

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 27 Menu: Pasta Night!**

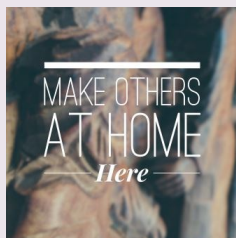
From 6-7 pm, Wednesday Family Dinner is a weekly meeting place where we can share a meal with our church family as all ages come together to share in church activities. Or just come for dinner. Donation \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per family. Thanks for helping us cover our costs. *Family Dinner ends April 10.*



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! Event is FREE; 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!

FPCM Way of the Week (March 24-31)



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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 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
Lenten Study: Room 8 (full)

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship. Please submit information by **noon Tuesdays** to:

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



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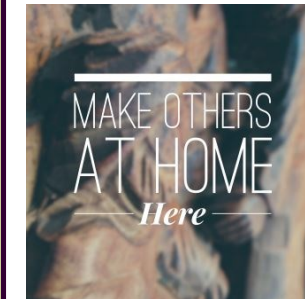


First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 24-31, 2019

GRACE NOTES

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You're the most important person in the room.

That's what a newcomer to a Twelve Step group often hears when she steps in her first meeting. Walking into the basement room of a church because you know you need help with an addiction to alcohol or drugs requires extraordinary courage. It's likely that it's a terrible day for the addict: her marriage could be ending, her job could be in danger, her very life may be on the line. She's walking into a room-full of strangers because she may have nowhere else to walk. She's probably scared to death as she opens the door.

You're the most important person in the room, she'll hear. Why? Those who are already in recovery for alcoholism or some other addiction understand that the reason they are in that room is to help those who are suffering from what they suffered from. Those folks in that room also know that they have to give away what was given to them in order to keep it because what they've got in sobriety is a gift that was given to them. Finally, when you welcome a newcomer and share what you've found in the rooms, you will always, always feel more excited about what you have in sobriety because you'll realize, by sharing, just how grateful you are.

This Way of the Week sounds like a duty but it's really a blessing wrapped in an opportunity. You're here at First Pres for others who need the Lord. Someone, somewhere in your life shared the gospel with you. Now, it's your turn to do the same. Finally, telling the visitor or newcomer to our church will get you pumped up about what God is doing here.

Go on, and make the newcomer the most important person here.
You'll be doing yourself a favor.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

March 31: 5th Sunday COMBINED Worship, 9:30 a.m.
No Sunday School or Adult Education

**5th SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 31

Combined Worship 9:30 a.m.No Sunday school, Adult EdFellowship Miller Commons**Deacons Food Drive**

Paper grocery bags with a [list of needed items](#) attached were distributed at church on March 10, and food is to be returned by **Sunday, March 24**. Please just leave the bags in the Commons Lobby in or by the food cart. Help the Deacons stock the Ministerium Food Pantry with food and toiletries.

**Preschool Parents Group**

Be nourished and take a respite from busy lives with little ones.

New Preschool Parents

Small Group meets

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Lounge. Contact

[Kelly LePenske](#) or [Tamara Trzeciak](#).

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, includes 2 nights lodging, meals

Registration Due April 25, 2019

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 or on our website (see Events).

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

Are you ready to ride? Urban Promise's Pedal for Promise is coming May 11 to Burlington County. So get your bike ready and ride to bring quality Christian education to Camden's youth. The 12, 30, or 62 mile loop is perfect for the novice to the road warrior. There are well stocked rest stops, SAG support on the road, and a fun lunch at the end. Create a church team or ride as a family or individual. Register: www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal.

Service Pledges 2019

This month members have completed their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways they wish to serve the LORD for 2019. Please complete yours today. Either print off the [Service Pledge Form](#) and turn into the church office, or [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 if you can help. Or sign up ONLINE at www.fpcmoorestown.org and click on EVENTS to link to the Drzaszcz page. Thank you!

RUMMAGE 102 is in the books! Shoppers reveled in bargains, volunteers deepened friendships and a girl in the Philippines is secure with her scholarship. Our 'leftovers' blessed Options Pregnancy Center and Habitat for Humanity. People in need from Camden to Pemberton will reap rewards of our efforts; homeless pregnant moms, adults with dementia, children with cancer, women fleeing abuse and sex trafficking, those in poverty or in jail or needing housing and those learning in our own Community Bible study. THANK YOU to everyone who supported our annual sale with good spirits, food, patience and a willingness to "Jump In" and "Join Hands." On behalf of Presbyterian Women and all those who are blessed by your efforts, our most sincere thanks!

- Gayle Payne and Cheryl Gaskill

**TODAY: Rev. Jean-Luc Krieg from Urban Mosaic**

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.

Welcome New Members!

This March, we welcome 12 new members of our church family: **Kathy Dalon, BJ Lemaire, Chelsea & Steve Margerum, Jason Rose, Corny & Millie Salvaterra, Leslie Spencer, Hugh & Sue Van Horn, and Merritt & Melissa Wikle**, Please introduce yourself to these new friends and welcome them to our FPC family.

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

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Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

- ♦ Maundy Thursday (April 18), 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- ♦ **NEW:** Good Friday (April 19) 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- ♦ 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 24** and **March 31** to decorate our worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. Order forms are available in *Connections* and on the church website www.fpcmoorestown.org. Flowers are \$12 each and will be assorted spring varieties. Contact [Rachel Scarborough](#) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

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.

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.

Staff Profile: Amy Delgado

Amy Delgado is entering her third year as Director of Step by Step Christian Preschool, where she manages all the affairs of the school including health, safety and licensing regulations, teaching staff, fiscal responsibilities and communications to parents and prospective families. She was the Assistant to former director Amy Agger and became Director in 2017. Her family has been involved with FPCM for years and her children attended youth programs and sang in choir. She LOVES summer, the beach and her family. She and husband Manny (former mayor of Moorestown) have 4 children Jacob, Isabella, Eliana and Caleb. Amy went to Glassboro State in the first graduating class of Rowan University.



Spring Prayer Retreat
May 28-31, 2019
Register online at
www.fpcmoorestown.org
BY APRIL 7

Friday Nighters

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 3rd**. No charge for this program, just bring a dish to pass!