

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

THE CHANCEL BOUQUETS ARE GIVEN BY: Gail & Grant Moyer, to the Glory of God and in memory of father, Ernest Moyer. Also in appreciation and remembrance of the men who risked their lives by signing the Declaration of Independence allowing Americans the freedom we enjoy today. **FLOWERS ALSO GIVEN** to the Glory of God with a warm welcome to Pastors Hendrickson and Campbell. The First UMC congregation welcomes you both!

THE ROSBUD ON THE ALTAR IS TO WELCOME: Adelaide Maeve McConnell, born June 16, 2021 to Ryan and Danielle McConnell. The grateful grandparents are Rick & Madeline McConnell.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Linda Wanagas' friend Bern and her father Thomas Alessio, Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Gina Hendrickson, Lead Pastor	Joan Flamini, Office Administrator
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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FIRST UMC
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY
IN MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY



"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions."

July 4, 2021	Holy Communion	11:00 A.M.
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PRELUDE	My Country Tis of Thee	arr. Parks
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WELCOME	Pastors Gina and Jess	
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* OPENING HYMN 696	America the Beautiful	
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* CALL TO WORSHIP	Pastor Gina	
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Leader: Today is a day of new beginnings! As a beloved community of faith, we enter a daring, Holy Spirit inspired adventure of possibility and service to our Lord.

People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing!

Leader: Fireworks of celebration have been igniting throughout the weekend and culminate tonight as we remember who we are as a nation. Today, we too celebrate all we have accomplished up to this point and know that God has plans for us to ignite our hearts, our church, our community, and the world with love!

People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing!

Leader: Let us worship our God of hope and possibility as we gather in person and virtually. Let us find our voices for justice, let us find our passion to serve and let us open our lives to receive the abundant blessings of God, then courageously release those same blessings to others!

People: We will fear not! God's doing a new thing! Let us worship our living, renewing God!

OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Jess
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Lord God Almighty, we praise you for who you are and what you have done. You are the Creator: keep forming and shaping us as your disciples. You are the Healer: bring healing in our hearts and in our world. You are our Righteousness: bring transformation in this place. You are the Provider: increase our trust in you. You are the God who is with us. Let us enter your presence with joy and gratitude. You are the God of Peace. Bring comfort in our chaos and time of change and transition. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Amen.

TIME OF SHARING WITH THE PASTORS

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883** A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

***GLORIA PATRI 70**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER 507

Through It All

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Doxology for a New Day
Adult Choir

arr. M. Miller

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY – We welcome all who are worship with us this morning. Please fill out the blue Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have and place in the offering baskets located at the entry points of the sanctuary or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

HYMN OF PREPARATION 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-3a; 18-19a

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

MESSAGE

Fear Not! God’s Doing a New Thing!

Pastor Gina

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of all new things be with you.

And also with you.

Let us lift up our hearts to the one who leads us into the future.

We lift them up to the Lord.

May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

May joy and love fill our words and actions.

You, Creating God, made a path through the emptiness of chaos, sending creation to spring forth as grass carpeted empty fields, trees stretched their branches to the sun, animals curled up by cool pools of water. You even shaped us for life with you, so we might share in this beauty and goodness, but we threw aside all these gifts in order to know sin and death.

You sent prophets to us, who encouraged us to let go of the past and to return to your side, but we didn’t care about their words, thinking such a life to be too costly.

So you sent Jesus to us, so we might fear not and be restored to you.

So with those who long to know you, with those who run to be with you, we offer our songs of thanksgiving:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of new beginnings. All creation honors you with praise and joy. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to take hold of us. Hosanna in the highest!

Though you are holy, God of renewal, you were willing to set aside all we had done, so that Jesus might anoint us with new life.

He could have clung to his glory, but set it aside to become one of us;

he could have been surrounded by your love, but walked into the forest of our fears,

to make a way out for us; he could have avoided pain and suffering,

but went into sin’s cold embrace, to bring back death’s captives,

his tears sowing the seeds of hope and new possibilities which brought forth a bouquet of grace.

As we long to want to know Jesus more, as we seek to be restored to life by you, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

In faith, we fear not. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord God, pour out your Holy Spirit on those gathered here physically and online.

We pray that through the Spirit you would anoint these gifts of bread and cup.

When we take the bread which has been broken and eat of it,

we forget about our past and embrace your kingdom.

When we drink from the cup, the fragrance of your grace fills us to go and serve your people.

Sustained and empowered by the Sacrament we claim the prophet Isaiah’s words “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth”.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Until Christ comes in final victory and we all join our hands around your heavenly banquet.

We pray all this in the name of Christ who taught us to pray...Lord’s Prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER - Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN 617**

I Come With Joy

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

***THE PEOPLE STAND**