cook and serve the whole meal.

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 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.

MIND CAFE-will again provide a safe place for local teens and young adults to meet and share a meal, discuss relevant topics, and build community. It's free! We meet biweekly on Fri. nights in F105 from 6:30-8:30pm beginning this Fri., Jan. 30. To sign up, go to <http://mindcafeconnect.org> or contact Jen Kaminski at 609 929 8687.

PASTOR RICH'S BIBLE STUDY-The study of First and Second Peter entitled *Courage in Times of Trouble* will be held at 7pm 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. Please RSVP to Elite Law at elitelaw@gmail.com or 609 560 2009.

MAJOR CHURCH KITCHEN CLEANUP-has been completed. Everything looks brand new again. Special thanks to Bill Marshall for all his hard work. Please do everything you can to keep it clean. Questions, contact Mike Kaminsk at mrhistory@comcast.net.

CRAFTS FOR GOOD-will meet again on Tues., Feb 10 in F105 to continue supporting our ministries. Questions, contact Cindy Cope at cjcope1055@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-will be held this August (dates/times to come). All children from age 3 through 5th grade are welcome! We will be going "on a road trip with God." There will be fun activities, Bible lessons, and crafts. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and neighbors in our community are welcome, so spread the word!

EUREKA! BOOK CLUB-will next meet in the Parlor on Tues., Feb. 17 at 6pm (bring your dinner) and discussion. This month we will focus on *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali, a powerful love story set in Tehran in the mid-50's during a time of political upheaval. Questions, contact Patti Walz at revwalz@gmail.com.

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.

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP-meets on Thurs. From 8:30-10am in the Parlor. Please join us for **fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth**. We have begun studying *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 meets weekly on Fri. at 7am in the Parlor. We typically select books by Christian authors as a springboard for discussion of how we live out our faith. New members are welcome and encouraged to join! Questions, call Tom Kulp at 609 707 4708.

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