

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## 2019 Denmark Touring Youth 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 [dwonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:dwonneberger@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

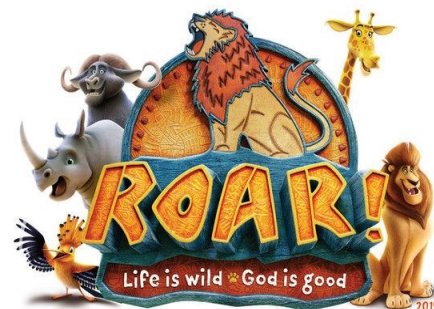
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ROAR! Life is Wild. God is good.

**JUNE 24-28**  
**9:00 a.m.-12 noon each day**  
**Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade**  
**SO FUN!**

AT ROAR VBS, kids will 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.



It's going to be an awesome week!

THANK YOU to all the adults and teens who are sharing the example of Jesus.

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### SUMMER WORSHIP

(Memorial Day through Labor Day)  
- 9:00 am Traditional  
- 10:30 am Contemporary

**Connect. Devote.  
Serve. Worship.**

### EDUCATION HOUR

Children's Sunday school and Adult Education take a break for 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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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

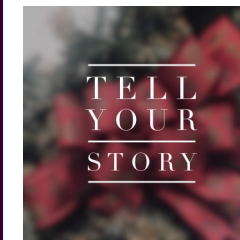


First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

June 23-30, 2019

### GRACE NOTES

#### FPCM Way of the Week (June 23-30, 2019)



**WAY #24: TELL YOUR STORY.** God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

- Scriptures: Luke 8: 39; Psalm 107: 2; Acts 1: 8

WHEN I was a teenager there was a man in my church named Bill Baronsky. Bill stood out from everyone else. He was a contractor, a blue collar guy sitting in a congregation filled with white collar professionals. Bill was big and loud. His favorite expression, which he said about a hundred times a day was, “Praise the Lord!” Bill had tons of miracles stories from his life. As a teenager, I admired Bill a great deal. But in comparison to his life, mine was boring. There were no miracles taking place that I could see. I had nothing to share. God wasn’t doing much of anything; or so I thought. If you too think you’ve got nothing to say; you do.

Truth is that God is working in your life and if you have faith to look, you’ll find plenty to share with others. Here’s some advice I’d pass along from a pastor named John Ackerman. One, don’t look only for the “big events.” Those big events are nice and often come at the beginning of our faith journey, but God most often comes in small daily acts. Two, don’t concentrate on your failings. Rather than obsessing over what you’ve done wrong, look to God’s gifts first and turn to receive God’s forgiveness.

**Stop:** This may be the hardest thing to do. Find a quiet place where you can be undistracted for a few moments. Ask God to bring His light and truth to your mind so can see.

**Look:** Look closely at your blessings from the last twenty-four hours. Pick out and relish the gifts you have received: an answer to prayer, a small kindness someone from your family or a friend did for you, or a stimulating idea that you learned from the Scriptures.

**Listen:** Pray about what you can learn from what you have seen and noticed in your life. Thank God for every blessing, no matter how small. Are you free of pain today? Did you arrive safely to work or school? Make a prayer—mental or written—offering your thanks and your whole life to God. And then, ask God for the opportunity to speak to someone about what He has done.

This Way encourages us to pray for opportunities to share our faith in Christ with others, thus inviting them to know Jesus, whom we love. All God asks of us is that we’re willing to open our mouths, God will do the rest of the work of salvation. The Church of Jesus Christ has always grown when Christians tell their story.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**Vacation Bible School June 24-28 ~ It’s the “mane” event!**



### IMPORTANT New Locking System to be Installed

The church is installing new doors locks and, effective July 1, current keys will no longer work. **The building doors will be unlocked from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening (if events are scheduled).** Entry doors will be the glass lobby doors and the back staff lot door. After July 1 if you have keys to the church, kindly return them to the office for recycling. For questions please contact [Earl Gage](#) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 106.

### 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 ...

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

#### 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)



### With Deepest Thanks

*I would like to express my thanks to the staff and many volunteers in the FPC-Moorestown community who contributed to the success of the West Jersey Presbytery gathering on Tuesday, June 18. Although too numerous to list here, I hope to be able to reach out to each of you individually to convey my appreciation. The Choristers and soloists were amazing. Several people spoke to me about the friendly atmosphere of our church family that evening. I hope to be able to live up to your high expectations over the coming months.*

- Doug Derry

### Front Yard Fellowship

We had an awesome time at our first Front Yard Fellowship on June 2 coordinated by one of our small groups! Is your small group wondering what to do this summer? Join hands with FYF to love people, BBQ and keep the fun going! Send Kelly an e-mail at [klepens-ke@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:klepens-ke@fpcmoorestown.org). **Save the date for our next FYF on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm and bring a friend!**

### 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 actively 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 Guttierrez, 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)

### Denmark Tour July 28-August 7

This summer a group of 52 singers ranging in age from third grade to college, will travel overseas for a nine-concert performance tour. Thirty-five adults will oversee the group. The choir will perform 7 concerts in Denmark, one in Germany and one in Sweden in historic churches, some dating from 1100. Some songs will be in the native languages of Danish, German and Swedish; the repertoire includes classical masterpieces by Schubert and Allegri, folk songs and hymns and African-American spirituals.

This will be the fourth FPCM Denmark tour; the others were in 2006, 2009 and 2015. The tour participants will be commissioned during worship on Sunday, July 21 at the 9:00 a.m. traditional service.

### 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 LeLand Butler!

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers try to worship with their whole heart. They want to help those who find it difficult to do that. If you need a Stephen Minister or know someone who does, call Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or call the church office.

### Knitting Network

The Knitting Network will meet **Saturday, July 6** from 10-12 noon. More knitters are wanted to help us make items for charity—all simple patterns from donated supplies. Call Betsy Gildehaus with questions please (856) 234-5414.



### Coming this July: Complete Parking Lot Renovation (all 3 lots)

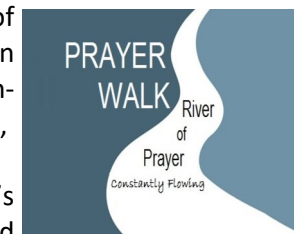
Please contact Nancy Burkley at [naburk@rcn.com](mailto:naburk@rcn.com) if you would like to obtain a group discount for using Virtua Fitness in Moorestown.

### New Devotional Guides Available for Ways 1-5

The next round of our 25 Ways culture statements begins July 7. Follow along with a beautiful new 5-week daily devotional guide for Ways 1-5, including related scriptures and illustrations. Suggested donation is \$10 each; all proceeds will support our prayer ministry. The book is part of a 5-book set, with each addressing five Ways. Get yours in the Commons Lobby on Sundays, the church office, or text "\$10 pray" to 84321. If you already have an account you will simply be charged. If you haven't used our online donations, you will be guided through a simple process. Want to have the complete 5-book set? It's yours! Suggested donation \$50. Contact the church office at (856) 235-1688.

### Prayer Walk July 13th

"You're Invited! **Saturday, July 13th** come be a part of the River of Prayer, flowing from FPCM Room 3-4 beginning at 8:30 am with a light breakfast. From there at about 9:00 am, we'll cascade through the streets and neighborhoods of our town and congregation, praying for God's grace and guidance, presence and power to spread throughout the community. Scripture card guides will be available. All ages are invited. Look for the map in the Commons Lobby! **Please RSVP** on FPC's website Coming Events or contact [Joyce Peacock](#) at 609-923-4135 (text) or [jpeac@comcast.net](mailto:jpeac@comcast.net).



### 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 office closed July 4 and July 5**