

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Embrace the discipline of Lent with One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

### Fish Banks

On Palm Sunday, it is the tradition at First Presbyterian Church to receive the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering.



A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing allows us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

Fish-shaped boxes were distributed to children in Sunday School. Children can bring the boxes with them on Palm Sunday (April 14) to be received during the Children's Moment in both services.

### 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. July 22-27, 2019



- ♦ Check out the new memory verse today for our "Everybody Always" sermon series!

**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**  
*Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good."*

- Romans 12: 9

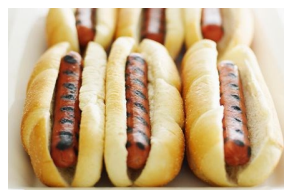
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### Family Dinner Resumes

⇒ **March 20 Menu: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Salad**

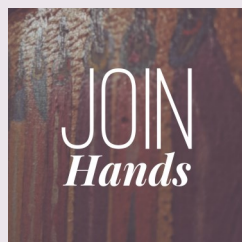
From 6-7 pm, Wednesday Family Dinner is a weekly meeting place where we can share a meal with our church family as all ages come together to share in church activities. Or just come for dinner. Donation \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.



### Children's Easter Celebration is Coming!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Children's Easter Celebration is **Saturday, April 13** (10:30-11:30 am). Weather permitting, we will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with crafts, fun and of course, Easter Eggs! There is No Charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. Rain or shine. *Don't forget your basket!* **NOTE:** We welcome **candy donations** from the congregation of individually wrapped items that are peanut free and can fit within a plastic Easter egg. Drop off in the church office anytime!

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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 March 17

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  
Lenten Study: Room 8  
(full)

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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

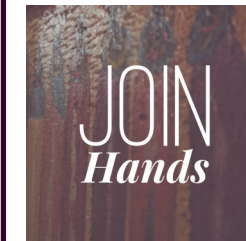


First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

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### GRACE NOTES

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JOIN HANDS! What do you think of when you hear this phrase? For me, it summons an image of people linking arms, standing side-by-side, connected by a greater purpose that serves the common good. I see volunteers in rain boots handing sand bags down the line as flood waters rise. The White Helmets (an NGO search-and-rescue team in Syria) digging through rubble to save a crying child who's survived the latest bombing. It's men and women walking across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965 as part of the Civil Rights Movement, hoping to achieve fair voter registration and being brutally punished for their courageous pursuit of justice. These are key moments of collaboration and selflessness, when people from different walks of life dedicated their time, energy and talents to transform the lives of people they knew and those they didn't.

This happens on a local scale, too. In the last week, I've encountered awesome reports of how FPCM has worked as a team to unleash God's gifts. A friend told me how her family received meals from our church for several weeks when they were going through a rough time. Old and new small group leaders stepped up to host Lent groups and pour God's love into others. Dozens of folks helped organize FPCM's 102<sup>nd</sup> Rummage Sale with great success, while students from youth group carried load after heavy load to people's cars throughout the night.

When you join hands, your mentality expands from "Life is about me" to "Life involves all of us." Joining hands allows us to drop our anxious agendas and embrace God's purposes. Letting go of our anxious agendas is something we all struggle with. No wonder "do not be afraid" is one of the most common phrases in the Bible. God is constantly speaking to us, inviting us to join hands with the One we can trust.

So take heart. Maybe a few deep breaths. Lean into God's possibilities for your life. Make history with those around you. Join hands.

— Kelly LePenske, Pastoral Associate

**TONIGHT: [Concert for Organ and Violin \(7:30 p.m.\)](#)**

**Deacons Food Drive**

The Deacons need your help to stock the Ministerium Food Pantry with food and toiletries. The Food Pantry is serving more and more families each month. Paper grocery bags with a [list of needed items](#) attached were distributed at church on Sunday, March 10. Use

the list to buy one or two or more items and return by Sunday, March



24. Please just leave the bags in the Commons Lobby in or by the food cart. Any questions call Deacon Helen Dominy at (410) 924-6948 or [rmdsrillic@aol.com](mailto:rmdsrillic@aol.com).

5th SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

Combined Worship 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Miller Commons

**Couples Retreat**

"The Heart of Marriage" will explore God's purpose for marriage as the key human relationship God has designed to shape the heart. We will look at what has gone wrong and right with our hearts and our marriages and explore specific styles of self-protection and how these patterns form the basis for conflict in our marriages. See brochures at church for [registration form](#). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

- ♦ May 17-19, 2019
- ♦ Hosts: Stuart and Leslie Spencer
- ♦ The Inn of Cape May ~ Cape May, New Jersey
- ♦ \$395 per couple, incl. 2 nights lodging, meals
- ♦ Registration Due April 25, 2019

**TONIGHT: Concert for Organ and Violin 7:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary**

Sven-Ingvant Mikkelsen (Organ) and Jochen Brusch (Violin) will perform Romantic Baroque music works by Corelli, Muffat, Marcello, Bach, Vitali Gaizotto, Widor, and Tartini. Brusch (violin) hails from Germany and is famous abroad. Mikkelsen is the newly appointed head of the organ department at the Royal Conservatory in Copenhagen, Denmark. He has played many concerts here in Moorestown and has helped profoundly in arranging concerts for our FPCM touring choirs. Free will offering.

**ALPHA Begins April 24**

On **Wednesday, April 24** the spring series of ALPHA begins with an introductory meeting. The 10-week series begins May 1. Each week includes dinner at 6:00 pm followed by the program. Open to the public. Sign up with Jim Cole at [jamescole7@comcast.net](mailto:jamescole7@comcast.net) or on our website (Events).

**Service Pledges 2019**

This month members have completed their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways in which they wish to be involved and serve for 2019. Please complete yours today. Simply print off the [Service Pledge Form](#) and turn into the church office, or — even easier — [complete your form ONLINE!](#) Visit our church website and click on EVENTS.

**Meal Train Help Welcome!**

The Deacons are looking for help with a Meal Train providing meals for the Drzaszcz family during Liz's current cancer treatment. Please call Deacon Jean Donahue at (856) 571-0308 or [jeaned\\_7465@hotmail.com](mailto:jeaned_7465@hotmail.com) if you can help. Or sign up ONLINE at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) and click on EVENTS to link to the Drzaszcz page. Thank you!

**Parents Night Out Fundraiser**

to support Step by Step Christian Preschool

**Friday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Moorestown Community House

Tickets \$27

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 of our preschool's playground. Purchase tickets at Step by Step Preschool or contact [Amy Delgado](mailto:Amy.Delgado@fpcmoorestown.org) at (856) 235-7105. Checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**SIGN UP for safe and secure automatic withdrawal at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or contact [Norman Vandergrift](mailto:Norman.Vandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org)**

**Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**

- \* Maundy Thursday (April 18), 7:30 pm
- \* NEW: Good Friday 7:30 pm (April 19)
- \* Easter Sunrise 6:30 am (Cemetery)
- \* Easter 8:30 am-Contemporary
- \* Easter 9:30 am-Traditional
- \* Easter 11:00 am-Traditional
- \* No Adult Ed or Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter

**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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). Flowers are \$12 each and assorted spring varieties. For questions contact [Rachel Scarborough](mailto:Rachel.Scarborough@fpcmoorestown.org) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

**Maundy Thursday**

A poignant Maundy Thursday worship and communion service will be held in the sanctuary on **Thursday, April 18** at 7:30 pm, commemorating the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. Hear Caitlyn Posey preach the Word.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Please look for special One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes in the pews in the coming weeks. You may also give online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

**Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser for Missions Easter Sunday, April 21****Welcome New Members**

This morning we welcome new members of our church family who completed the Inquirers Class on March 9 and met with Session to give their Statement of Faith on March 10. A listing of these 12 new members is included in *Connections* so you can update your Church Directory. A new directory will be printed in the coming weeks. Please introduce yourself to these new friends and welcome them to our church family.

**Rev. Jean-Luc Krieg from Urban Mosaic; Guest Speaker Sunday, March 24**

Rev. Jean-Luc Krieg, born and raised in Ivory Coast, West Africa, and of Swiss-German descent, is founder and General Director of Urban Mosaic. Jean-Luc holds both an MBA in International Economic Development and a Master of Divinity degree from Eastern University (PA) and Eastern Seminary and is an ordained minister. Jean-Luc is presently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Africa. He has had an interest in working among Mexico City's urban poor since April 1991. He lived in Mexico twice before finally returning to Mexico in 2005 to pursue his vision of founding Urban Mosaic. Krieg has traveled to 56 countries and enjoys bridging worlds.

**WANTED: Part-time property staff, approx. 20 hours per week; mechanical skill set**

**Staff Profile: Ken Wehn**

Ken Wehn has been hired as the new Property Supervisor. Ken brings a lifetime of experience in the industry managing his own home inspection business Victory Home Inspections. He began in February and has hit the ground running.



Ken oversees the property staff, building improvements, construction, facility infrastructure and maintenance needs of the church. Ken is married to Carole Wehn, our Clerk of Session, and they have one daughter, Sierra, a student at Quinnipiac University.

**April Lunch Bunch Thursday, April 4 (12 noon)**  
**Speaker: John Coles, Moorestown Historian**

**Friday Nighters April 5**

Friday April 5 at 6:30 p.m.

"The Tribal Realities of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape"

Refusing to leave their ancestral homeland, family clans remained in South Jersey when other Native American tribes were forced west. Learn the history of the tribe as it continues to unfold today. Enjoy Appetizers, Fruit and Dessert. Please RSVP with Barbara Lewis at (609) 518-7420 by Wed. April 3<sup>rd</sup>. No charge for this program, just bring a dish to pass!

**Spring Prayer Retreat May 28-31, 2019**

Register online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) by April 7