

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

**Sunday, August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost / Family Worship**

Announcements: Linda Gatti

Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: God's love never gives up.

People: Wow, God!

Leader: God's love never ends.

People: Wow, God!

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: With grateful hearts, we worship the God of everlasting love. Wow, God!

***Opening Prayer: (In Unison)**

God of everlasting love, thank you for gathering us together today. Fill our hearts with your love, help us follow Jesus more closely, and teach us to share your love with everyone we meet. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384

***Praise Song with Motion:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (Video)

***Praise Song with Motion:** "Jesus Is My Superhero" (Video)

Wow! Moment: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Introduction to Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

[For those joining us online, please submit your prayer requests in the comments on the virtual attendance sheet, or email the church office. Your prayer requests will be lifted up in next Sunday's service.]

Prayer Song: "I Love You, Lord" TFWS #2068

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

The Lord's Prayer: UMH #895

Scripture Reading: John 3:16-17, Psalm 136:1 Rev. Yoseb Jeon
& Congregation

Friendship Moment and Passing of the Peace

[For those joining us online, please take a moment to sign the online attendance form:

www.freeholdmethodist.org*]*

Message: "God Is Love" Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Response to the Word (Craft): Rev. Yoseb Jeon

Offering Time: The Special Offering for August will benefit our collection of **Backpacks and School Supplies for The Freehold Learning Center**. Giving Page: www.freeholdmethodist.org/give

Offertory: "Because of Your Love" P. Baloché
FUMC Choir

*Doxology: "Thank You, God" Mitch Samu

*Offering Prayer: (In Unison)

God of Love! Thank you for loving us first. As we bring our gifts before you, receive not only what we give, but also the love and gratitude of our hearts. Bless these offerings and use them to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to care for those in need, and to help your love reach our community and the world. May our lives become a living witness to your everlasting love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Song with Motion: "O Happy Day" (Video)

*Benediction: Rev. Yoseb Jeon

*Postlude

Scripture Reading: John 3:16-17; Psalm 136:1

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

God's Work in Creation and in History

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn:
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
UMH #384

(Verse 1)
Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

(Verse 2)
Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

(Verse 3)
Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

(Verse 4)
Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer Song:
"I Love You, Lord"
TFWS #2068

I love You, Lord,
And I lift my voice
To worship You,
O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
In what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

(Repeat)

Doxology:
"Thank You, God"
Mitch Samu

Thank you, God, Thank you, God,
Thank you, God,
For giving me this life I get to live.

Thank you, God, Love you, God,
Praise you, God,
Forever I will give all I can give.

Amen!

Welcome to worship at the First United Methodist Church of Freehold. Whether you are joining us online or are here in person, we are glad you are with us.

FUMC School Supply Mission: Throughout August, we are collecting backpacks and supplies for kids at Freehold Learning Center. Below is a list of needed supplies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

- ❖ **Childrens' Backpacks**
- ❖ **Writing Tools:**
 - #2 Pencils (Sharpened)
 - Large Pink Erasers
 - 24-Count Crayola Crayons
 - Washable Markers
- ❖ **Organization and Paper:**
 - Pocket Folders (often labeled by subject)
 - Primary Composition Notebooks (with blank space for drawings at the top and lines at the bottom)
- ❖ **Classroom Essentials:**
 - Glue Sticks (Jumbo)
 - Child-Safe Blunt Scissors
 - Dry-Erase Markers (usually black)
 - Pencil Pouch (or pouch to hold supplies)
- ❖ **Shared/General Supplies:**
 - Boxes of Facial Tissue
 - Disinfecting Wipes
 - Ziplock Storage Bags (gallon or quart sizes)

Thank you to everyone who helped supply and pack the **Lunch Bags for E.H.A.P.** Together, we packed **137** bags – 37 bags over our goal!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! We are trying to get a group to attend **Faith and Family Night** at the Lakewood BlueClaws on August 27th. Tickets are \$19 and include a hot dog, soda, and ice cream sandwiches, as well as a boardwalk game ticket! There will be music on the stage and the first 1000 people to enter will receive a commemorative bucket. See Gayle Trulli to reserve your tickets.

Join us on Sunday, August 30th for our “Hymn Singing Sunday” service. There will be a special time during service when you can request your favorite hymns! Then, **“Come One Come All to our ICE CREAM SOCIAL!”** following our “Hymn Singing Sunday” service. Enjoy a refreshing bowl of ice cream (or two), and good fellowship as we celebrate the end of summer together.

Save the Date and Reserve Your Spot! “Elizabeth Circle of FUMC Day Apart”; Sat. Sept. 26, 2026 - 9am-4pm

Home of Melanie Bowen - 66 East Milan Blvd., Farmingdale

Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world”. A powerful reminder. Don’t be imprisoned by your circumstances. Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its mold. Attitude is so important. Through scripture, discussion, and exploring lively ways to color our world with hope, gratitude, commitment we will come to realize that attitude colors our world and determines who we are and how we live day by day.

Cost \$20.00 (includes program, breakfast bagels and lunch!)

Reserve your spot (limited to 20 women) by contacting Melanie Bowen: 908-770-6596 mbowenni@gmail.com

Unable to make it to church? There are several ways you can join us virtually: Find us on:

- **Our website:** www.freeholdmethodist.org/livestream
- **Youtube.com:** search Freehold Methodist Church
- **Our Newsletter:** Click on the service title picture.
- **ZOOM:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2890014881?pwd=QnpGZkxudzR4cU9zV0hYcnlQV0hjZz09&omn=82251952816>

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This Week at a Glance (August 17 – August 23)
***Office hours this week will be 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Monday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Tuesday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Wednesday:	7:30 p.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Classroom)
Thursday:	8:30 a.m. -	Walking Group (ZOOM)
Friday:	***	(No events scheduled)
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. -	Seventh Day Adventist Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. -	Joyful Noise Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m. -	Choir Warm-Up (Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m. -	Worship with Guest Preacher, Rev. Wil Wilson (Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m. -	Fellowship Time and Refreshments (Fellowship Hall)
	5:00 p.m. -	iZion Christian Church (Sanctuary & Wesley Hall)

August Birthdays

(03) Corbett Corey	(19) Ken Budka	(26) Anita Ritchie
(04) Carolyn Brach	(21) Verl McKinney	(27) Ernest Peart
(05) Cassie Sterling	(21) Sandra Hernandez	(30) Shawn Darby
(17) Jessica Cronin	(25) Lindsey Hennessey	(31) Emily Ward
(18) Gayle Trulli		

Community:



DON'T MISS UNITED THEATRE'S PRODUCTION:
BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON
August 14 & 15 at 7:00 p.m. and August 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall

Two narrators and a handful of actors attempt the impossible: mashing all 209 Brothers Grimm fairy tales into one massive, madcap comedy adventure. From *Cinderella* to goofy fables, The *Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon* turns your favorite bedtime stories completely upside down with non-stop laughs, magical twists, and hilarious audience interaction. **Fun for all ages!**

Tickets: \$20 - Adult, \$15 – Students, \$10 – Children under 12

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or through our website: www.unitedtheatreinc.org