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SERMON NOTES:



**FIRST METHODIST
— CHURCH —**

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

WEEK OF: SEPT. 14-SEPT. 21

WELCOME HOME TO FMC!—We're kicking off a new fall season with COME AND SEE: Evangelism for a New Day! Jesus doesn't begin with "believe and behave"—he simply says, "Come and see," inviting us to lead with curiosity, invitation, and open hearts. Today we'll also celebrate and bless our teachers and educators as they begin a new school year, sending them forth with our gratitude, prayers, and encouragement.

TODAY- is Homecoming Sunday, and we return to two services-9am Contemporary and 11am Traditional. Coffee Hour between services will resume in Fellowship Hall. Join us!

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG KIDS—The nursery in the Parlor is full of toys and is staffed by childcare volunteers. Parents may either drop children off or stay in the nursery with them where the service can be heard. There are also busy bags filled with coloring pages in the back of the church for children who want to sit with their parents 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 read of the Sanctuary.

YOUTH PROGRAMS—Kids' Church resumes this morning and Young Followers start back up this Thurs., Sept. 17 from 5-6:30pm. Questions, contact Jeremiah Appleton at jeremiah@fmcmoorestown.com.

PRAYER POWER-is held every Thurs. from 10-11am in the Chapel. We pray together for our families, church, community, country, and the entire world. Questions, contact Linda Wanagas at lindakay21952@gmail.com.

MAHJONG GROUP-meets every Mon. from 6:30-8:30pm in the Heritage Room. Come join us for a night of fun! Contact Devika Gill at firstlight@fmcmoores town.com for more information.

NEW GROUP-We are starting a new group entitled LACE (living after cancer every day) to support those who are being treated as well as those who have survived cancer. It will meet the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month from 12:30-2pm in Fellowship Hall with our next meeting on Sept. 17. The focus will be on conversation, support, and community. We will work to encourage each other through every phase of the cancer journey. Questions, contact Linda Wanagas at lindakay21952@gmail.com.

THURS AM WOMEN'S GROUP-8:30-10:00am, has resumed to study, share, and pray. Elizabeth Elliott, missionary, writer and speaker is the author of *Suffering is Never for Nothing*, where she writes that we can either be devastated by suffering or find gratitude and joy as a lesson from God. Contact Carol Talbot at 856 577 3051 for more information or to join us!

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH-is held Weds. mornings from 9:45-11am in F105 and will resume on Sept. 16. We work on making healthy and balanced choices by putting God first in all we do. We are studying *Living the Lessons of Jesus*. For information, contact Nadine Mack at 856 266 7589.

GRIEF & GRACE-continues again tomorrow night, Sept. 14, from 7-8pm in the Chapel with Pastor Gina. Please come to a safe environment for you to express feelings and be supported.

RELEASE & RELAX YOGA-continues with Peggy Koenitzer from 10-11am in F105 on 9/25, 10/23, and 10/30 (future dates will be included as they approach). Please remember to bring something for the food pantry each class. Questions, contact Peggy Koenitzer at paboblentz@comcast.net. Please join us!

EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE-will resume their speaker series on Sun., Sept. 27 at 10am in the Heritage Room. We will hear from Angelita Martinez, who will share the Hispanic American story of community and service through her presentation *From Our Roots to Our Future*. Angelita is a dynamic leader whose career bridges engineering, public service, and community advocacy. Questions, contact Jen Kaminski at jbkaminski@comcast.net.

ANOTHER NEW SMALL GROUP-We are starting a monthly Munch and Mingle on the first Mon. of each month from noon-2pm, starting on Oct 5. for our Seniors and those in the larger community. This group will create opportunities to come together for food and fellowship. It will be facilitated by Pastor Rich. Please contact him at richhendrickson58@gmail.com for details or questions.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP- will meet on Sun., Sept. 20 from 12-2pm in F105 for lunch, fellowship, and the discussion of raising kids in a digital world. We will talk about *The Anxious Generation*, but it is not necessary to have read the book to attend. We welcome participants of all ages! Questions, contact James Owens at owensteam2@gmail.com.

CRAFTS FOR GOOD-will start up again on Mon., Sept 21 from 1:30-3pm in F105. We will craft to support all our ministries. We welcome new members! Questions, contact Cindy Cope at cjcope1055@gmail.com.

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

MINI MISSION FOR SEPT-we are collecting all brands of laundry detergent pods and individually wrapped snacks for the Ronald Mc Donald house in Philadelphia through the end of Sept. Please place donations in the box in the Narthex and thank you! Questions contact Diane Dyson at Dianemdyson@gmail.com.