



The church office is CLOSED Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King Day



Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Flock, Family Dinner and Wave are on Winter Break. We will see you soon!

- ⇒ Flock resumes January 16.
- ⇒ Wave resumes January 20.
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone and Wednesday Family Dinner resume January 30.

2019 Youth Trips

THIS WEEKEND (January 11-13) our high schoolers (grades 9-12) are at their retreat at Lake Champion (NY). *Please pray for a meaningful time away for our students and their chaperones.*

Spaces are still available for the middle school trip to beautiful Lake Champion, NY. Build memories, pull back from everyday life and reconnect with God.

Middle School Lake Champion Trip (Grades 7-8)
March 15-17, 2019 (\$200)

Kingdom Kids: Grades K-3
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm
Crossing Zone: Grades 4-6
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Flock: Grades 7-8
Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm
Wave: Grades 9-12
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

Memory Verse
Live a life that is worthy of the calling He has graciously extended to you. Be humble. Be gentle. Be patient. Tolerate one another in an atmosphere thick with love.
- Ephesians 4: 1-2

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Moorestown Ministerium Day of Service

Monday, January 21, 2019

9-11 am: Trinity Episcopal Church — [Registration Required by 1/15:](#) (856) 235-0811 with Leslie Mazzacano
“Happy Birthday Party” - bring items for birthday boxes (cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, napkins, small gift) to assemble and bless birthday boxes to donate to Catholic Charities; enjoy birthday cake for Dr. King!

1:15-2:15: Our Lady of Good Counsel — [Registration Required by 1/15:](#) (856) 235-7136 with Dr. Linda Dix
Heritage House: “Rejoice and Be Glad!”, children brings cans of food as service, activities include preparing toiletry kits (items are supplied) and craft. Then make and enjoy ice cream sundaes!

Worship Bags

- ♦ See Holly each Sunday to pick up a **Worship Bag**. Children are invited to use the doodle book to complete a weekly mission connected to the service. Parents: please send a picture of the completed mission to Holly’s cell at 609-273-7465 to post by Room 8. *Please return the bags each week to the worship bag tree.* **4th-6th Grades** — See Holly for your own book and pencil to complete your mission as well!

FPCM Way of the Week

#1. BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you’re third. Don’t just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don’t think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.



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WORSHIP HOURS

- 8:30 am Traditional
- 11:00 am Contemporary
- 9:45-10:45 am Education Hour

Connect. Devote. Serve. Worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL **January 6**

Nursery: Preschool Wing
3-4 Years: Room 15
Grades K-1: Room 13
Grades 2-3: Room 10-11
Grades 4: Room 7
Grades 5-6: Room 3-4
CREDO: 3rd Floor
Middle School: 3rd Floor

January 13 (9:45 am)
Sit Down With Session
Learn about The Ways!

January 20 (9:45 am)
Adult Education starts

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Are you receiving our **Friday e-blast** with announcements, FPC news and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

January 13-20, 2019

GRACE NOTES **“Six Words”**

FANS OF THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES are still pinching themselves in disbelief. Who can believe that the football hit by the Chicago Bears’ kicker could doink off the uprights of the field goal not once but *twice* to ensure the Eagles’ victory in last Sunday’s playoff game?

Nick Foles, St. Nick, to many Eagles fanatics, did what he has done in game after big time game: he played with an aw-shucks, who-me poise. After the game when asked what’s going through his mind in these high-pressure situations, Foles said this: *“What I learned on those stages is just how to calm myself in a chaotic moment, when there’s ... a ton of pressure. And just really simplifying in my head. Getting in the huddle, looking at the guys that I trust. Know that it’s all on the line for us and we’re just going to get the job done.”*

Foles then summed up the lesson in six simple words: *“It’s just belief in one another.”*

In an article published online by Inc. magazine, the author heard in those six words uttered by the Eagles backup quarterback a key to creating an effective team or organization of any kind. The author wrote:

“Foles’s comments may be inspiring, but they’re also backed up by serious research. For example, Google spent years studying effective teams and found that a single factor contributed most to their success: psychological safety.

Google describes it this way: ‘In a team with high psychological safety, teammates feel safe to take risks around their team members. They feel confident that no one on the team will embarrass or punish anyone else for admitting a mistake, asking a question, or offering a new idea.’

There’s a simpler term for psychological safety, and it’s one that Foles used repeatedly through his postgame interview: The word is trust. And great teams thrive on it.”

This morning, I am thrilled to introduce to you what I’m calling the FPCM Ways. These are twenty-five statements that are all about creating an atmosphere similar to what the Eagles have created. I hope that we can create an atmosphere thick with love here. I hope we can fashion plenty of psychological safety. After all, the mighty defense of the Chicago Bears is nothing in comparison to the challenges we face as a congregation. But I know that we’re a great team and with committed, weekly practice of our 25 Ways, and the sure help of the Holy Spirit, we’re headed to some big wins—for the glory of God!

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Be sure to sign up for one of our Ways Training Events to learn all about our new statements of culture (see page 2). We Are — First Pres! Look for the sign-up sheets in the Commons Lobby:

1. Wed. Jan. 16 (6-9 pm, Miller Commons)
2. Sat. Jan. 19 (8:30-11:30 am, Fellowship Hall)
3. Wed. Jan. 23 (6-9 pm, Commons)
4. Sat. Feb. 2 (8:30-11:30 am, FH)

Watch for our new website coming soon!



Ken Peacock Memorial Lecture Series “A Praying Life” Seminar

Friday, Jan. 25 (6:30-9:15 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 26 (8:30 am-Noon)
Based on the book *A Praying Life*, and sponsored by Adult Ministries, the Ken Peacock Memorial Lecture Series offers a two-day seminar “A Praying Life.” How do I focus when I’m distracted with so much to do? How do I pray longer than five minutes? Cost is free; contributions are appreciated. Continental breakfast Saturday morning. Child-care available upon request.

REGISTER on seeJesus.net/events by **January 14th** to ensure enough materials. For information contact coordinator Joyce Peacock at jkpeac@comcast.net or (609) 923-4135.

A Praying Life®
a *see Jesus* seminar

**New
2019
Year**

Preschool Registration Open House

Step by Step Christian Preschool invites families to an Open House on **January 22, 2019** from 6:30-8:00 pm to register for 2018-19 classes! Tour spacious classrooms, meet the experienced staff and share refreshments. Parents may register their child(ren) that evening. **Early registration for church members and current enrollees begins the week of January 7.** Open registration for all others will begin on January 22. Classes begin in September 2018 and are available for 2 ½ year olds, 3-year olds and 4-year olds. Step by Step Christian Preschool offers flexible options for morning or afternoon sessions for 2, 3, 4 or 5 days a week, and is open to members of the church and residents of the surrounding communities. Contact Amy Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org.

Help Wanted

Administrative Assistant – Part Time. Provide clerical, organizational, and general office support for the staff with primary focus on Family Ministries; assists with additional office related support as necessary. Submit interest to Earl Gage via email by January 21: egage@fpcmoorestown.org.

Christmas Clean-Up?

As you sort through and put away Christmas decorations, please remember that the Rummage Sale holiday shop would love to have any items that are new or gently used. Rummage Sale is March 13-14, 2019 (we cannot store items before the sale).

**It's Back! Couples Retreat
May 17-19, 2019
Inn of Cape May
Watch for more information
on costs and registration**



*Every year we are amazed at the number of toys members of our congregation give to make Christmas special for children who would go without. To each of you who made this possible, thank you. We had a banner year for donations, you are all very special — May God bless you.
The Emerson Family*

Four Ways Training Opportunities Offered for Congregation Members

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS: There will be 4 Ways Training sessions for members of the congregation as we discover the process of defining Who We Are. Choose the one that best fits your schedule:

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SIGN UP at the table in the Commons lobby or online.

Church leaders met Saturday, January 12 for a breakfast workshop for the unveiling of our new Ways concepts. Check out the pew Pocket Cards!



Sit Down With Session
Sunday, Jan. 13 ~ 9:45-10:45 am
Fellowship Hall

Who is God calling you to be in 2019? Come and discover “the ways” God is calling FPC into action as we begin a new year together. Bring your curiosity and questions as we imagine how we can say Yes to God in new and exciting ways!

January Session Meeting
Monday, January 22
7:00 pm with Deacons
7:30 pm Meetings

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Deacons and Church World Service, is coming Sunday, January 27. Your contributions enable CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable communities.

**Children's Ministries
Teachers Meeting**
Sunday, January 27
10:30 a.m. ~ Room 6

Yum! PW Soup Luncheon
Monday, January 28
9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Jane Murphy will speak about the lesson “God With Us When We’re Powerless” and how it applies to the story of two trains, Friendship and Gratitude. We are collecting cotton socks for the Christian Caring Center, so please bring some! All women of the church are invited to come enjoy *delicious* soups!



**2019 Annual Meeting and
Annual Reports**
Sunday, February 3, 2019
(note new date)

Reports due to Jan in the church office BY January 18, 2019

Ministry Area Leaders: In preparation for our Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 3, 2019, please submit your 2018 Annual Report to Jan Martin in the church office. Please review highlights, goals, and events of your area for January 1-December 31, 2018. If you wish to receive an electronic copy of your 2017 report as a guideline, please let Jan know.

Please email Jan the report in a Microsoft Word format on or before **Friday, January 18**. The Annual Report shall be available to the congregation the week BEFORE the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 27, therefore adherence to these deadlines is critical.

Stay Tuned!
Commons Lobby Renovation
Rescheduled for February

Friday Nighters

Please join us for the Friday Nighters’ first program of 2019 Friday, February 1 (6:30 PM) for “Charlie Zahm, Balladeer.” Come hear this accomplished and well known performer as he presents familiar songs in the Celtic tradition. Appetizers, Fruit and Dessert. RSVP by **Wednesday, Jan. 30th** to Martha Eshelman at 856-234-7587. There is no charge for this event.

**West Jersey Chamber Music
Concert: Arcadian Trio**
Sunday, January 27, 7:30 pm

News from the Pews

- ◆ Reserve special dates for **2019 worship flowers** to honor loved ones. Contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com.

Sign up for safe and secure automatic withdrawal today

- ◆ The church is transitioning to a **new eblast system**, so if you’re NOT receiving the Friday eblast let Jan Martin in the office know.
- ◆ Presbyterian Women are collecting **white cotton socks** to be donated to homeless men in the Pemberton Township area through the Christian Caring Center. We invite the church to join with us in filling up the box located in the Commons Lobby.



Adult Ed Starts January 20—come to a class!

Join our interns, Caitlyn and Chris, as we ask the same questions the early church pondered: What does it mean to be the church today? Why does church matter, and what’s my role in it? Discover God’s hope for your life and FPC as we dive “Into the World of Acts.” Guide books will be available on January 20 at minimal cost. Class is for all stages of faith. 9:45 am

Bagel Pick Up Help

Do you like having bagels on Sunday morning? The Membership Committee is looking for an individual to pick up bagels at Manhattan Bagels just once a month. Please call Joyce Wenzke at (609) 410-4118.

