

SERMON NOTES:



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

WEEK OF DEC 1 - DEC 7, 2025

WELCOME TO FMC!-This Sunday we step into the journey of Advent with our new series, Forgotten Verses of Famous Carols. We begin with *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, uncovering the hope and promise tucked inside its beautiful and often-forgotten verses. No matter who you are or where life finds you, you have a place here — come join us, come belong, and come experience Emmanuel's hope in a new and heartfelt way.

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.

FMC NOW HIRING (Part-Time)

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.

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.

KIDS' CHURCH-Our Sunday School program continues for students from K-5th Grades in Room F102. Kids' Church takes place during our 9am worship service and includes music, prayer, study, and crafts.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY-will be next week. Please remember our less fortunate neighbors during this holiday season.

ATTIC DINNER-We will again be collecting food items on Sun., Dec. 7 by 11am in the church kitchen to be used for preparing dinner for LGBTQIA+ youth on Dec. 8. The dinner will be for 48 people as the program continues to grow. To sign up go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA9AE2EAAFE16-60564350-theattic>. In addition to donating food items, we need 5 volunteers to help prep and serve the meal. We will leave the FMC parking lot at 2:30pm on Dec. 8 and return at about 7pm. If you can volunteer, please contact Diane Dyson at dianemdyson@gmail.com.

CRAFTS FOR GOOD-will meet on Tues., Dec. 9 from 1:30-3pm in F105. Please come for fellowship and to share your talents. Questions, contact Cindy Cope at cjcope1055@gmail.com.

MISSIONS COLLECTION FOR DEC.-We are collecting items in the Narthex for holiday bags to support the LGBTQ youth at the Attic Center in Phila. The collection will run from Nov. 30-Dec. 14. We need mittens, gloves, hats, socks, toiletries, and candy or snacks. We will assemble the bags on Dec. 14 at 10am. Thanks for your help!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE-on Sun., Dec. 14 from 5-8pm at Pastor Gina's parsonage, 433 E Kings Hwy, Moorestown, NJ 08057 AND Fri., Dec. 19 from 5-8pm at Jeremiah's parsonage, 503 E Kings Hwy. All are invited for a time of connection, love and joy during this holiday season, Please join us for savory (Pastor Gina) or sweet (Jeremiah) treats, fun, and fellowship!

YOUTH GROUP-is for students in 6th-12th Grades and typically meets on Sun. from 5-7:30pm for dinner, small group discussion, and games. Please pick up a flyer from the welcome table or reach out to jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com for more information.

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

YOUNG FOLLOWERS-is for students in K-5th Grades and is held on Thurs. from 5-6:30pm. This program includes music, dinner, and activities. Please reach out to jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com for more information.

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-Has begun a study of *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton on Thurs. from 8:30-10am in the Parlor. In this six-week study, we will in turn incarnate the love of God that came to us through Jesus Christ. We meet for study, prayer, and support. Questions, contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051. Please join us!

MIND CAFE-Teens and young adults are invited to join us to make connections, practice wellness tools, and share a meal. We will meet from 6:30-8:30pm in Room 105 on Weds 12/3 and 12/17. It's free! Sign up at <http://mindcafeconnect.org> or contact Jen Kaminski at 609 929 8687.

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 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!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE-on Mon., Dec. 29 in Fellowship Hall from 2:30-7:30pm. Please consider donating life-giving blood to help our neighbors in need. To register or for more information please contact Jen Dunne at jendunne1@gmail.com.