

SERMON NOTES:



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

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**WEEK OF JUNE 23-JUNE 29, 2025**

**WELCOME TO FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**-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 welcome guest preacher The Rev. Patti Walz, Retired Elder from the Eastern NY Annual Conference.

**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**-Our final coffee hour for the year will be at 10am this morning in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

**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! Questions, contact Ellen Bleidorn at [ebleidorn1@comcast.net](mailto:ebleidorn1@comcast.net).

**REMINDER-UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGE HOURS**-Remember that we will be changing to one service at 10am beginning Jul. 5 through Aug. 31. Please join us for Spirit-filled services during the summer months!

**FMC's NEW COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR-** is Matthew Callender who will start on Jul. 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.

**SUMMER SERMON DISCUSSION SERIES**-will run from Jul. 6-Aug. 31 (no meeting Jul. 13 due to church barbeque). We will meet in the Heritage Room after service from 11:30-12:45pm to enhance and deepen our understanding of the morning's message. We will also get a chance to connect with each other. Questions, contact Elite Law at [elitewlaw@gmail.com](mailto:elitewlaw@gmail.com).

**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.

**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).



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**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**-Our new study is *Prayer, Does It Make A Difference?* by Philip Yancy. During this 6 week study we will discuss questions including Is God listening? Why are prayers not answered? How can we make prayer more satisfying? Please join us from 8:30-10am on Thurs. in the Parlor and see if that is where God wants you to be. Questions, contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051. (Note-we will not meet in Aug.).

**FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**-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.