

MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025 – THE YEAR OF PEACE



Celebrating 221+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 5, 2025

Please set all cell phones to vibrate or silent setting.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

***Call to Worship**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And, also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

*** Hymn #383 (v. 1-4)**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
 2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.
 3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
 4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
- This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Children's Time

Opening Prayer (unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises

Scripture Lessons: (8:30) Cheryl Conti(11:00) Rachel Gomez

Judges 6:24 (New American Standard Bible)

Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord and named it **The Lord is Peace**. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

John 14:27 (New American Standard Bible)

²⁷Peace I leave you, My peace I give you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor fearful.

3 John 1:2 (New American Standard Bible)

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may **prosper** and be in **good health**, just as your **soul prospers**.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem Come to the Welcome Table arr. J. Martin/MUMC Choir

Sermon 2025: Year of Peace Pastor Choi

Communion Servers: Pauline McShea (8:30) Bev Jonas (11:00)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (will the ushers please come forward)

Offertory: Behold a Broken World M. Miller

*Doxology (#95)

Prayer of Dedication

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

***Hymn #617 (v. 1-2)**

I Come with Joy

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

***Benediction**

Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace

by Don Besig and Nancy Price

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.*

Postlude

Peace I Leave with You

M. Green

Worship Leader: (8:30) Cheryl Conti (11:00) Pastor
Greeters: (8:30) Tim & Lorriane Hart (11:00) Phil Pecoraro
Ushers: (8:30) Rich & Eva Mueller (11:00) Glenn & Bonnie Lobb
Acolyte: (8:30) Sadie Kadlubowski (11:00) Damon Welsh

CHURCH STAFF

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**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc:

The Elliott family, Edward Speare, Ann Scaturro, Michele Bienes, Ray Shinn, Joy Houghton, Arleen Logan, Giovanni Trotter, Elizabeth DiNicola, Barbara Force, Kristin Nuckles, Lee Slater, Shirley Elliott, Bill Logan, Millie Plant, Melissa Blake, Anthony Vitelli, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier.

“... Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them
and make our home with them.”
(John 14:23)

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday December 29, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Jan. 5 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services with coffee hour between services

THIS WEEK

Tue. Jan. 7 1-6 p.m. Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall

Wed. Jan. 8 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parent's Morning Out

10:30 a.m./7 p.m. Men's Bible Study

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thu. Jan. 9 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group

Sat. Jan. 11 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Jan. 13 11 a.m. Worship Committee

Tue. Jan. 14 1 p.m. MUWF meeting

7 p.m. Trustees meeting

Mon. Jan. 20 7 p.m. Council meeting

SCROLLS FOR YOU: Pick up your scrolls on your way out. One for each member of your family. Thank you.

CROSSWORD: for January/February is available in the Narthex.

OUR DAILY BREAD: for January/February/March is available in the Narthex in a new, larger print edition!

ALTAR FLOWERS: are available for 2025. Please see Kathy in the office to sign up.

PEW CUSHION FUNDRAISER: is still in progress! We are more than halfway there but still need your support. Please see the flyer insert.

"NOAH" AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER: Show date for this wonderful event is July 31, 2025. Please be sure to make your reservation early. See insert for more information. Please contact Diane DeVito to sign up!

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for January are pasta and sauce. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



TRUSTEE
FUNDRAISER

GOAL: \$17,000

For NEW Pew Seat Cushions

****RED****

****CLEANABLE****

****FIRE RESISTANT****



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Sponsored by Trustees. Checks made to church with "pew cushions" in memo.

Noah Sight and Sound Theatre

July 31, 2025

United Methodist Church of Manahawkin

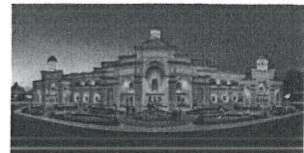
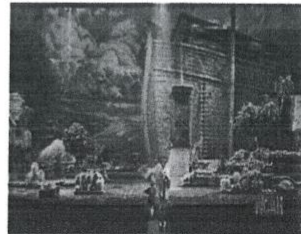
ALL ABOARD THE ARK

With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family from a flood that will cover the entire earth. As Noah endeavors to live faithfully in the midst of an increasingly chaotic world, can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him?

Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary.

What's Included:

- Premium Motor Coach Transportation
- Private Group Bus - (40 pax min / 54 max)
- Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord at 11:30am
- Noah 30th Anniversary – 3pm show
- Center Orchestra Section 102 & 103
- Company Tour Manager
- Bottled Water & Snack
- All Gratuities



\$185/pp

To Register for Trip Please Contact:
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