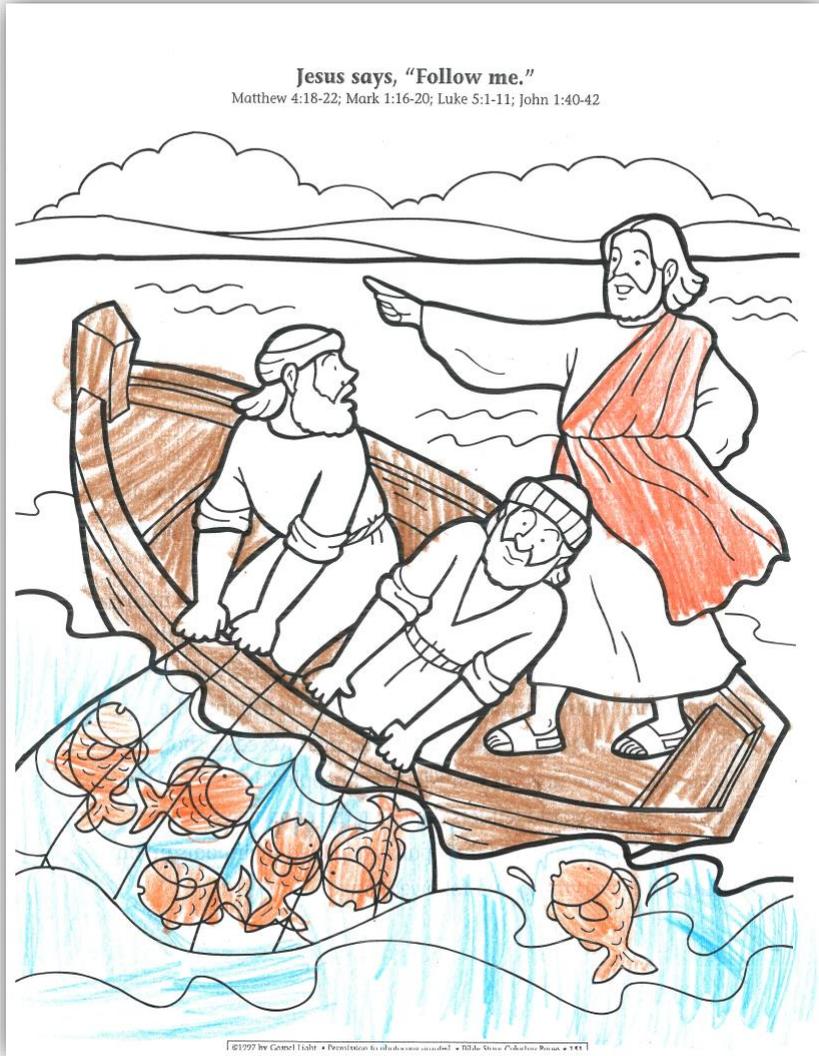


**MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

2026 – THE YEAR OF... FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 223+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

Third Sunday in Lent / Anniversary Sunday  
March 8, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

## Worship Bulletin

*Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.*

*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:** *The Church's One Foundation* S. Wesley

### Announcements

#### **\*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!**

#### **Recognition of 50+ Year Members (see insert)**

**\* Anniversary Hymn (see insert):** *God of the Sea, God of the Pines* Sung to music #117

### Children's Time

#### **Prayer of Confession**

L: Gracious and merciful Father, we come before You in humility and adoration.

**C: We are truly grateful for all Your blessings.**

L: You have called us to be partakers of Your holiness.

**C: Yet, we have not heeded to Your call.**

L: We are truly sorry that we have not walked worthy of Your calling.

**C: Grant us the desire to obey You and power to do Your will,**

L: Have mercy on us and forgive us.

**C: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*All pray in silence.*

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our Father in Heaven has mercy on you and forgives all your sins through Jesus Christ His only son.

**C: Amen.**

## Joys, Concerns and Praises

**Scripture Lesson:** Luke 8:4-15

James Steen

<sup>4</sup>When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable: <sup>5</sup>“The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Other *seed* fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>Other *seed* fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. <sup>8</sup>Other *seed* fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>9</sup>His disciples *began* questioning Him as to what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is* in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

<sup>11</sup>“Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rocky soil *are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup>The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup>But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

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

**Special Music:**

*We Worship As One*

J. Althouse/MUMC Choir

**Sermon**

*The Parable of the Sower 2*

Pastor Choi

**\*Hymn 362 (v. 1-2):**

*Nothing but the Blood*

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory:

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

J. Nageli

**\*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 362 (v. 3-4):**

*Nothing but the Blood*

**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:**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

F. Mendelssohn

**Worship Leader:** James Steen

**Greeters:** Lovisa & Art Hill

**Ushers:** Tim Gallagher & volunteer

**Acolyte:** Giselle Lucariello

**CHURCH STAFF**

*Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor*

*Dennis Linde, Music Director*

*Lauren Kokai, Bell Choir Director*

*Kathy Cavanagh, Secretary*

*Lori Nielsen, Sexton*

The Manahawkin United Methodist Church

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

Sun. Mar. 8 10:00 a.m. Anniversary Sunday-Bring a Friend to Church!  
**ONE SERVICE/Daylight Savings Time Begins!**  
3 p.m. Confirmation Class

### THIS WEEK

Mon. Mar. 9 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
Tue. Mar. 10 1 p.m. MUWIF meeting  
7 p.m. Trustees meeting  
Wed. Mar. 11 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parents Morning Out  
9:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
7 p.m. Choir Practice  
Thu. Mar. 12 6:30-8 p.m. Youth Group

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. Mar. 15 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
3 p.m. Confirmation Class

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY:** TODAY, Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 10 a.m. to celebrate our church's 223+ years of worship service in the community, as well as our 50 year members! What a perfect time to "Bring a Friend to Church"! There will be a luncheon service in Fellowship Hall by the Grateful Helping Hands. Let's welcome our new friends!

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** for March, April, and May 2026 is available in the narthex.

**EMILY EISMANN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** are due to the office by March 18, 2026. If you need a copy of the application, please visit or call the church office during working hours.

**VENDOR FAIR:** The MUWIF will be holding their yearly Vendor Sale on May 2, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested, please see the insert for details. For more information, you may contact Beth Schenk.

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:** to serve once a month as greeters, ushers, readers and acolytes. Can you help? Please let Pastor or the church secretary know!

**FOOD BANK ITEMS:** for March are macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



**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.:**

Tom Wells, Lee Slater, Randy Pouliot, Paige Thurber, Noel, Anthony Vitelli III, Chrissy Monforte, Kaley, Anthony, Chris Beyer, Alice Cranmer, Rosemary Pecoraro, Paul Cranmer, Bonnie Lobb, Roger, Joe Triano, Sue & Rick, the Henkel and Cavanagh families, Uncle Skip, the Bianco family, Jennifer Abbott, Beverly Jonas, Iris Steinmetz' brother, Debbie Schroeder and family, Dean Wetmore, Regina Howard, Karen Steen, Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Royal Wells, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Violeta Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturro, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

“But He knows the way I take; When He has tried me,  
I shall come forth as gold. “My foot has held fast to His path;  
I have kept His way and not turned aside.

Job 23:10-11

**ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES**

Sunday, March 1, 2026

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# MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (3-8-26)

## CELEBRATION OF FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Kathy Cavanagh

Diane DeVito

Dennis Linde

Eva Mueller

Rich Mueller

Pauline McShea

(Please see the list of all 50 Year Plus Members on the reverse side)

### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

- L: On this day we recognize and celebrate those who have been faithful members of Christ's holy Church for fifty years and more.
- C: You are our mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, in the faith. We thank God for you.**
- L: You have shown us by your loving example and discipleship, what life in Christ's name looks like.
- C: We rejoice to recognize you as fifty-plus year members. Along with you, we renew our vows to uphold the United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**
- L: With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by God's steadfast love, we will be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.
- C: Amen.**

## MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (3-8-26)

### Fifty Year Plus Members

Allen, Joe	Jonas, Beverly	Vance, Bill
Allen, Sandy	Jones, Nancy	Warmbier, Roberta
Appiah-Mends, Regina	Kalsch, Lee	Warmbier, Ronald
Appiah-Mends, Fiifi	Kalsch, Marlene	Watson, Dick
Arbona, Peggy	Kolb, Lois	Welsh, Alice
Assur, Leo	Lobb, Bonnie	Welsh, Bill
Lobb, Glenn	Logan, Arlene	Woehr, Phyllis
Assur, Marian	Logan, Bill	
Brockelbank, Sandra	Mahan, Eileen	
Conti, Cheryl	Mathis, Beth Ann	
D'Atrio, Joanie	McCarthy, George	
Dondzila, Helen	McCarthy, Mary Ellen	
Dorner, Dorothy	McShea, James	
Eismann, Nathaniel	Nelson, Bonnie	
Exel, Ruth Ann	Nelson, Bruce	
Force, Barbara	Pancoast, Tom	
Gallagher, Holly	Paul, Norma	
Gallagher, Tim	Paul, Susan	
George, Roy	Plant, Mildred	
Goldberger, James	Scaturo, Ann	
Hadden, Dorothy	Schenck, Beth	
Hart, Lorraine	Schenck, Robert	
Hauge, John	Slater, Lee	
Hauge, Susan	Soper, Barbara	
Hill, Art	Stump, Jennie	
Hill, Lovisa	Trainor, Lila Joyce	
Humphries, Elenore	Vance, Arlene	

## ***“God of the Sand, God of the Pines”***

God of the sand, God of the pines, God of each time and place,  
In this our celebration time, we seek abiding grace.

God of the future and the past, be with us in this hour.  
Walk with us while our struggles last, and grant to us your power.

In fear and anguish, trial and pain, your grace will never fail;  
When evil lurks and terrors reign, we know we shall prevail.

And so, upon this happy day, as we recall the past,  
We pray that Christ will rule our way, and Christ-like love will last.

With those who went before we face whate'er each day demands.  
Following Christ, we now retrace, his footprints in the sand.

**MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
P.O. Box 487, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS ORDER FORM April 5, 2026**

Please use this form for ordering your Easter Altar Flowers. Attach payment for amount ordered. Checks to be made out to: **“Manahawkin UMC”**, please write **Easter Plant/s** for the memo on your check. You may place order forms in the Collection Plate during any Worship Service or in the Church Office, or mail to our PO Box above, to arrive by **March 29, 2026**.

**All Orders must be in, no later than Sunday, March 29, 2026**

_____	<b>Easter Lilies</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
_____	<b>Hyacinths</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
_____	<b>Tulips</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/s** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/s are important, for spelling or questions from secretary.**

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/s** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/s are important, for spelling or questions from secretary.**

**Check here,** if you are ordering more flowers on the back of this form, or on a second sheet.

**Plant/s to be picked up (after either Easter Worship Service)**

**Plant/s to be given to Shut-in.**

**Payment must be included with your order.**

**Amount enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Calling All Vendors!



# Vendor FAIR



**Saturday, May 2 | 9:00am - 2:00pm**

*Hosted By Manahawkin United Women In Faith*

**Register  
Now  
To Sell**

**\$30**

### **Indoor Table**

\*Includes one table/2 chairs

**\$25**

### **Outdoor Space**

\*Provide own table

\*Held Rain or Shine\*



**Manahawkin United Methodist Church  
116 Stafford Ave**

For more information please contact Beth  
KF2BQ@comcast.net or Call/Text 609-618-3668

# Nothing but the Blood

PARDON

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1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of  
2. For my par - don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of  
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of  
4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of

Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?  
Je - sus. For my cleans - ing this my plea:  
Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:  
Je - sus. This is all my righ - teous - ness:

*Refrain*  
Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. O pre - cious  
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

is the flow that makes me bright as snow; no oth - er

fount I know; noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.