

# FAMILY MINISTRY

There is no Sunday School on Palm Sunday (April 14) or Easter (April 21)

## Family Dinner Concludes April 10

The final Wednesday Family Dinner for the season will be this **Wednesday, April 10** from 6-7 pm. **MENU:** Roast Pork, Meatball Sandwiches, potatoes & String Beans, Corn, Salad.

## Fish Banks

On Palm Sunday, it is the tradition at FPCM to receive the [\*One Great Hour of Sharing\*](#) offering. Fish-shaped boxes were distributed to children in Sunday School. **Kids:** bring your banks with you on **April 14** to be received during the worship. *Hey, did you hear about Pizza with the Pastor? ...*

## Youth News

- ♦ **NOTICE:** Please check the church calendar for *Spring Recess event cancellations (April 19-28)*.
- ♦ [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

Have questions? Contact [Dan Wonneberger](#) 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**  
*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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## Children's Easter Celebration (candy donations welcomed)

The 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 office **by April 5**.

## Resurrection Eggs

On Palm Sunday morning April 14th, FAMILIES are welcome to join us in Room 3/4 to hear the Resurrection story told in a creative way using eggs! You and your family will then have the opportunity to create your own resurrection eggs to be used year after year!



## FPCM Way of the Week (April 7-14)



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Scriptures: Matthew 28: 19 – 20; 1 Timothy 4: 12

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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.**

## EDUCATION HOUR April 7, 2019

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: Rm. 8 (full)

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

Editor Jan Martin  
[jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org)  
856-235-1688, Ext. 133

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



# Connections

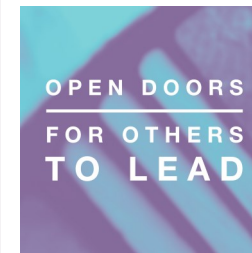


First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 7-14, 2019

## GRACE NOTES

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You there! You've been a member of First Pres Moorestown for a decade or several decades? Then you, my friend, are carrying a set of keys. The keys are "the capabilities, power, and access of leaders that carry the potential to empower young people [and those new to the church]." So write Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin, authors of the wonderful book, *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*. The first of these essential strategies of churches who want to grow younger or grow at all is to unlock keychain leadership.

The authors tell us about who has these keys in the church and how they might share or not share them. There are **Key-less Leaders**. There are young and inexperienced people in the church who have no access or power in the church. They are trying to prove they are worthy and able to hold the keys. Interestingly key-leaders aren't only young people. Sometimes they are older people who feel like they lost access and their voice. There are **Key-hoarding Leaders**. These leaders run the show and they aren't interested at all in surrendering their keys. When they die is when you'll get their keys . . . maybe. There are **Key-loaning Leaders**. These leaders will give you the keys for a while. You'll have to give them back though because key-loaning leaders will always do a better job than you will. Finally, there are **Keychain Leaders**. "Very aware of the keys they hold, they are constantly opening doors for some while training and entrusting others who are ready for their own set of keys."

So, long-time member of FPCM, which kind of leader are you? Let our Way of the Week get you thinking about who you can help get their own set of keys. And here's the reason why, as the authors of *Growing Young* write, "If you are willing to entrust your keys to young people, they will trust you with their hearts, their energy, their creativity, and even their friends. Yes, it can sometimes seem like more work than it's worth—but if you give them your access, you have the opportunity to touch a whole generation."

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**Upcoming Concert: "City Called Heaven"**  
**Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday) ~ 7:30 p.m.**

**Property Team News**

- ♦ **NEW HIRE:** We are pleased to announce the addition of **Fausto de la Cruz** to the property team as a part-time staffer. Fausto will be assisting with evening and weekend security and facility usage/room set up.
- ♦ **WANTED: Part-time property staffer,** approx. 20 hours per week; mechanical skill set. Please contact Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 106.
- ♦ **Truck Donation:** The church is looking for a used heavy duty pick-up truck to be used on the property. A donation or minimal cost is appreciated. Please reach out Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 106 or [egage@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:egage@fpcmoorestown.org).
- ♦ **Leaving a room?** Please take care to turn the lights OFF and make sure the room is how you found it — or better. Own Our Church.

**Volunteers Needed for Easter Food Baskets**

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with pickup (7:45am), packing (8:15am) and delivery (9:00am) of the Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, April 13**. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Welcome Center table and in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Helen Dominy at 856-235-5594 or [rmdsrillc@aol.com](mailto:rmdsrillc@aol.com)

**Mexico City Exploratory Mission Trip**

We will be heading to Mexico City for a 4-day exploratory mission trip from **Nov. 8-11** to learn more about the ministry of Urban Mosaic. The trip should cost approximately \$500. Our goal is to visit and learn about the ministry so that we can come back and report to the church what we have learned about ways to be involved with this ministry. Want to join our team? Email Linda at [misions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Thank You Karen**

Karen Grate concluded her employment with us on Wednesday, March 27. We appreciate all of her efforts over the last eleven years and as a congregation we express our gratitude and thanks for her service. We pray for God's blessing and peace for Karen and her family. Notes of appreciation for Karen may be written in the Commons Lobby or brought to the church office.

**Couples Retreat**

"The Heart of Marriage"

**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**

**NEW: Media Support Group**

Author Joanne Sumerson, PhD, a professor at St. Joe's University, Independent Research Psychologist, and Past President of the Society for Media Psychology and Technology, is offering a free support group called "Healing from Embarrassing Media Situations" for high school aged teens. There are ten spots available. No charge, open to the community and all our church members. Group meets Tuesdays, **April 30-June 11** from 6:30-8:00 pm in Room 8. To sign up contact Joanne Sumerson at (267) 240-2943 or [joannebrod-ersumerson@gmail.com](mailto:joannebrod-ersumerson@gmail.com). Below is the link to an electronic form.

<https://forms.gle/XLBAAHvri5MREfFb6>

**SPRING PRAYER RETREAT**

"Invitation to Retreat"

May 28-31, 2019 (\$275)

Holy Cross Monastery

West Park, NY

Hosted by Stuart Spencer

Register online at

[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)

BY APRIL 7

**Pick up a brochure at church**

**May 11 Pedal for Promise**  
[www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal](http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org/pedal)

**Service Pledges 2019**

Recently members 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.

**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 Worship-Contemporary** 8:30 am, Sanctuary
- ♦ **Easter Worship-Traditional** 9:30 am, Sanctuary
- ♦ **Easter Worship-Traditional** 11:00 am, Sanctuary
- ♦ No Adult Ed or Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

Please look for special One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes in the pews on April 14, Palm Sunday. You may also give online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). Parents: See page 4 for children's information about the 'fish banks'.

**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.

**Good Friday Tenebrae**

An evening Good Friday Tenebrae service will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 pm. *Tenebrae* comes from the Latin meaning "darkness" and uses diminishing light by extinguishing candles to symbolize the events from Palm Sunday to Jesus' burial. The service concludes in darkness and silence. Chris Palmer leads.

**ALPHA Begins April 24**  
**Introductory Meeting/Dinner**  
**Contact Jim Cole**  
**Series Begins May 1 (6:30pm)**

**Preschool Parents Group**

Preschool parents are invited to a small group that meets for the month of April on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Lounge. Open to any parents with young children who desire connection, support, and encouragement. For details contact Kelly LePenske ([klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org)) or Tamara Trzeciak ([tctrzeciak@gmail.com](mailto:tctrzeciak@gmail.com)).

**"City Called Heaven" Sunday, April 14 (7 pm)**

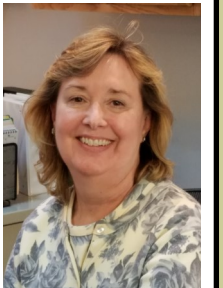
The First Presbyterian Church Adult Choir, Chapel Choir and the West Jersey Chamber Chorale and Orchestra present a "City Called Heaven" concert featuring music of the journey to and life in Heaven. Choral masterpieces from the baroque era, African-American Spirituals, American Folk Music and Modern music from England will be showcased. Tickets are available at the door: \$24/\$18 Seniors. All children and parents of Chapel Choir members, FREE. For information and tickets visit: [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org).

**Alternative Gifts for Mother's and Father's Day**

Consider giving an alternative gift this year to benefit scholarships for Nurses and Midwives to the MBF Hospital in Haiti. Special cards with art from the students at Urban Promise are being designed to give with your alternate gift message.

**Staff Profile: Alison Mackey**

Alison Mackey joined our staff in 2017 as the fulltime Administrative Assistant. She supports the Music Director and the Associate Pastor. Among her responsibilities are preparing bulletins, the prayer list, and the Letters of Well Wishing. Prior to working at FPCM, she was the Office Administrator at The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury for 11 ½ years. She also served as a short-term missionary in Togo, West Africa doing translation work. She is fluent in French and has comprehension of Italian. Alison has been an avid Phillies fan since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She enjoys running and loves to travel (and does so as much as possible). She has been an Awana Leader at her church for 24 years.

**Stephen Ministry**

Our way this week asks us to "open doors for others to lead." We have a new class of Stephen Ministers that will be commissioned on Sunday, April 28 so we are opening the doors for them to help lead. If you would like a Stephen Minister to walk with you at a difficult time, call Jan Amos at 856-234-0924 or the church office at 856-235-1688.

**Haiti 2020**

Save the date! January 4-11, 2020 we will again be heading to Haiti for a mission trip. If you would like more information, please email Linda Jagiela at [misions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org).