



See insert for a complete list of all the volunteers who were a part of Team VBS!



### 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

**Memory Verse**  
“That’s the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone’s duty.”

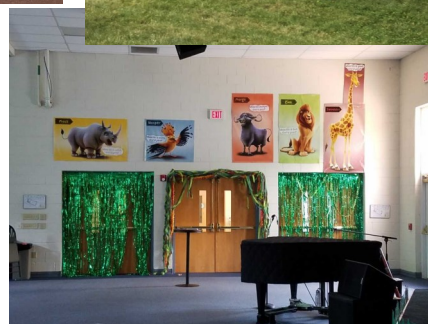
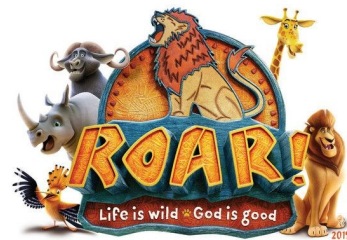
- Ecclesiastes 12: 13

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**Vacation Bible School June 24-28**  
**ROAR! Life is Wild. God is good.**



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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:  
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



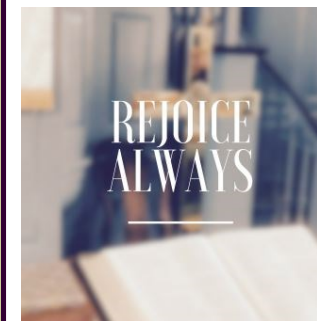
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June 30-July 14, 2019

### GRACE NOTES

June 30-July 14, 2019 (double issue)

### FPCM Ways of the Week (June 30-July 14, 2019)

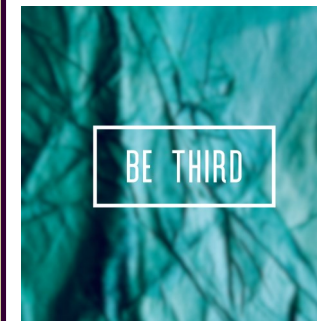


**WAY #25: REJOICE ALWAYS (June 30-July 7).** The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith to be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

- Scriptures: Luke 15: 22-24; Philippians 4: 4; Proverbs 17: 22

OUR LAST of our 25 Ways is the perfect last word as we try to define our culture. May we always be a happy church, a rejoicing church, a party-throwing church. Moorestown and the surrounding communities need to know in the worst way that there is

wonderful news to hear and believe. We worship and serve the God of the Party! One of the best parties I’ve been to was our Vacation Bible School, which was held here last week. There were 200 party goers here from Monday to Friday. Each morning, our halls and rooms were filled with the best sounds of laughter, singing, and praying. Party on, FPCM!



**WAY #1: BE THIRD (July 7-14).** God is first, others are second, and you’re third. Don’t just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don’t think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

- Scriptures: Philippians 2: 4

WE’RE STARTING over with our Ways. This has been the plan from the beginning. We’ve embraced these 25 statements, intended to define and shape our atmosphere, as the Ways we’re trying to be the church. So let me remind you again to Be Third

the week starting on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Look to the interests of others before your own. Think less of yourself and others more. God loves and blesses humble Christians and humble churches.

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** My family and I will be away attending a family wedding the weekend of June 29-30. I will be away on a Study Leave July 1-8, returning to the church on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. In my absence, [Kelly LePenske](#) is available to provide pastoral care, or you may contact Jan in the church office at (856) 235-1688.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**SUMMER UPDATE to the Membership Directory now available in the Commons Lobby. Please let the office know of any corrections.**



### 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 table outside Missionwares for recycling. For questions please contact Administrator Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 106 or [egage@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:egage@fpcmoorestown.org).

### IHN Here July 14-21

We will be hosting guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network here from July 14-21. Volunteers are still needed for meal preparation, visiting, driving and overnight accommodations. Contact Deacon [Chris Catanella](mailto:Chris.Catanella@fpcmoorestown.org) at 941-773-3001 cell to learn more ...

### Interested in Acolyting?

The Worship Committee is preparing the acolyte schedule for 2019-2020. Any parents of youth second grade or older who are interested in acolyting please contact Sarah Rotter at [sarah.rotter@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.rotter@gmail.com) or (609) 332-9067 cell/text. This is a wonderful way to engage children in worship and bring the light of Christ.

### Dine and Donate for Missions

**Sunday, August 11**  
[Bertucci's Italian Restaurant](http://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 Tuesday evening. 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!**

### Deacon Toiletry Drive

Deacons will be holding a Toiletry Drive for St. Matthew's Ministerium June 30-July 14. Paper Bags will be handed out with a suggested item list on June 30th at the 9:30 am service. Please return the bags anytime to the Commons Lobby (next to the shopping cart) by **Sunday, July 14**. Thank you in advance for your donations! Questions: Contact Deacon Helen Dominy at 856-235-5594 or [rmdsrillc@aol.com](mailto:rmdsrillc@aol.com)



### The Lord's Supper

Communion for July will be on **July 14** (moved from July 7). Communion in August will be on **August 11** (moved from August 4).

### 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 a.m. traditional service.

### Stephen Ministry

We hope you can rejoice in the Lord and appreciate the joy of your faith. If this is difficult for you because you are going through a difficult time maybe a Stephen Minister can help. Call Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474 or the church office to ask about Stephen Ministry.

### 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)

### Fitness Discount

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: PW Matching Game

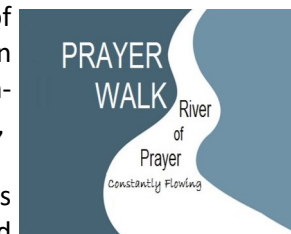
LOOKING FOR persons with great detective skills to enter our contest. Match the sweet children with the 12 lovely ladies of the PW Coordinating Team and win a prize. ALL members, staff, visitors, men women and children are eligible to win. Check out the bulletin board across from the kitchen for pictures and entry forms. Contest ends **July 12th**.

### 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](mailto:Joyce.Peacock@comcast.net) at 609-923-4135 (text) or [jpeac@comcast.net](mailto:jpeac@comcast.net).



### It's Coming: "The Church Has Left the Building"

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! Couldn't make it to one of the two planning events 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).



**Please let the church office  
know of any updates to your  
contact information**



**Independence  
Day Holiday**  
**Church office  
closed July 4  
& 5 (Th-Fri)**