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SERMON NOTES:



**FIRST METHODIST
— CHURCH —**

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

WEEK OF MAR 16- MAR 22

YOU BELONG AT FMC-a community where you don't have to have it all figured out. As part of our Lenten journey, *From The Inside Out: A Journey of Faith*, we make space for grief, questions, and unmet hopes. We believe God meets us not only in strength, but in sorrow, and that faith grows when we walk together through hard places. Sharing the message today is Doug Sell, who is an active, Spirit-filled leader at FMC. All generations, all stories, all hearts are welcome here.

LENTEN WEAVING PRAYER PRACTICE-Throughout Lent, you are invited to weave a strip of fabric onto the standing loom in the Sanctuary as a sign of your honest prayer and journey *From The Inside Out*. Each thread represents a truth named, a burden released, or a hope entrusted to God. We invite you to participate before, during, or after worship or any time throughout each week. This Easter season, we will display the completed tapestry as a symbol of what God has woven among 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.

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

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

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

YOUTH GROUP-Our Youth Group (for students in Grades 6-12) typically meets from 5-7:30pm on Sun. evenings. The program includes choir, dinner, games, and Bible lessons. 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.

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 bimonthly on Fri. nights in F105 from 6:30-8:30pm, with our next meeting on Mar 27. To sign up, go to <http://mindcafeconnect.org> or contact Jen Kaminski at 609 929 8687.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-will be held this August 10-14 from 9am-noon. All children from age 3 through 5th grade are welcome! Children must be potty-trained to attend. 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! Questions, contact Devika Gill at firstlight@fmcmoorestown.com or 856 313 8679.

EUREKA! BOOK CLUB-will next meet in the Parlor on Tues., Mar. 17 at 6pm (bring your dinner) and discussion. This month we will read and discuss *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. This Pulitzer prize-winning book is based on Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield* and addresses discrimination, institutional poverty, mortality, and addiction. Questions, contact Patti Walz at revwalz@gmail.com.

RELEASE & RELAX YOGA GROUP CONTINUES!-Led by Peggy Koenitzer, this group will meet twice a month from 10-11am on Fri. in Room F105, next on Mar. 20. The class is free (just please bring a donation to the food pantries) and can hold up to 12 participants. We will do gentle yoga poses and breathing techniques to enhance strength, coordination, flexibility, and balance. To RSVP for each class and for questions, contact Peggy at paboblentz@comcast.net.

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. As we complete our present study, we will begin the Lenten study of *Meeting Jesus At The Table* by Campbell and Fohr. 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 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.

NEW COPIES-of the devotionals *Our Daily Bread* and *The Upper Room* are on the Narthex table. Large print is available. Please take one!

KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP-Would you be interested in participating in a group that knits and crochets? If so, please email Cindy Cope at cjcope1055@gmail.com and add your preference for day of the week/time/frequency of meetings you could attend.