

# FAMILY MINISTRY



## 2019 Denmark Touring Choir: July 28-August 7

### Calling all Cookie Makers and Buyers!



On Friday, June 28, our Vacation Bible School week concludes with the special Closing Program at 10:00 am. There is a cookie reception after the event and we need your help filling up the tables with delicious treats! There will be a bin in the Commons Lobby for you to place donated cookies. Gluten-free and nut-free cookies also accepted!

### Summer Youth Happenings

Gather with your friends throughout the summer to hang out at the church and just “be” with one another:

- ⇒ **Middle Schoolers Get Together** — Wednesday afternoons 4-6 p.m.
- ⇒ **High Schoolers Get Together** — Monday evenings 6-8 p.m.

Contact Youth Director Dan Wonneberger at cell/text (856) 745-6596, Instagram or [dwnonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:dwnonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org).

**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

“I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy; your young will see visions and your old will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike . . .”

Acts 2: 17, 18

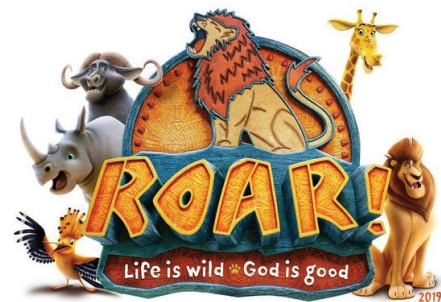
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ROAR! Life is Wild. God is good.

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



**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](http://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. INFO: contact Holly Ascitutto at 856-235-1688, Ext. 116 or email [hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org).

TEENS and ADULTS: Interested in being a VBS volunteer? **WE NEED YOU!** Visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org/kids](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/kids)

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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 on Sunday, September 8 for Fall Kickoff!

“Connections” is published weekly for Sunday worship. Please submit information by **noon Tuesdays** to:  
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Are you receiving our **Friday e-blast** with announcements, FPC news and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



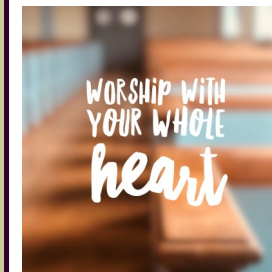
# Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

June 16-23, 2019

## GRACE NOTES FPCM Way of the Week (June 16-23, 2019)



**#23: WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

- Scriptures: Matthew 6: 33; Psalm 150: 6

*What is the chief end of human life?*

*To know God by whom men [and women] were created.*

*What reason have you for saying this?*

*Because He created us and place us in this world to be glorified by us, and it is indeed right that our life, of which He Himself is the beginning, should be devoted to His glory.*

John Calvin, The Catechism of the Geneva Church

YOU WERE MADE TO WORSHIP GOD and when you and I worship we are most fully ourselves as God created us.

You were made for God's pleasure. When I understand this, plenty changes in my life. As Rick Warren wrote in *The Purpose Driven Life*, “Bringing enjoyment to God, living for his pleasure, is the first purpose of your life. When you fully understand this truth, you will never again have a problem with feeling insignificant. [Worship] proves your worth.”

But what is worship? It's a good question to raise because not everyone here knows the answer. In an 1828 edition of Webster's dictionary, worship was defined as, “is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission.” That's good! Following this definition, worship shifts our focus from ourselves or others to God alone. Worship puts me in my proper place because God is where He belongs—on the throne.

Here's another way to understand worship. Chris Collins of Verge Network, offers this helpful notion: “Biblical worship is the full-life response-head, heart, and hands- to who God is and what He has done.” Chris based this definition upon Jesus' description of our life's purpose: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)

Our Way of the Week awakens us to promise that God can be and should be worshipped in all times and places. But don't forget that there is a unique opportunity that comes every Sunday morning when we gather twice for worship. Those are the most important hours of our week as a congregation for everything flows from our worship. Worship is that central.

So won't you join me? *Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!*

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**Have you signed up for VBS? Registration deadline is TODAY!**



### IHN Here July 14-21

We will be hosting guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network here from July 14-21. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation, visiting, driving and overnight accommodations. Contact Deacon [Chris Catanella](#) to learn more ...

### 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 West Jersey Presbytery. **All are invited to celebrate this evening!** Please contact [Jan Martin](#) in the church office at (856) 235-1688 if you can help.

### June Session Meeting June 25, 2019 ~ 7:00 pm Welcome New Elders

### June 30 is a Fifth Sunday

June is a five-Sunday month which means we will gather for one combined worship service at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary followed by a special fellowship time in Miller Commons. What an awesome time to bring a friend to First Presbyterian Church!

### Dine and Donate for Missions

**Sunday, August 11**

[Bertucci's Italian Restaurant](#)

1220 Nixon Drive

Mount Laurel (by Moorestown Mall)

### Prayer Labyrinth

As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Ethan Gaskill will be landscaping the new Prayer Labyrinth. This prayer walk, which is located by the cemetery entrance, will be named in honor of Associate Pastor Dr. Richard Herman. Ethan has raised the \$1,000 needed for the project and is planning the layout. It is hoped to dedicate the labyrinth in the fall.

### WATCH for a new Ways Devotional booklet available Sunday, June 23!

### New Front Yard Fellowship

It was a festive outing June 2 for our initial Front Yard Fellowship potlucks, coordinated by one of our small groups! Three additional outings are scheduled - be sure and save the date:

- ♦ Tuesday, July 16 (6-8 pm)
- ♦ Tuesday, Aug. 20 (6-8 pm)
- ♦ Sunday, Sept. 8 (noon), Fall Kickoff.

### 2019 Scholarship Awards

It is our honor to announce the recipients of the 2019 First Presbyterian Church Scholarship Award as nominated by the Family Ministries and Music Ministries staff. These graduating seniors have participated in our programs for years. Each will receive a \$250 scholarship. These scholarships have been made available to encourage those active at First Presbyterian Church who are graduating high school as they live out their Christian faith.

### Moorestown High School

Lizzie Brown, Nick Cartwright-Atkins, Lauren Clark, Hannah Corbin, Kevin Denmark, Logan Donahue, Sofia Gutierrez, Lauren Hynoski, Drew Jordan, Tommy Londres, Kelly Moxhay, Isabel Perham, Lauren Pickul, Nate Wilkie, Ethan Wilt

### Other Schools

Steve Kaiafas (Delran High School); Ryan McKinnon (home schooled); Jess Zorn (Delran High School)

### Spring Gathering for Women of the Church

Attention Women of the Church! Women of all ages are invited to a Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women on **Monday, June 17th** at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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

RSVP to Jane Murphy at [mrsmurphyiii@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmurphyiii@gmail.com) or on sign up sheets in the Commons Lobby.



### 62nd Strawberry Festival

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered, attended, bought tickets, sold tickets, grilled burgers, watched children, baked and bought cakes, dished ice cream, hulled strawberries, brainstormed new ideas, attended committee meetings, created flyers, made phone calls and supported this church-wide fundraiser for missions and community outreach. **SPECIAL THANKS** to our incredible co-chairs Laurie and Anthony LaMonica, and April Meyers and Le-land Butler!



Laurie & April were everywhere!



What a beautiful summer evening



See the lobby slides  
for a photo collage!



### For Father's Day Select an Alternative Gift

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.

### June 22 Here I Am, Lord Service Day

On **Saturday, June 22** we will be working with [Feeding 5000](#), a Philadelphia outreach. We will meet at New Covenant Presbyterian Church (240 Creek Road, Mt. Laurel) at 8:30 am to make sandwiches then head to Philly to feed the hungry on Logan Square. All ages welcome! Sign up on our [website](#). Back around 1:00 pm-ish.

### 2019 Denmark Touring Choir will be commissioned on Sunday, July 21

### Stephen Ministry

As we rest and reflect, we realize that some people cannot do this due to stresses in their lives. If you or someone you know is feeling too much stress, maybe a Stephen Minister can help. If you would like to find out more, call Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or call the church office.

### Something exciting is coming to First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown!

On Sunday, October 27th, FPC Moorestown will leave the building to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the community! Every single member of our congregation (and guests!) will have an opportunity to serve others in the name of Christ. This day will feature opportunities to feed the hungry, serve the homeless, care for our environment, support mission partners, and truly live out the commandment of our Savior to serve "the least of these" as we would serve him (Matthew 25: 21-46).

We need YOU to make this day a success! All members of our community are invited to attend the next "The Church Has Left The Building" planning event on Thursday, June 27th at 7:00 pm. Can't make it that night but still want to help? Or maybe you just have questions? Contact Linda Jagiela at (267) 275-7582 or [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).



Independence  
Day Holiday:

Church  
Closed  
July 4-5