

FAMILY MINISTRY

One Great Hour of Sharing “Fish Banks” are coming soon!

No Kids Groups Wednesday, March 6

There will be NO Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner on Wednesday, March 6 so that families may attend the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service together.

What will you give up this year, or take on, for Lent?



Youth News

Great Escape Trip (\$500) — Middle school trip for an awesome week of worship, engaging speakers, new friends and a college campus! Scholarships available.

Adirondack Mountains Service Trip (\$425) — We will be running kids camps, doing minor home repair, encouraging local ministries, and hosting a community dinner. A great opportunity to serve together!

Have questions? Contact [Dan Wonneberger](mailto:Dan.Wonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell/text (856) 745-6596

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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Ash Wednesday Schedule (March 6)

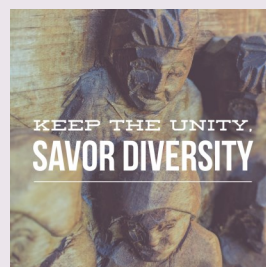
- There will be NO Kids Groups or Family Dinner
- There WILL be Primary Choir rehearsal at 4:00 p.m., Choristers rehearsal at 5:00 p.m. and Flock youth group at 6:30 p.m.
- Contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:Holly.Asciutto@fpcmoorestown.org), [Dan Wonneberger](mailto:Dan.Wonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org) or [Joel Krott](mailto:Joel.Krott@fpcmoorestown.org) for questions.



Wednesday Family Dinner

From 6-7 pm, Wednesday Family Dinner is a weekly meeting place where we can share a meal with our church family as all ages come together to share in church activities. Or just come for dinner. Donation \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Thank you for helping us cover our costs.

⇒ **Menu for February 27: Roast Pork, Meatball Sandwiches, Potatoes & String Beans, Corn, Salad, Beverages**



FPCM Way of the Week (February 24-March 3)

#7: CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.

Scriptures: Ephesians 4: 3-4; Psalm 133: 4; Romans 12: 3-5

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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 February 24

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
World of 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](mailto:church.office@fpcmoorestown.org).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Feb. 24-March 3, 2019

GRACE NOTES

FPCM Way of the Week (February 24-March 3) #7: Celebrate Our Unity, Savor Our Diversity



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In 1940, George Reavis the Superintendent of the Cincinnati Public Schools wrote a fable called the Animal School.

Once upon a time the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of a “new world” so they organized a school. They had adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming, and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming. In fact, better than his instructor. But he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming in order to practice running. This was kept up until his webbed feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming. But average was acceptable in school so nobody worried about that, except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of the class in running but had a nervous breakdown because of so much makeup work in swimming.

The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of the treetop down. He also developed a “charlie horse” from overexertion and then got a C in climbing and D in running. The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class, he beat all the others to the top of the tree but insisted on using his own way to get there.

There's much learning for us in this story and this Way of Week. God has purposely placed you in this Church Family. We need you and need us. When you're operating in your sweet spot—out of His natural giftedness in you—delight will be yours and God will be greatly pleased and glorified.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Lenten Small Groups Start Ash Wednesday Week (see pg. 2)



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes are made from the palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year.

What will you give up, or take on, this year for Lent?



March 3: Service Sunday

During both services on **Sunday, March 3** (note new date) members will complete their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. There are hundreds of ways to be involved at FPC ~ what ministries mean the most to you? Continue serving in a current capacity or think about trying something new. There are countless ways the church can utilize your skills.

If you won't be in worship March 3, please print off the Service Pledge Form and turn into the church office.



**Sunday,
March 10
(2:00 a.m.)**

Annual Per Capita Giving

Last week letters were mailed to member households 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 to support the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Congregation members

are kindly asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and their member children (if able). Or you may submit an "opt out" request if you do NOT wish to pay. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. YES, Per Capita may also be paid [online](#)!



-- Stewardship Committee

TODAY: Lenten Study Sign Ups Available

Our Lenten study this year will be the book "Everybody Always" by author Bob Goff. SIGN UP TODAY in the Commons Lobby — there are groups meeting on a variety of dates; find the small group that works for you. **Classes will begin the week of Ash Wednesday (March 6) and run through Easter.** Books can be purchased for \$10 through the church office. For details contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Beca Neindorff](#).

Preschool Fundraiser

Step by Step Christian Preschool presents "Parents Night Out" Fundraiser on **Friday, March 22** at 7:00 p.m. at the Moorestown Community House. Tickets are \$27 each and guests

enjoy heavy appetizers, soft drinks, coffee, tea and BYOB; 2 door prize entries and 1 sheet of raffle tickets PLUS an amazing Silent Auction! Proceeds will fund the upgrade and beautification of

our preschool's playground, which the children use every day. Purchase tickets at Step by Step Preschool or contact Amy Delgado at (856) 235-7105. Checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church.



Rummage Sale Meetings

Rummage Sale meetings for all Department Heads, helpers, cashiers and the very valuable volunteers. **Tuesday, Feb. 26** at 11 AM and **Tuesday, March 5** at 7 PM, both in the Lounge. Bring your ideas, questions and needs as we gear up for the 102nd Rummage Sale! Questions: Cheryl Gaskill at 856-904-3056 or Gayle Payne at 856-235-2708.

Save Your Treasures!

Are you Spring Cleaning? Save your items for the 102nd Rummage Sale **March 13-14**! Drop off will begin Sunday, March 10. *Please remember church meetings may need to be relocated to other rooms for the week of the sale.* And keep filling those boxes and bags with your wonderful donations. Thank you from Presbyterian Women.



Seniors: Free Musical Show

A special FREE performance of Moorestown High School's 2019 Spring Musical 9 TO 5 will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 28** at 12 noon. The event is FREE for senior citizens, and soft pretzels, candy and water are served at intermission. Guests may bring their own lunches too. Carpooling is encouraged. This musical, featuring music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, is based on the 1980 hit movie and is a hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era. The performance will conclude approx. 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Friday Nighters March 1

Join the Friday Nighters for a Pot Luck dinner on **Friday, March 1** at 6:30 PM for "Butterflies." Master Gardener Barbara Herbs shares her photos from Smith's Woods butterfly garden. Learn how landscaping with native plants feeds those jewels of the garden. RSVP to Doris & Dave Kahley by **Wed. Feb. 27** at 609-261-8474. There is NO charge -- only a dish to share. Hope to see you there!

Ash Wednesday Worship

Ash Wednesday worship will be **March 6** at 7:00 p.m. beginning the Season of Lent. Worship will be marked by prayers, reflection, and the imposition of ashes.

March 7th Lunch Bunch

The March Lunch Bunch will feature Pastoral Associate Kelly LePenske as the guest speaker. Come hear Kelly's faith story and what she loves about FPCM. Enjoy a traditional Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and Irish bread. \$5.00 per person please.

Spring Inquirers Class New One-Day Format

This spring, the Inquirers Class for prospective members and those wishing to learn more about FPC, will be a single Saturday class and the traditional meeting with Session. This format is designed to work better with today's busy schedules. The class will be held **Saturday, March 9** from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and include lunch. Participants will focus on questions of membership, our relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what it means to be a disciple, and a faithful member of this congregation. Those wishing to join will meet for lunch with Session **Sunday, March 10** after the Contemporary service. For questions or to sign up contact the church office or Joyce Wenzke at jwenzke@aol.com. Please note if child care is needed.

**No more envelopes!
SIGN UP for safe and secure
automatic withdrawal.**



Order Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken **March 17, 24 and 31** to decorate our worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. Order forms will be available in *Connections* and on the church website www.fpcmoorestown.org. Flowers are \$12 each and assorted spring varieties. For questions contact [Rachel Scarborough](#) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

**Did you SIGN IN
at worship today?**



New flooring and carpeting has been installed throughout the Commons Lobby for safety, noise reduction and durability. Beautiful!

Dedicate Sunday Flowers

Reserve special dates for 2019 worship flowers to honor loved ones. Contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com. \$40 per vase, 2 vases are available each week. Dates are filling up quickly so call today to honor your special anniversaries for 2019.

Methodist Rummage Sale

DATE CHANGE

Monday, April 1 (6-9 pm)
Tuesday, April 2 (9:30 am-2 pm & 6-8:30 pm Bag Night \$3.00.
First United Methodist Church
446 Camden Avenue, Moorestown
(856) 235-0450 Office

How Do People Start Coming to Church?

86% — A friend invited me
6% — Church members visited me
6% — The pastor asked me
2% — Advertising

—Churchgrowth.org

