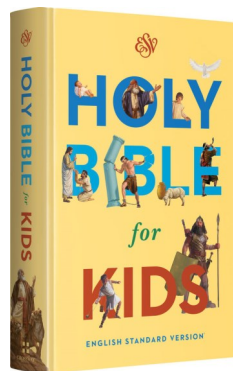


FAMILY MINISTRY

FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY is Sunday, September 8th! (see page 2)



Bible Sunday for Third Graders

On Bible Sunday, September 8, we will present Bibles for children entering 3rd grade. If you'd like your child to receive a Bible, contact Holly Asciutto at 856-235-1688, Ext. 116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org with their name as it is to appear and if you will attend the Traditional or Contemporary service.

CREDO Confirmation

⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 15:** CREDO Confirmation Class begins, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (3rd Floor)

Aw Crud

It's time for the annual gloppy, gooey, messy, insanely fun kickoff to the middle school and high school youth program year ... Crud Wars! Grades 7-12

Sunday, Sept. 15 (12 noon-2:00 pm)

Church back field. Bring a can of shaving cream, a towel and change of shirt for the ride home

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

*"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

For Families and Children:
Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116
hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

For Families and Youth:
Dan Wonneberger
856-745-6596 (cell/text)
dwnonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org

Experience the Magic ... "Sing or Ring" in One of our Choirs This Year

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry under the leadership of Director of Music Joel Krott and Bell Choir Director Kathy Gunsallus. Come try it this year! You know you want to! Choir rehearsals begin:

- **Bell Choir:** Tues. Sept. 3 (6:00 pm)
- **Choristers** (Grades 5-8): Wed. Sept. 11 (5:00 pm)
- **Adult Choir:** Thurs. Sept. 12 (7:30 pm)
- **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4): Tues. Sept. 17 (4:00 pm)
- **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12): Tues. Sept. 17 (7:00 pm)
- **Primary Choir** (Grades K-1): Wed. Oct. 2 (4:00 pm)

Sunday School Teachers for All Ages Open

Join Hands with us and teach our children in Sunday School this year! Come and experience the joy of sharing God's love and His word with our youngest members. Lessons are all planned and the teaching is done in a team approach so you are never alone and do not have to be available every Sunday. To learn more contact Holly Asciutto at 609-273-7465 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.



Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is coming up fast. From Crud Wars for Grades 7-12 at noon on **Sunday, Sept. 15th**, to Wave on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd**, to Kids Groups and Family Dinner kickoffs on **Wednesday, October 2nd**, we are so excited to be getting together again.

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057
www.fpcmoorestown.org
(856) 235-1688

Rev. Stuart Spencer
Pastor/Head of Staff
sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org

Kelly LePenske
Pastoral Associate
klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org

SUMMER WORSHIP
(summer hours end Sunday,
Sept. 1, Labor Day wk.)
- 9:00 am Traditional
- 10:30 am Contemporary

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

**Yes! We're
BACK**

EDUCATION
(Sunday School and
Adult Education)

We will see you on
Sunday, September 8
for Fall Kickoff!
(see page 2)

"Connections" is published
weekly for Sunday worship **and**
every two weeks in the
summer. Please submit infor-
mation **by noon Tuesdays** to:
Editor Jan Martin
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



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Aug. 25-Sept. 1, 2019

GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week August 25-September 1, 2019



#8: JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

Scriptures: Micah 6: 8; James 2: 14-17; 1 John 3: 18

Jump In!!! Where have you jumped in or seen others jump in? I have been blessed by being involved in two projects here at First Pres where I've seen many Jump In.

Celebration of Faith Weekend – Just over a year ago our church held a weekend to understand and celebrate our faith. What started as a small nucleus of eager committed participants soon expanded into seven committees and over a hundred volunteers. All **Jumping In**. We had visitors from around the country come and speak to us in small groups, over meals and during services. Members hosted these visitors in their homes, held Saturday coffees, organized two dinners, a luncheon for women and one for men, and a Friday and Saturday worship service. The preparation that went into these events by the committees and volunteers was tremendous, driven by prayer and God's hand. A joyous and meaningful weekend attended by hundreds took place due to volunteers and attendees whose faith and enthusiasm never wavered - all willing to **Jump In**.

Live Streaming – A few years ago I chaired the church's Technology Committee when it was decided to live stream our Sunday services so that anyone anywhere in the world could view them. There was no budget and it was technically complex. Live Streaming happened, but only because many **Jumped In**. We needed a camera – our IT person **Jumped In** and donated it. We needed fiber optics - a committee member **Jumped In** and got two companies to donate and install what we needed. They **Jumped In** nudged by God. One obstacle though was that the wiring needed to go under the Sanctuary in the crawl space. Dan Wonneberger said he would do it; that is, he not only **Jumped In**, he jumped under (the Sanctuary). That's how we ended up with Live Streaming – all willing to **Jump In**.

From 1 John 3:18 *Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other;
let us show the truth by our actions...*

Sunday, September 8th, is our Fall Kickoff Sunday; classes start, we return to regular service times, we present Bibles, commission our teachers and enjoy a Front Yard Fellowship BBQ after church. **Jump In!**

Elder Hank Heidler

REMINDER: Last Summer Hours are Sunday, September 1

Fall Kick-Off**Sunday, September 8**

Our 2019-2020 program year kicks off in grand style on Sunday, Sept. 8 with Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Reconnect after the summer as we kick off our fall ministries. It's a wonderfully busy day for every age.

- **Regular Worship Schedule:**
- 8:30 am Traditional
- 11:00 am Contemporary
- **Sunday School Kick-Off (9:45-10:45 am)**—Kids: Meet your new teachers
- **Adult Education** — Dive Deeper into the sermon series and learn Why Rest Matters
- **Teacher Commissioning** at both worship services
- **Bible Presentation** to 3rd Graders (see pg. 4), a gift to grow with and treasure
- **Front Yard Fellowship** — BBQ on the front lawn (12 noon). Bring a dish and lawn chairs.

**Food Pantry Help**

Our Food Pantry is completely out of or low on the following. How about picking up an item or two on your next grocery trip? Please leave in the shopping cart in the Commons Lobby

- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Canned fruits
- ⇒ Tomato/spaghetti SAUCE (no other tomato products please)
- ⇒ Canned foods (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, beef stew etc.)
- ⇒ Juice
- ⇒ Canned tuna
- ⇒ Canned chicken

**Major Grounds Work!****Undies Sundays**

SPECIAL THANKS for the generous donations of undies and PJ's from our caring congregation to the kids in Camden. From the smallest to the teenagers, your gifts will make a big difference and will be greatly appreciated. Three weeks of collections and we have bags of goodies to donate! To each and to all - heartfelt thanks.

Gayle Payne, PW Missions

Please SIGN IN on the worship attendance pages.
We're glad you're here.

Have an Immediate Prayer Need?

The Prayer Team is ready and available to pray for your request. Simply text the wording to be shared to 609-923-4135 or 609-332-7513 and the team will be notified immediately. Updates and praises are appreciated!

A Note from Your Stewardship Team

Church operations continue year-round, and your Stewardship Committee reminds you that the traditional drop in giving during the summer months greatly affects the health of our church as well as those who rely on our support. Thank you for your faithful generosity. Please consider taking advantage of [online giving](#) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Contact Norm Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688, nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

The church office is looking for a Friday morning volunteer to answer the phones and do light office tasks.
Call Jan Martin at (856) 235-1688, x133

Prayer Vigil September 21st (6 am-6 pm)
Looking to REBOOT YOUR YEAR?

Many of us consider September as a fresh start. Families gear up and reorganize as we embark on a new academic year. You are invited to carve out an hour to pray for our church and church families — a means also of dedicating one's personal family schedule and family dynamics to the Lord for His guidance and direction. Choose your spot and time — at home, in the church Lounge, or offer your home for a partner/small group to gather to pray together for an hour. Sign up on the website or one of the circulating lists. Look for the Guidelines to make the most of your time. Join in person or call in requests! Contact Joyce Peacock at (609) 923-4135 or jkeac@comcast.net.

TODAY: Devotional Guide for Ways 6-10

Volume 2 in our book series illustrating the 25 Ways culture statements is now available! Like the first guide for Ways 1-5, Vol. 2 is a beautiful 5-week daily devotional guide, including related scriptures and illustrations for Ways 6-10. 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'll 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.

PW Fall Gathering
Monday, September 16
6:30-8:30 p.m.**Have You Tried ALPHA?**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. A new series of dinner sessions begins with an introductory session **Wednesday, Sept. 4** at 6:00 p.m. in Room 3-4 and Room 6. Two separate tracks are offered; see course descriptions and register for this small group on the Events page of www.fpcmoorestown.org.

**Missions Collections**

Please see the clear bins in the Commons Lobby for many ongoing Missions collections:

- ♦ School Supplies for students at Haiti Outreach Ministries
- ♦ Entirely Black Shoes and black Sneakers for students at Haiti Outreach Ministries
- ♦ Diapers sizes 1 & 2 for babies at Hope Alive Clinic in Haiti
- ♦ Full sized toiletries for girls at House of Hope home in Haiti
- ♦ Travel sized toiletries for Feeding 5000
- ♦ Plastic grocery bags to make sleep mats for the homeless at Christian Caring Center
- ♦ Used cell phones and lap top computers for Haiti Outreach Ministries (please drop off at the church office).
- ♦ Proteins for the Blessing Box: canned tuna, sausage, chicken, Spam, and peanut butter. The box is being used regularly and it is truly a blessing to those who have a need. Place food directly in the box or in the shopping cart located by Miller Commons.

Happy 131st Birthday FPC

In honor of the church's celebration of its founding on September 12, 1888, members can donate to the future of FPC by giving to the [September 12 endowment fund](#). The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. In September, look for special pew envelopes and mailings; place gifts in the offering or give online.

Front Yard Fellowship

Thanks to all who came out for the Aug. 20 Front Yard Fellowship and enjoyed the free BBQ and live music! There's one more opportunity. On **Sunday, Sept. 8**, Fall Kickoff Sunday, we will gather for our Front Yard Fellowship after party. Keep the day's fun going. Bring a dish to share (we'll provide the hamburgers and hot dogs) and a lawn chair if you like.

**Reserve Tables for the September 15 Ministry Fair**

Share opportunities to *Connect. Devote. Serve. Worship.* Introduce your ministries to members and draw in new volunteers. This year the Ministry Fair will be held in Fellowship Hall, allowing for greater movement and space. This is always an important event for our church as we seek to not only showcase some of our important work but also recruit volunteers. To reserve a display table, contact [Earl Gage](#) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 106 by **Friday, August 30th**.

Dine and Donate for Missions

Monday, September 16
Iron Hill Brewery
124 E. Kings Highway
Maple Shade
www.ironhillbrewery.com

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Here September 22-29
See how you can help!
Contact [Chris Catanella](#)