

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*  
February 8, 2026 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
\*Congregation is invited to rise if able and comfortable.  
Readings in **BOLD** are to be read in unison.  
Hymnals: **UMH is Red or Purple-TFWS is Black-W&S is Green**  
*Please note that this service is being recorded and viewed on social media.*

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE (9:30 a.m.)  
*As you settle into the sanctuary, please open your phone and share the live service from your Facebook page as a way of inviting the larger community to worship.*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Our altar reflects 3 themes of love. Eros, romantic love, is represented by wedding rings. Phileo, brotherly love, represented by an offering plate, shows our church is in ministry to our brothers and sisters around the world. Agape, unconditional love and sacrifice, is represented by the cross.***

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (9:30 a.m.)  
*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.**

\*INVITATION TO WORSHIP  
Come! Let us gather in the presence of God.  
**In God’s presence we find the community we seek.**  
Come as a family of God’s people to sing praises and lift prayers.  
**Our voices shout out our praise to God, and our thankfulness  
of being part of this community of friends and family.**  
God’s Spirit of love and grace is among us!  
**Amen! Let us worship God!**

\*SHARING THE LOVE OF THE CHRIST  
We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,  
**“May the warmth of Christ’s love be with you”**  
You are invited to respond by saying,  
**“And also, with you”**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Great Is the Lord (9:30 a.m.)* TFWS 2022  
*How Great Thou Art (11:00 a.m.)*

CENTERING PRAYER  
**Creating and Sustaining God, your great commandment in Christ is that we love one another as Christ has loved us. We confess that we fail to embrace your liberating love. We divide where you would unite. We exclude where you would embrace. Forgive our hardness of heart. Mend our broken human family. Breathe into us the living Word of all-inclusive love. We ask in the name of your Child, our Brother, Jesus, the Healer of our Souls. Amen.**

ANTHEM (9:30 a.m.) *Make Us One* Pethel  
Chancel Choir

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

LESSONS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Proverbs 3:3-4  
Ephesians 4:1-3*

*May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing and Understanding.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* UMH 480

SERMON *More Love: Phileo and Storge* Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

SHARING OUR PRAYERS  
At the **9:30** service, you are invited to name your prayers for the congregation.  
After each prayer request, the congregation will respond...  
**Lord, Hear Our Prayer**

PRAYERS FOR ALL GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD

UWIF SPECIAL RECOGNITION (9:30 a.m.)

\*PRESENTATION  
*They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223 vs. 4  
**All praise the Creator, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Generous God, we thank you for the abundance of gifts you  
pour into our lives and we offer them back to you now for  
your blessing. We ask that you would continue to inspire  
within us generous hearts, as we share your great love,  
made known to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *How Can We Name a Love* UMH 111, vs. 1,2,4

\*SENDING FORTH

\*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD (9:30 a.m.)  
*Celebrate Love* TFWS 2073, refrain only  
**Celebrate love, love, love. Celebrate love, love, love.  
Celebrate love - so amazing.  
He’s creating his wonderful love in you.**

\*POSTLUDE  
*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.  
An Adult Study is offered in FUMCO’s Wesley Hall at 11:00 a.m.,  
located on the lower level of the building*  
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**Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.  
Our Worship Through Service Begins.**

**For Your Information**

- There are **hearing devices** to assist you to experience the service more clearly with our streaming team, at the rear of the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up.
- A **rocking chair** is available for the comfort of parent and baby, in Blair Chapel, behind the pews.
- To access the **restrooms**, please exit the side door to the right of the lectern/chancel area. In the hall, make a left into Fellowship Hall and follow the signs.
- There are **infant changing tables** available in the restrooms.
- There are **large print hymnals** available. Please ask the usher.



**This Week We Hold in Prayer...**

Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert

**Our Homebound:** Bev Itell, Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould  
**JSUMC:** Jim Starkey  
**At home:** Peg Kuchen, Avery Fallon  
**Jersey Shore Care Center:** Dave Miller  
**Sunnyside Manor:** Nancy Burt

\*\*The church has a team of prayers, known as the Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer need, please contact the office.  
\*\*If you know someone who is in need of pastoral care, please contact Jill Hubbard-Smith 732-209-4563 or [revjmhs@gmail.com](mailto:revjmhs@gmail.com).

**Our Leadership Team This Morning**

Acolyte: Kitty Amato  
Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll  
Fellowship Host: Meg Macan  
Greeter: Melody Ragle  
Lay Reader: Ruth Sheckler  
Usher: Ron Danielson

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given in loving memory of Tom Maher by Diane.  
Given by Susan McRae in honor of Samantha & Sean McRae’s February birthdays.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Welcome to this service of worship. We pray this service offered an opportunity to engage with the Divine. If we can be of service to you in any way, please let us know. If you are looking for a church to call home, please consider joining us, where we help one another grow in faith, love, and service.

## **Please Join Us in Mission and Ministry**

**...where together we help each other grow in faith, love, and service.**

### **TODAY:**

Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)

### **Monday, February 9**

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.

### **Tuesday, February 10**

Women's Covenant Group – Library	8:30 a.m.
Naranon – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Brownies – Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m.
Scouts – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.
Wesley Prayer Challenge – Online	7 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 11**

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
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### **Thursday, February 12**

Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
Brownies Show Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall	4:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, February 13**

AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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### **Sunday, February 15**

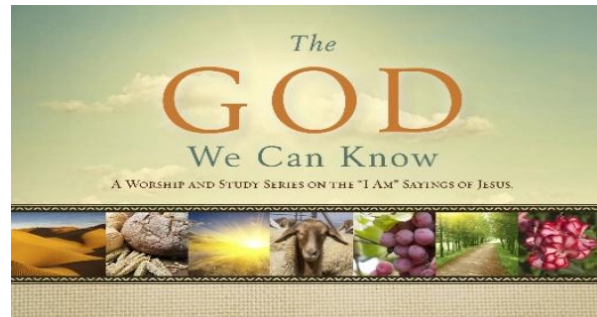
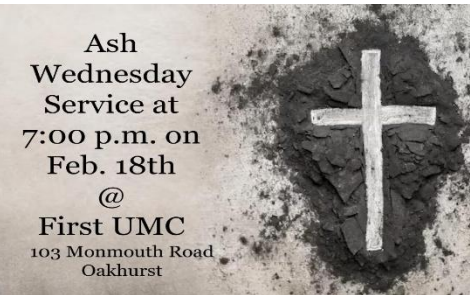
Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Free Spaghetti Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.

### *Shrove Tuesday* Pancake Supper



### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Oceanport United Methodist Church  
50 Main Street, Oceanport.



Lent begins on February 18<sup>th</sup> with our **Ash Wednesday** service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. A service of ashes, reconciliation, and communion will begin our Lenten Worship series entitled, *The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay. Please mark your calendars for the Lent journey ahead here in these beloved communities of faith.

**Sunday Worship:** Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> through Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Study and Sharing** in Wesley Hall:

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. & Wednesdays at Noon

### **Announcements**

**Zoom Prayer Meeting-**Yor are invited to gather with pastors and laity from across GNJ for shared prayer on Zoom. This half-hour prayer gathering will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon. The link is in the Cornerstone.

**Save the Date-**The UWIF is having a spring garage sale on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please start searching your closets, basements, attics, etc. for items for them to sell. All proceeds go to missions that benefit women and children.

**Next week-**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. will be the next free community spaghetti dinner. The dinner is served in Fellowship Hall and is open to all.



## ***More Love: Family & Friends***

### **First UMC of Oakhurst**

*...is a community of faith committed to Christ, seeking to learn the needs of others and responding with Christian love.*

**9:30 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning In Person & Streaming**

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