



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

**Fish Banks**

On Palm Sunday, FPCM supports [One Great Hour of Sharing](#), a Special Offering of PCUSA which provides disaster relief and food for the hungry. Today our children are returning their “fish banks” during both services. *It’s exciting: top class earns a Pizza with the Pastor party! ...*

**Enjoy your Spring Break!**

**Sun. April 21:** NO Wave

**Wed. April 24:** NO Primary Choir, Choristers, Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, or Flock

**Youth News**

- ◆ **NOTICE: Please check the church calendar for Spring Break 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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**Resurrection Eggs**

On Palm Sunday morning April 14th (9:45-10:45 a.m.), 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!



**Save The Date!**

- ⇒ **Wednesday, May 1:** Kingdom Kids end of year party (offsite)
- ⇒ **Wednesday, May 8:** Crossing Zone (offsite) and Flock end of year parties

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



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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 14, 2019**  
No Sunday School or  
Adult Education today

Lenten Study  
Room 8 (full) WILL meet  
on Palm Sunday

NOTE: There is no Adult  
Education or Sunday  
School next week on  
Easter Sunday.

“Connections” is published  
weekly for Sunday worship.  
Please submit information by  
**noon Tuesdays** to:  
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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 14-21, 2019

**GRACE NOTES**  
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I’m betting that you’ve never heard of Lilius Trotter. She was born in 1853 to a wealthy family in England. Though raised with almost every opportunity in education, culture and travel, Lilius developed a deep compassion for the poor. Lilius was not just materially wealthy, she was rich in the Christian faith.

In 1888, when she was thirty-four, Lilius set out for Algeria with two women to organize a mission to the poorest people of that country. Within ten years, she had established a strong organization and she became highly-regarded for her work and her wisdom. Remarkably, male Arab leaders welcomed her as a spiritual authority.

In her book *The Way of the Sevenfold Secret* Lilius Trotter wrote about the Christian’s need for a leader, or as they would say in Algeria, a *sheikh*. Every follower of Jesus needs a person or a spiritual guide. Read her insightful words and ask yourself: who is my sheikh?

*“When you have found a leader who is after your own heart, you yield yourselves to follow him. Each one in starting on the inward journey, puts himself [or herself] under the leadership of his director, and yields to him an obedience that is complete . . . You feel that your sheikh knows you through and through, and into his hands you deliver yourself, so you express it, as a corpse into the hands of the washer, that he may rid you of all impurity.”*

As I think of growing my faith, I think of the need for this kind of relationship. I must have someone like this in my life. Alone, I am easily convinced by my excuses and rationalizations. By myself, I’ll quickly find plenty of reasons to avoid doing the hard thing. But when I have someone (a sheikh) like this in my life I’m opening the door to the prison cell of self. Greg Ogden writes, *“Transformation occurs when we grapple with the truth of God’s Word in the context of transparent relationships. It is a biblical axiom that the Holy Spirit will have free sway in our lives to the extent to which we open our lives to another.”*

This Way of FPCM invites us to seek out such sheikhs but also to become such sheikhs. And that’s how our Christian faith will grow here in Moorestown.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**Special Meeting April 14, 2019 after 8:30 a.m. service  
for election of officers (Sanctuary)**

### Sign Up for ALPHA

On **Wednesday, April 24** the spring series of ALPHA begins with an introductory meeting. The 10-week series begins May 1. The ALPHA Course seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian Faith and encourage people to explore the meaning of life. The course meets on Wednesday evenings and one weekend. It begins with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by a DVD lesson and small group discussion. This course is designed for people who are exploring a relationship with Christ or are new to the faith and want to understand Christian beliefs. Series is open to the public. Reach out. Who can you invite to come with you? There are two tracks presented: Alpha I and Alpha III. Sign up online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or with Jim Cole at [jamescole7@comcast.net](mailto:jamescole7@comcast.net).

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

### 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**

### 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. Trip cost is approx. \$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 [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org)

**Arabic Evangelical Church of South Jersey** invites you to hear Rev. Dr. Adrea Zaki, President of the Protestant Churches in Egypt and President, Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Church. *TOPIC: Political Islam, Citizenship and Minorities; The Future of Arab Christians in the Middle East.*

**Sunday, May 12 ~ 3:30-5:00 pm**  
Fellowship Hall

### IHN Here April 28-May 5; Helpers Needed

The week after Easter, our church is hosting families in transition with Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Volunteers are needed April 28-May 5 to help with evening dinners, sleepovers, driving and visiting with our guests. New volunteers eagerly welcome!! Contact Deacon Chris Catanella at [christine.catanella@gmail.com](mailto:christine.catanella@gmail.com).

### Property News

- ◆ **New Hire:** We are pleased to announce the hiring of **Steve Margerum** to the property team as a part-time staffer. Steve will be assisting with evening and weekend lock-ups and maintenance/mechanical work. Steve and his wife Chelsea just joined the church in the last Inquirers Class.
- ◆ **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.

**May 2, 2019**  
**National Day of Prayer**

### April Session Meeting

**Tuesday, April 30th ~ 7:00 p.m.**  
(moved from April 23)

### 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. 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 [joannebrodersumerson@gmail.com](mailto:joannebrodersumerson@gmail.com) or sign up online: <https://forms.gle/XLBAAHvri5MREfFb6>



### 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, *Miller Commons*
- ◆ **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

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



Remember to bring in your fish boxes (pg. 4)!

### 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.

### "City Called Heaven" Sunday, April 14 (7:30 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).

### 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)).

### 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. Visit the Missionwares store!

### Haiti 2020

Save the date! January 4-11, 2020 we will again be heading to Haiti for a mission trip. Contact Linda Jagiela at (267) 275-7582 or [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

### Staff Profile: Joel Krott



Joel Krott has served as our organist/music director since 1974, and leads five vocal choirs for ages kindergarten through

adults. He also is conductor of West Jersey Chamber Orchestra and chorus, professional ensembles that regularly present concerts at the church and provide accompaniments for our church choirs.

He holds a Summa cum Laude degree from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. His education was enhanced through graduate work at the University of Oregon and Westminster Choir College as well as studies at the Summer Organ Academy at Haarlem, Holland, and in Copenhagen with the Department Head, Grethe Krogh. He also earned 36 credits in theology at Eastern Baptist seminary. He has presented nine concert tours as organist in Denmark and led three FPC choir tours in Denmark and Sweden. He is equally committed to leading worshipful music with all ages and strives to glorify God and edify His children through the great classical organ and choral works which are a treasure of Christian culture.

**A member of the Prayer Committee is available in the Prayer Room between services for personal prayer**

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are always working to grow in faith. Their role as a disciple is to share with those who need someone to talk to and to grow in faith together. We will commission our new Stephen Ministers on Sunday, April 28.