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**Check us out on our Web site, Sundays at 9:30am**

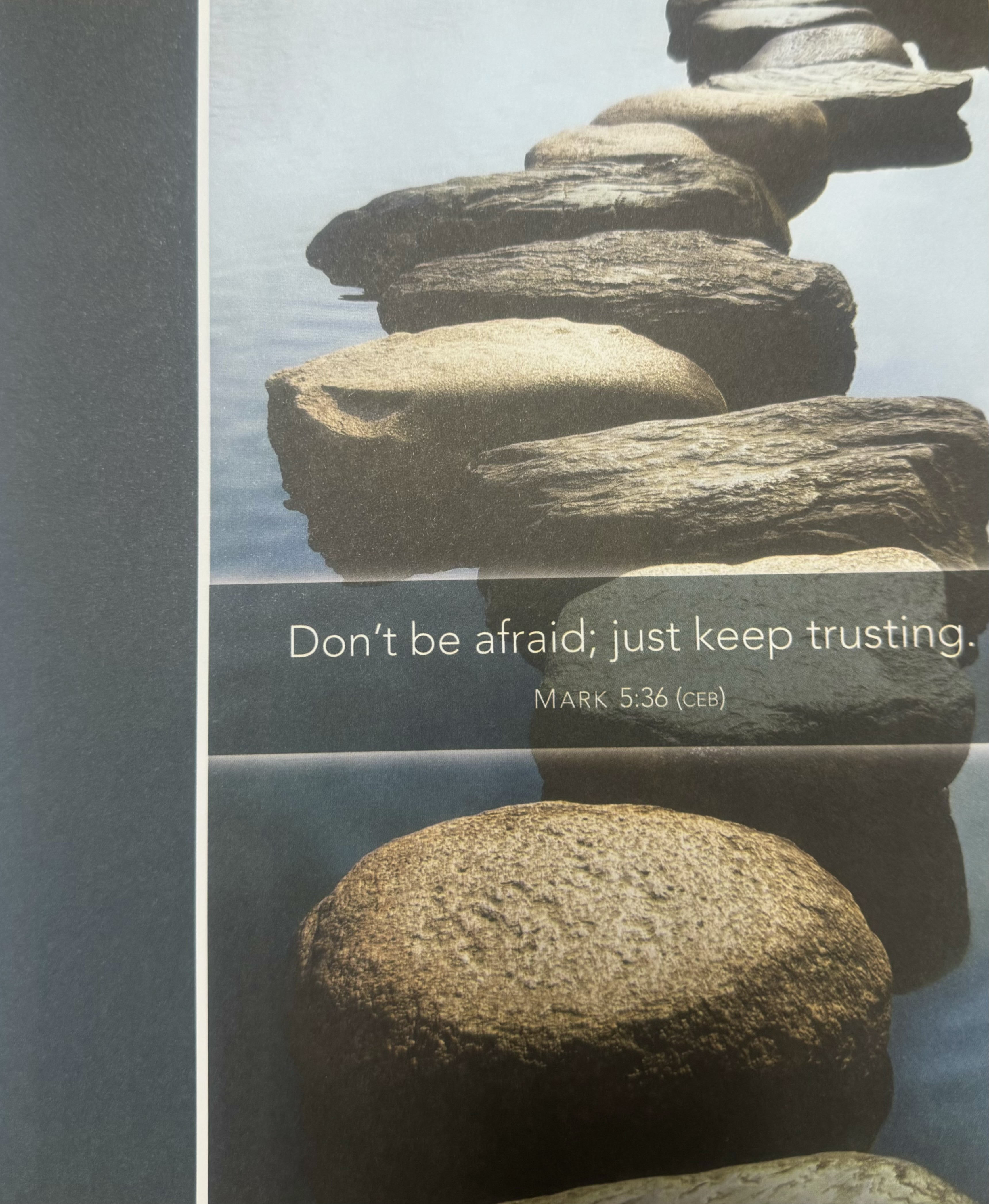
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**Sermon Theme:**

All five Sundays in September we will study the letter of James in the New Testament. James became a leader in Jerusalem after his half-brother, Jesus, rose from the dead. His letter to the ”12 tribes of the dispersion” meant he was writing to teach and encourage Jewish Christians who had been dispersed throughout Judea. He begins his letter with a basic theme that *talk is cheap* and our faith must be shown to the world through our deeds. We can say we believe, listen to teachings from the Bible, and have a good moral ethic, but until we put our faith into action, it is useless to God and to others. In the church today, right here in Horseheads, each person should have a *Maintenance Ministry* and a *Mission Ministry.* The former keeps things going in the organization, looking inside: facilities, fellowship, finances and forward-thinking. The latter goes outside our walls and reaches people with the tangible love of God: rescue, repentance, reconciliation, and restoration.





***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**September 1, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back

in front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our

first hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude:** Prelude on Rhosymedre            R. Vaughan Williams

**\*Call to Worship** (from the Song of Solomon 2:8-13)

**\*Hymn:** In Unity We Lift Our Song #2221 FWS

**\*Unison Prayer:**

Leader: My beloved spoke and said to me, “Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.  
**People: Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.**Leader:The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.  
**People**: **Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”**

**All: With this kind of Love toward us, let us worship God!**

**Creating God,  
you are the source of nature’s splendor—  
the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers,  
and sweet sound of birdsong.  
We come to you this morning  
with delight and gladness,  
grateful for all of your wonders.  
As the fields produce their harvest,  
may your love grow within us,  
that we too may produce a harvest  
of love, hope, and joy. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (on screen) p.#895

**Gift of Music**: Woman’s Choir

**Scripture:**  **Psalm 45:1-2,6-9** p.#516-517

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Hymn:** Grace Alone #2162 FWS

**Scripture: James 1:17-27**  p#229

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon: Doers of the Word**

**Communion:** We offer an Open Table to all who are willing to be open to Christ!

Our Offering will be received in the plate, as you come forward for communion.

**\*Hymn:** For the Bread Which You Have Broken #614 UMH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Choral Song                              Samuel S. Wesley

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

\*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal FWS =   black songbook

**The newsletter for September has been sent out.** If you did not receive a copy, please contact the church office. If you changed your email, please let the office know. Printed copies of the newsletter are in the narthex.

**Upper Room**: The Upper Room made a mistake in our subscription a few months ago, and we were told it was resolved. They have told me the books were sent on the 14th of August and as soon as they arrive, I will have them in the Narthex for you. Sandy Crane

**Help Cleaning the Kitchen!** Thursday the 5th of September, we need help cleaning/preparing the kitchen for painting the walls, ceilings, and cupboards. We need to wash the walls and the cupboards before anything can be painted. Please call the church office or see Bob Aiello on Sunday and let us know if you can help. We can start as early as you like or later if you want. If you can only give an hour of your time, we need you! The more we have the easier it will be to finish this project. Bob will be here at 9am.

**Join me,** Pastor McDowell, for a book study this Fall. In Six one-hour sessions, we will explore the chapters of this new book from Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

Class limit: ten people for each group. Two groups are offered, one daytime and one evening. Reserve your spot and order your book through our church office using the registration form below. A trial Discussion Guide will be used and evaluated for a half-off discount to benefit the church.

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**Announcements September 1, 2024**

*Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of*

*Happy heavenly birthday Dave.*

**Welcome to Worship today! If you are new with us, please stop by the visitor’s table just outside the sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!**

**Office is closed on Monday**

**Stephen Ministry: Sept. 4th: 5:30pm, Rm. 12**

**Faith Builders: Sept. 4th: 6:30pm, SCR**

**Sunday School begins** Sept. 8th in the Chapel 10:45-11:45 for grades k-8. Adult Sunday School will be in the Large Conference Room. Parent Sunday School will meet in Room 21.

**Too old for the lullaby room** and learning to sit through the church service?  This might be your child.  Maybe your child would enjoy Children’s Church.  Leaving before the scriptures and going to Fellowship Hall will provide children ages 4-8 a time of age-appropriate lessons, stories, and activities.  Tara Miller, acknowledging the need, approached Jan Przybylski offering to help restart this program.  Now we need volunteers to help set up a schedule to cover this time during the service.  If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jeff, Tara, or Jan P. Additionally, Sarah Woodard in the lullaby Room is also in need of a second person to help each week to fulfill the Safe Sanctuary requirements.

**WE ARE RECRUITING TEACHERS AND HELPERS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FALL**. Please contact Pastor McDowell if you are feeling called to teach or to assist. Currently we need help with these grade levels: Preschool; Kindergarten through 5th grade; 6th – 8th grade. WE NEED TO KNOW BY Aug. 21 so we can plan to begin Sun. School September 8th.

**The Chemung County Planning Department** is currently gathering public input for the County's ***Comprehensive Plan***. This is a plan that will guide the future of Chemung County- all facets of life in our community: housing, land use planning, improvement projects and economic development, transportation, recreation. Please find feedback surveys in the Narthex, fill them out, and drop them in the survey box, or use the QR code to complete the survey online.

\*\*\*Sign Up by Labor Day, Sept 2.\*\*\*

Please call the office or Pastor Jeff McDowell to sign up.

Find a Registration Form on the Bulletin Board in our Lobby**.**