

SERMON NOTES:



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

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**WEEK OF SEPT 15--SEPT 21, 2025**

**WELCOME TO HOMECOMING SUNDAY AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**-We're so glad you're here! At FMC, belonging isn't just a feeling—it's something we live out together. No matter who you are or where you've come from, you are welcome! We are *Created for Connection*. Today, we'll explore how we are created to find true connection—with God, and as a Faith Family. So settle in, make yourself at home, and let's discover how we are "Better Together" united in Christ's love, joy, and hope.

**COFFEE HOUR**- Please join us for a time of coffee and fellowship on Suns. at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy some refreshments and connect with others!

**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).

**KIDS' CHURCH**-Our Sunday School program begins this morning for students from Kindergarten through 5th Grade in Room F102. Kids' Church takes place during our 9am worship service and will be following the Cokesbury curriculum for 2025-2026.

**SEPT. MINI-MISSION**-We are collecting scarves, hats, and gloves for Seeds of Hope in Camden during the month of Sept. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Please help our neighbors stay warm this winter.

**YOUTH GROUP**-The 2025-2026 Youth Group year will “kick-off” with a Family BBQ and Kickball game tonight at 5:00 PM. We will have dinner in Fellowship Hall, talk about all the wonderful things to come for Youth Group in the upcoming year, then head to the parking lot for some fun. All students in 6th through 12th grade are encouraged to come out - families (including siblings) are also invited to this kick-off event!

**YOUNG FOLLOWERS**-Our Young Followers will begin on Thurs., Sept.18 from 5-6:30pm in Room F102. This program is for students from Kindergarten through 5th Grade and will include music, dinner, and activities each Thursday throughout the school year.

**EUREKA! BOOK CLUB**-resumes on Tues., Sept. 23 at 6pm in the Parlor (bring your dinner) when we will be discussing *Isola* by Allegra Goodman. This book is well-written historical fiction based on a true survival story from the 16th century. Questions, contact Patti Walz at [revwalz@gmail.com](mailto:revwalz@gmail.com).

**BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WITH PASTOR RICH**-The study of the Gospel of John will run from 6:30-8:30pm on Mons. from Sept. 29-Nov. 17 via Zoom. The in-person class (in the Heritage Room) runs on Weds. from Oct. 1-Nov. 19. This study will enable us to explore, understand, and apply scripture. Questions, contact Elite Law at [elitewlaw@gmail.com](mailto:elitewlaw@gmail.com) or sign up in the Narthex.

**MINI PROPERTY DAY**-the next opportunity to beautify our church will be Sat., Oct. 4 from 8-10:30am. Please join us! Questions, contact Ellen Bleidorn at [ebleidorn1@comcast.net](mailto:ebleidorn1@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](mailto:paboblentz@comcast.net).

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN’S GROUP**- is continuing our study of *Prayer, Does it Make Any Difference*, by Philip Yancey on Thurs. from 8:30-10am in the Parlor. Questions, contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051. Please join us!

**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.

**ESJ HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SPEAKER**-On Sun., Oct. 19 at 10am in the Heritage Room we will have the opportunity to hear from Rev. Noe Gabriel Lopez, Director of Social Impact & Belonging for EPA & GNJ Conferences. Rev. Lopez will tell us about Hispanic culture and how to be effective advocates.

**11AM USHERS**-We need two ushers to join the 11am team as current members are retiring. Please contact Carlos Mcelo at 856 778 0584 if you can serve.

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



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