

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2026 9:30 a.m. for FUMCO
11:00 a.m. for Old First UMC

*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) O My Father arr. Clark
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

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (9:30)
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 3
As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Come into the sanctuary and look around.
Behold the beauty and splendor of God’s people.
All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed, and those desperately hanging on.
Behold the beauty and splendor of ALL God’s beloved people.

Come and worship, all who love and serve the Lord—outsiders and insiders, old-timers and newcomers, the young, old and the in-between. Come as you are, for this is God’s house -- a house of prayer for ALL people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

God said, “Come all who are thirsty, come to the water, and you that have no money, come, buy and eat.”
All of us – rich and poor, employed and unemployed, outsiders and insiders, young and old.
We come with faith -- let us worship God together!

*SHARING THE PEACE OF THE CHRIST
We invite you to turn to the person next to you and greet them saying,
“Peace of Christ be with you.”
You are invited to respond by saying,
“And also, with you.”

*HYMN OF PRAISE Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy UMH 340

CENTERING PRAYER Rev. Christopher Ney
Hospitable God, you welcome us into this community and invite us to overcome any fears that may inhibit us. As we sit in your presence you teach us that the last may be first, and the humble and the mighty are requested to trade places. Let us share your gracious and warm love, greeting strangers as angels you have sent! Help us to trust your radical hospitality and to worship you as children who are warmly loved and treasured. In the name of Jesus, guest in all our lives, we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM (9:30) Make Us One Pethel
Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

LESSON FROM THE PROPHET Isaiah 55:1-3 Pew Bible OT 685
May God Bless Our Reading, Hearing, and Understanding.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE UMH 138 vs. 1, 3, 6
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14:16-23 Pew Bible, NT 77

SERMON Gracious Invitation Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SHARING OUR PRAYERS
During the 9:30 service, the congregation is invited to respond after each request...
Lord, Hear Our Prayer

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (11:00) Debbie Eckert UMH 47-49

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO THE MINISTRY OF GOD
*PRESENTATION
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 1

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God, we are aliens and sojourners in this world, but you invite us to be your guests. You lavishly offer us your hospitality and lovingly welcome us into your family. You have shown us that providing hospitality to strangers

opens a doorway into the Kingdom of God. We commit these offerings and our lives to you that they may offer hospitality to others as we open our hearts to embrace the stranger, the friend, the rich, and the poor in your name. Amen.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION How Can We Name a Love UMH 111

*SENDING FORTH

*LIGHT OF CHRIST LEADS US INTO THE WORLD (9:30)
Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581, v. 4
Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

POSTLUDE (9:30) Hornpipe Wesley
You are invited for fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School is offered in FUMCO’s Wesley Hall at 11:00 a.m.
Wesely Hall is located on the lower level of the building. All are welcome.
Our Service Of Worship Has Ended.
Our Worship Through Service Begins.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given in honor of Scott & Russel Danielson’s eighth wedding anniversary.
Given in honor of all our pastors by Bonnie McNamara.

Our Leadership Team This Morning (9:30)

Acolyte: Susan McRae
Counters: Rand Danielson, Jane Gittines
Greeter: Melody Ragle
Lay Reader: Pamela Puryear
Usher: Scott Danielson

Fellowship Hosts: Scott & Russel Danielson

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 and Bibles** available. Please ask the usher.



This Week We Hold in Prayer...

The Gilman family, Marley, Jagger, Debbie Eckert, Naomi, Don Whittaker, Debbie, Rose

Byrne, Ed Foran, Charles Murphy, Ginny, Vicky

Our Homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould, Terry Frazier, June Holder, Louise Kinsey, Millie Ricci

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

At home: Carol Steinat

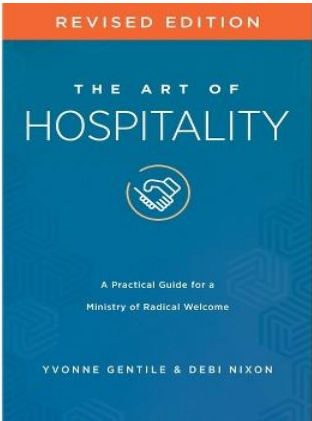
The Rehab Center at Wedgwood Gardens: Nancy Burt

All American Assisted Living: Arlene Shaw

**FUMCO 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 at 732-209-4563 or revjmhs@gmail.com.



The Art of Hospitality

FIVE-WEEK STUDY

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 pm

Sept. 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13, 27

Note: Not on Oct. 20

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Sept. 23, 30, Oct. 7, 14, 28

Note: Not on Oct. 21

Please join us in mission and ministry...

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

TODAY:

Children’s Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
FREE Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5 p.m.

Monday, September 21

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
12 Step Study – Fellowship Hall	7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22

Women’s Covenant Group – Library	8:45 a.m.
Java with Jill – Blue Swan Diner	10 a.m.
Art of Hospitality Study – Library	7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23

AA – Wesley Hall	7:30 a.m.
Miriam Circle Meeting – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
Art of Hospitality Study – Library	11 a.m.
Praise Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 24

Alanon – Wesley Hall	10 a.m.
OA – Wesley Hall	6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 25

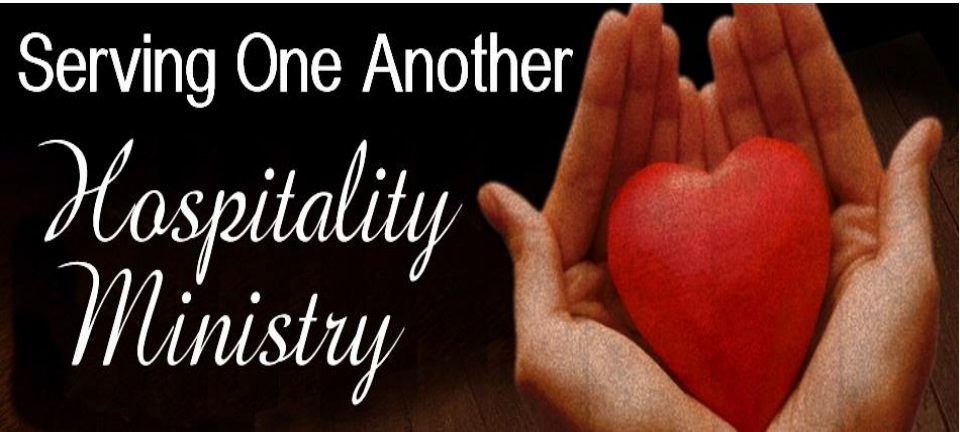
AA – Wesley Hall	7 p.m.
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Sunday, September 27

Worship in Person & Online	9:30 a.m.
Children’s Sunday School – Downstairs	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship – Fellowship Hall	10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School – Wesley Hall	11 a.m.
Worship In Person	11 a.m. (Old First)
Old First UMC Council Meeting	12 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars:

- **TWO (2) Community Services at 10:00 a.m.**
October 4th - *World Communion Sunday*
November 1st – *All Saints Sunday*
- **Annual Church Conference 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
October 31st – FUMCO is the host location for 12 churches. If you can assist with hosting, please let the office know.



The Ministry of Hospitality

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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We believe we are called to grow in Christ and serve by loving and feeding the members of our community in mind, body, and spirit so, they may be strengthened by the Bread of Life.

11:00 a.m. Worship Every Sunday Morning In-Person

At First UMC located at 103 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst

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