



God, please bless our Sunday School and Adult Education teachers this week.

We Can't Wait to See You!



**Kingdom Kids** (K-3rd, 4:45-5:45 pm) and **Crossing Zone** (4th-6th grades, 6:30-7:30 pm) kids groups will return on Wednesday, January 30. Welcome back, friends!

Youth News

Our youth groups are back in full swing! **Flock** (grades 7-8) resumed Wednesday, January 16. **Wave** (grades 9-12) kicked 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://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

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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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Family Dinner Returns This Week ~ All Are Invited

Our Wednesday Family Dinner resumes from winter break on Wednesday, January 30. From 6-7 pm, Family Dinner is a weekly meeting place ... truly a *family dinner* where we can share a meal with our church family as we come together to share in church activities for all ages. Donation \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Thank you for helping us cover our costs. **Menu for January 30:** Roast Pork, Meatball Sandwiches, Potatoes and String Beans, Corn, Salad, Beverages.

Kids: Pick up your Worship Bags

See Holly Asciutto 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.* **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades** — See Holly for your own book and pencil to complete your mission as well! Contact [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 116.

FPCM Way of the Week (Jan. 27-Feb. 3)

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Scriptures: James 1: 19, 20; Proverbs 18:13; Proverbs 17:4

LISTEN  
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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 27

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 & B

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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



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GRACE NOTES  
"Listen Generously"

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*Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. (James 1: 19, 20)*

I'm asking you to give a gift to those who matter most to you: your children, your parents, your spouse, your grandchildren, your friends, your teammates, your co-workers, and members of your church family. This is a gift that will heal; both individuals and relationships. It's a gift that will demonstrate how much you care like few others you could give. The good news is that this gift is free but don't assume that you can give this gift without some personal cost.

Giving this gift requires time, often a fair amount of it. You'll need to be free of all distractions to give it correctly. This means the TV is turned off, the laptop is closed, the newspaper or magazine is set aside. You can't sit and scroll through social media while giving this gift. You have to be alert, un-distracted in order to give this gift well. You should be looking directly at the receiver. You may be a little tired after this gift has been given. It will take something out of you if you're giving it in the right way.

Studies have been conducted on the best ways to give this gift. Researchers have discovered that the best givers of this gift do so by asking questions that help the receiver to turn on lights of discovery and insight. When you give this gift the receiver should feel that you care fully for them. They'll feel a little more confident and secure. The best givers of this gift clearly convey that they are present to help and not win an argument.

The receiver will likely walk away from the reception of this gift feeling the warmth of your love and strength of your support. So powerful is this gift and it is given so infrequently that those who receive it often have no words to express their appreciation. It doesn't matter if they can't find the words to thank you. Giving it is what matters.

The gift is listening. Listen generously.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Look for information soon about our Lenten Study, featuring the book "Everybody Always" by author Bob Goff

LISTEN  
GENEROUSLY



**TODAY is Blanket Sunday**

Today's **Blanket Sunday** offering is one of the ministries of our Deacons. Your contributions to [Church World Service](http://www.cwsblankets.org) enable CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. *Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless.* CWS blankets provide comfort in many communities hit by disaster, and in shelters or agencies assisting those experiencing hard times. Each year, CWS donates thousands of blankets around the world. Visit [www.cwsblankets.org](http://www.cwsblankets.org) to learn more.

LOOK FOR Blanket Sunday envelopes in the pews today. You may also give securely **online** at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

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

**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 13th and 20th and are available on the Friday eblast, website and at the church office. Please think about serving on one of these boards and utilizing your skills and talents for FPC. To nominate someone, contact Elders Brian Perkowski ([perkowskibk@comcast.net](mailto:perkowskibk@comcast.net)) or Joyce Wenzke ([jwenzke@aol.com](mailto:jwenzke@aol.com)).

**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](mailto:egage@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Rummage Sale March 13-14**

**Preschool Registration Now OPEN!**

Step by Step Christian Preschool enjoyed a successful Open House on **January 22, 2019**. No snow this year! Parents toured spacious classrooms, met the experienced staff and registered for 2018-19 classes. Early registration for church members and current enrollees began the week of January 7. Open registration for all others began at the Open House. Classes begin in September 2019 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 surrounding areas. Questions? Contact Preschool Director Amy Delgado at [adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Annual Per Capita Giving**

In February, look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a connectional church. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of **\$38.75 per member** that each church pays annually to the larger church. This amount includes portions from the General Assembly, Synod and West Jersey Presbytery.

Congregation members are kindly asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and their member children, if able. You may submit an "opt out" request if you do NOT wish us to pay the Per Capita on your behalf. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. YES, you can pay **online** on the church website at [FPCMoorestown.org](http://FPCMoorestown.org).

- Stewardship Committee

**Annual Congregational Meeting, Lunch**

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey, in accordance with the Church Bylaws, has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for **Sunday, February 3, 2019** in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service. A luncheon will be provided prior to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to hear committee reports, receive the 2019 church budget, approve the 2019 pastor's terms of call, approve the sale of 202 S. Church St., Moorestown, elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, and to conduct any other business which should rightfully come before the congregation. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.*

- Carole Wehn, Clerk of Session

**New Adult Ed Started January 20; Stop In**

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.

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

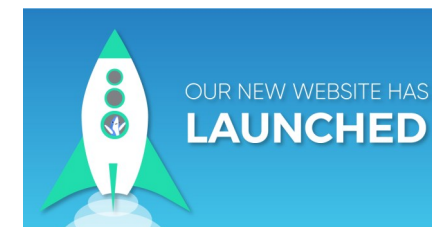
**PW Soup Luncheon**  
**Monday, January 28**  
**9:30 am ~ Fellowship Hall**

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!

**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.

**Under Construction**  
Commons Lobby Renovation  
will begin in February



**THANK YOU for your patience as we become familiar with our new site**

**February Lunch Bunch**

Come to the Lunch Bunch **Thursday, February 7** (noon) in Fellowship Hall. The children from our Step by Step Christian Preschool will entertain and hand out Valentines. Cuteness overload! Donation: \$5.00 each please.



**West Jersey Chamber Music**  
**Concert: Arcadian Trio**  
**Sunday, January 27, 7:30 pm**  
Visit [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org)

**Annual Giving Statements**

Final giving statements for the calendar year 2018 will be mailed to congregation members in January. For information contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688 or [nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Service Sunday Feb. 24**

During both services on Sunday, February 24, members will complete their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways in which they wish to serve, connect this year.

**2019 Worship Flowers**

Reserve special dates for 2019 worship flowers to honor loved ones. Contact Rumi Sinunu at [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com). \$40 per vase, 2 vases are available each week.

**News from the Pews**

- ♦ The final Ways Training will be **Saturday, Feb. 2 (9:00-10:30 a.m.)**. Sign up with [Jan Martin](mailto:Jan.Martin@fpcmoorestown.org) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 133.
- ♦ The church has transitioned to a new **eblast system**, so if you're NOT receiving the Friday eblast let [Jan Martin](mailto:Jan.Martin@fpcmoorestown.org) 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.
- ♦ Do you enjoy 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](mailto:Joyce.Wenzke@fpcmoorestown.org) at (609) 410-4118.
- ♦ **Ash Wednesday** worship will be March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sign up for safe and secure automatic withdrawal today**

**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, colleagues and neighbors!

