



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



Kingdom Kids (grades K-3rd), Crossing Zone (grades 4-6), and Family Dinner (everyone) are on Winter Break.

We will resume on **Wed. January 30!**

Youth News

Our youth groups are back! Flock (grades 7-8) resumed Wednesday, January 16. Wave (grades 9-12) kicks off again Sunday, January 20.

2019 Middle School Youth Trip — Spaces are still available for this trip to beautiful Lake Champion, NY. Build memories, pull back from everyday life and re-connect with God. **March 15-17, 2019** (\$200). Sign up at <https://fpcmoores town.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

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 (January 20-27)

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Scriptures: Ephesians 4: 29; Ephesians 4: 31; Ephesians 4: 15.



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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 20

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

Adult Education

3 C’S Class: Lounge
Acts Class:
Fellowship Hall A

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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 20-27, 2019

GRACE NOTES

“Speak the Truth With Love”

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- ◆ *Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4: 29)*
- ◆ *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. (Ephesians 4: 31)*
- ◆ *Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church (Ephesians 4: 15)*

As we begin the exciting work of shaping the culture of our Church Family, this second Way reminds us that we’re committed to telling the truth to each other and we’re committed to loving one another. At this church, we’re chained to each commitment. At a personal level, I need to stay open to hearing truth and receiving love. Those who love me best bring both to me and I won’t grow in my Christian faith without those friends speaking the truth with love.



I can remember moments from the past when someone loved me enough to tell me something hard. Perhaps I said a hurtful word or I made a foolish decision or I sinned greatly. I can look back gratefully now, though it was painful then, as I recall the gift of truth given me. At that moment truth functions very much like a bright light in a dark room. A word of truth spoken with love helps me see and thus change. I don’t have to continue living selfishly or hurtfully. I can live differently thanks to those who speak to me directly, truthfully and lovingly.

Well-meant are the wounds a friend inflicts, but profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

- Proverbs 27: 6

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Preschool Registration Open House: Tuesday, January 22 (6:30-8:00 pm)



Ken Peacock Memorial Lecture Series "A Praying Life" Seminar

Friday, Jan. 25 (6:30-9:15 pm)
Saturday, Jan. 26 (8:30 am-Noon)
DON'T MISS this fantastic opportunity to reboot your prayer life (and empower the WAYS in our life together)! Reservations still open on seejesus.net/events or through the link on the church website. 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. Childcare available upon request. For info contact Joyce Peacock at (609) 923-4135 or jkeac@comcast.net.



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.

Thought about Being an Elder, Deacon or Trustee?

The Nominations Committee is currently accepted submissions for those wishing to serve as Elders, Deacons or Trustees. Forms were in *Connections* January 13 and today and are available on the Friday eblast, and at the church office. Please think about serving on one of these boards and utilizing your skills and talents for FPC. Questions, contact [Brian Perkowski](mailto:Brian.Perkowski@fpcmoorestown.org) or [Joyce Wenzke](mailto:Joyce.Wenzke@fpcmoorestown.org).

NEW: Couples Retreat May 17-19, 2019 Inn of Cape May

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.

Ways Training Opportunities Offered for Congregation Members

There are two remaining Ways Training sessions for members of the congregation as we discover and define Who We Are. Learn about The Ways we live and work together in love. (If you attended the large training on January 12 you don't need to attend again):

- ⇒ Wed. Jan. 23 (6-9 pm, Miller Commons)
- ⇒ Sat. Feb. 2 (8:30-11:30 am, Fellowship Hall)

SIGN UP at the table in the Commons lobby or with Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 133. Be sure to check out the new Pocket Cards and complete Study Guides in the pews and in Miller Commons.

After a wonderful trip, it is time to say thank you to everyone who supported our mission trip to Haiti. Know that your support was critical to our achieving our goals. We re-roofed a building which will become the kitchen for the school. We put three roofs on homes in the community. We had a dental clinic for five days. We paid to fix the plumbing at the House of Hope, a home for girls. The toilets no longer worked and the girls had to go outdoors to a latrine to use the restroom but first they had to cross a ditch. This was just unacceptable. We visited missions that our church is supporting--Hope Alive Clinic and the Medical Benevolence hospital, nursing school and maternity clinic. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to the donors, the present wrappers, spaghetti cookers, servers and cleaner uppers. Thank you to those who worked the burger stand at Strawberry Festival, ate at Iron Hill or shopped at Five Below. YOU ALL ARE ROCK STARS! God Bless you. P.S.: Come with us next year!



New Adult Ed January 20

As we continue to think deeply about questions of culture, this new course on Acts touches on themes and narratives that give insight into how the first Christians conceived of their own cultural moment in the 1st century. Led by Seminary Interns Caitlyn Posey and Chris Palmer; class is for all stages of faith. Course guide books available for \$15 in class. 9:45-10:45 am, Fellowship Hall.

Blanket Sunday Offering
[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.

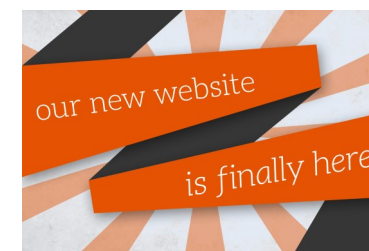
**Children's Ministries
Teachers Meeting
Sunday, January 27
10:30 a.m. ~ Room 6**

**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!



Stay Tuned!
Commons Lobby Renovation
Rescheduled for February



**2019 Congregational
Meeting and Luncheon
Sunday, February 3, 2019
(note new date)**

Committee Chairs: If you haven't already, please submit your 2018 Annual Report to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office, reviewing highlights, goals, and events of your area for the year 2018. The Annual Report will be available the week BEFORE the Annual meeting on Sunday, January 27.

**West Jersey Chamber Music
Concert: Arcadian Trio
Sunday, January 27, 7:30 pm
Visit www.wjcms.org**

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.

2019 Worship Flowers
Reserve special dates for 2019 worship flowers to honor loved ones. Contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com. \$40 per vase.

**Look for Per Capita
giving envelopes in February**

News from the Pews

- ♦ The church has transitioned to a new **eblast system**, so if you're NOT receiving the Friday eblast let [Jan Martin](#) in the office know (Ext. 133).
- ♦ Presbyterian Women are collecting **white cotton socks** to be donated to homeless men in Pemberton Township through the Christian Caring Center. We invite the church to join with us in filling up the box in the Commons Lobby.
- ♦ **Bagel Pick Up Help** — Do you like having bagels on Sunday mornings? The Membership Committee is looking for someone to pick up bagels at Manhattan Bagels once a month. Please call [Joyce Wenzke](#) at (609) 410-4118.



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**Thursday, Feb. 7
12 noon
Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 suggested
per person**

Dine and Donate for Denmark

Please support this summer's Denmark Youth Choir Trip by dining at PJ Whelihan's (396 S. Lenola Road, Maple Shade) on **Monday, Feb. 11** from 5-9 p.m. No flyer necessary—simply indicate you are with FPC Moorestown and PJ's will donate 15% of sales. Invite family, friends and neighbors! Thank you for your support!

