

FAMILY MINISTRY

JUNE 2: Youth Sunday, CREDO Recognition, Graduation Recognition

Volunteers for Children's Fresh Air Home

Volunteers are need to assist with day trips at the Children's Fresh Air Home in Wildwood. Volunteers will get guests signed in and accompany them to the beach for a day of fun. The following dates are in need of volunteers:

- ♦ Saturday, June 8th
- ♦ Tuesday, July 9th
- ♦ Wednesday, July 10th
- ♦ Friday, July 26th

Contact Milt McFalls at love2golf_us@yahoo.com or (856) 235-8466 to sign up!

Congratulations Confirmation Class

On May 22, our CREDO students presented their Statements of Faith to Session and became official members of First Presbyterian Church. They will be recognized in worship: **Sunday, June 2** (Youth Sunday). Please welcome our newest members:

Emily Blaskovich, Chase Cristella, Richard D'Angelo, Bobby Dominy, Kaitlyn Eagles Bryan Gaskill, Jacqueline Grant, Jack Legath, Charlie Moxhay, Christian Schad, and Sophie Wilt

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

And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation." (Revelation 5:9)

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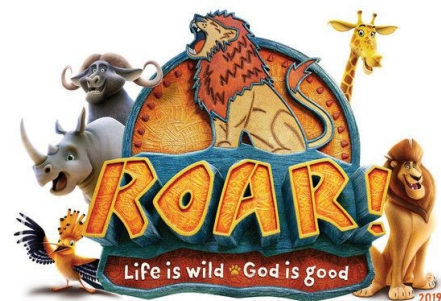


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ROAR! Life is Wild. God is good.

June 24-28
9:00 a.m.-12 noon each day

Who: Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2019).
In signups please enter current grade.
Cost: \$20 per child (\$15 for second child)
When: REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **June 16, 2019**
Register: www.fpcmoorestown.org/kids

AT ROAR VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, *God is good*. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the activities that help faith flow into real life. For more information contact Holly Ascitutto at 856-235-1688, Ext. 116 or email hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org.



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SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
(Memorial Day through Labor Day, May 26-Sept. 1)
- 9:00 am Traditional
- 10:30 am Contemporary

Connect. Devote. Serve. Worship.

EDUCATION HOUR

Sunday School and Adult Education ended on Sunday, May 26. There is no education offered in the summer months.

Kids and Adults:
We will see you in September!

"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](#).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 26-June 2, 2019

GRACE NOTES FPCM Way of the Week (May 26-June 2, 2019)

FIND STRENGTH
IN BELONGING

WAY #20: FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING. At FPCM, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.
Romans 14: 7-9, Acts 2: 46, Matthew 12: 25

Nadia Boltz Weber is the Pastor of a Lutheran congregation called The Church of All Saints and Sinners located in Denver. She is a former volleyball player who stands 6 feet tall and is covered with tattoos. Her church welcomes former prison inmates, drug users and some of the political leaders of Denver. Her one-of-a-kind church is alive and vibrant and wonderful.

But Nadia Boltz-Weber knows something about her church what I know about ours: it's filled with wonderful but broken people. We are not the First Presbyterian Church of Well People in Moorestown. Pastor Nadia's congregation frequently hosts a Welcome Brunch for the many guests and visitors who are drawn to this special church. There Pastor Boltz-Weber speaks to her guests: "I'm glad you love it here, but at some point, I will disappoint you or the church will let you down. Please decide on this side of that happening if, after it happens, you will still stick around. Because if you leave, you will miss the way that God's grace comes in and fills in the cracks of our brokenness. And it's too beautiful to miss. Don't miss it."

Way 20 of our Ways is a plea to stick around and stay with us. There is an ancient vow from Saint Benedict that underlines this statement of the culture we're seeking to create here. In the sixth century, Benedict created a set of guidelines or rules for men who were led to join his monastic community. The brothers at Holy Cross Monastery in New York still follow a version of Benedict's Rule. In addition to the three vows or promises monks make—poverty, chastity, obedience—Benedict added a fourth: stability. Simply put, the vow of stability is a promise to stay where you are. "Do not . . . run away from the road that leads to salvation," Benedict wrote.

It's hard to stay sometimes. Our feelings will get hurt. We won't get our way. Decisions will be made that will boil our blood like our morning coffee. Sometime, someone will say something hard or thoughtless to you. You'll get your heart broken here. It's hard to stay but it's better that you do. The practice of stability grows strength within you and within our congregation. It sends a powerful message these days. We promise that we're not going anywhere. We love God and we love our church and we're serious about patience. For we are joyfully certain that God's not done with us or you yet.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

Summer Hours (Memorial Day-Labor Day)
9:00 a.m. Traditional ~ 10:30 am Contemporary

Welcome New Officers

Elders Class of 2022

Rebecca Castellanos
Kelly Eagles
Cheryl Gaskill
Paul Grossmann
Jenny Revucky
Tamara Trzeciak
Pete Honeyford (1 year term)

Deacons Class of 2022

Chris Catanella
Mary Christensen
Jenna Cole
Sheila Diehl
Jean Donahue
Andrew Ehala
Paul Gordon

Trustees Class of 2022

Adrienne Barr
Wendy Dougherty
John Miller

Check it Out:
Front Yard Fellowship!

Everybody is welcome to join us in our Front Yard for Fellowship, Food and Fun! **Sunday, June 2** right after church in the Front Yard. Bring a side dish or dessert, we'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks. Bring your lawn blanket and lawn chairs and be ready for some fun games, music and fellowship! Rain or Shine! Info: contact the church office at (856) 235-1688.

Doug Derry to be Installed
as Presbytery Moderator

On Tuesday, June 18 FPC will host the Stated Meeting of the West Jersey Presbytery. Light refreshments will be served from 6-7 pm. The Worship meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary and will mark the Installation of our own Doug Derry as Moderator of the WJ Presbytery. Volunteers are needed for logistical help. All are invited to celebrate this evening! Please [contact Jan](#) in the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 133.

PURCHASE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TICKETS ONLINE - FPCM MEMBERS ONLY:

Would you like to purchase your Strawberry Festival tickets ahead of time? Well now you can! Please click the REGISTER button on the [SF page](#) on our website and enter your member information. Your registration will allow for 1 ticket, click the PURCHASE ADDITIONAL TICKETS check box and select the number of additional tickets you wish to add to your order. Tickets will be at WILL CALL at the sign-in table when you arrive that evening.



Knitting Network

The Knitting Network will meet Saturday, June 1 from 10 am-Noon. Come and pick up some yard for summer projects!

The church office will be CLOSED Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

June 9 is Pentecost
(wear red)



Memorial Day 5/26—Labor Day 9/1
9:00 a.m. Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary

Mark Your Calendars!
“Front Yard Fellowship”

- ◆ Sunday, June 2 — Noon after church
- ◆ Tuesday, July 16 — 6-8 pm
- ◆ Tuesday, August 20 — 6-8 pm
- ◆ Sunday, Sept. 8 for Kickoff Sunday (Noon)

Spring Gathering for
Women of the Church

All Women of the Church are invited to a Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women
Monday, June 17 ~ 6:30 pm

Scrumptious appetizers and desserts followed by a program "Four Letter Words" by Rev. Dr. Deborah Brincivalli Executive Presbyter from the West Jersey Presbytery Bring a Friend!

RSVP to mrsmurphyiii@gmail.com or on sign up sheets in the Commons Lobby.



62nd Strawberry Festival
Friday, June 7 (6-9 pm)

You and your friends and family are invited an evening packed with community spirit and FUN! Proceeds benefit local mission work. There's something for everyone: homemade cakes with fresh strawberries, Moorestown Community Band, face painting, balloon artists, inflatables, food tent and more! Tickets just \$7; children 3 and under FREE. Purchase tickets at church or from any Deacon, Elder or Trustee. Members: purchase tickets on our website (see pg. 2) and on Sundays. Moorestown Hardware and Maurizio's Bistro are also selling tickets!

- ◆ **Over 300 cakes** are needed to serve the community! Any flavor and size cake (cupcakes too) welcome. Please SIGN UP in the Commons Lobby, the narthex and by the kitchen. PLEASE PRE-CUT YOUR CAKE.

- ◆ **Volunteers needed!:** We need help with all aspects of the festival from serving cakes or ice cream and strawberries to helping kids on the inflatables to serving beverages! SIGN UP in the lobby for available time-slots! Open to high school or older; bring Community Service forms to get credit for your efforts. [A sign-up genius is also available.](#)

- ◆ **Strawberry Hullers:** We will be cutting the strawberries on

Thursday, June 6 at 3pm until they are all cut! Come for an hour or what you can spare. Bring your favorite small knife, a tray and a colander. Come ready to laugh and have fun! Pizza and soda served at 5pm! A sign-up genius is available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry>

12-Hour Prayer Vigil by
Prayer Committee

Saturday, June 1 is a 12-Hour Prayer Vigil. Members will be praying for our church, our families, our communities, and welcome personal requests and/or your praying presence at the indicated locations. Join in person or call in your requests to any prayer warrior! [See our website](#) (Events) and today's bulletin insert for the schedule and praying teams.



Alternative Gifts for
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 can be used to give your alternate gift. Visit the Missionwares store off the lobby.

It's a 5th Sunday!
Sunday, June 30 (9:30 am)

Staff Profile: Barbara Duffy

Barbara Duffy joined First Presbyterian Church in 2015 as a consultant to update our web presence. Since that time this position has evolved to include many technology related duties and Barbara is now our IT Specialist. Trained as a programmer, her background includes writing code, CAD design and teaching Microsoft applications and web design at the Community College level.



Although you may not often see her in the office (she works part-time) you are 'seeing' her voice on our website, our Facebook page and on Sunday mornings as you view the Lobby Monitor slide show. Barb helps us communicate with the congregation and those we want to draw into First Presbyterian Moorestown.

Originally from Camden County, Barb now lives in Salem County in a historic home with her husband Brian. Together they have five children, three children-in-law and six grandchildren – holidays and family vacations are an event!

Thank You from the
American Red Cross!

On behalf of the American Red Cross and the many lives you helped, thank you to the congregation for the most successful ARC Blood Drive ever at FPCM — **29 units of blood** were donated and all were O+ and O- blood type, the most universal. This is a great gift from donor to recipient, a gift of life! — Deborah Heller