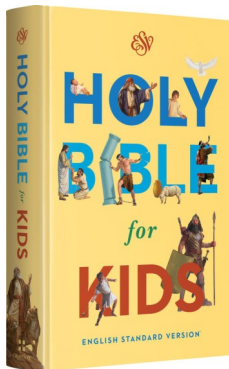


FAMILY MINISTRY

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. RSVP by **Sept. 4** please.

CREDO Confirmation

⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 8:** 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

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Make This The Year To Experience Music ... Choir Rehearsals Begin for 2019-20

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)

Have You Sunday School Teaching Opportunities 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.

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SUMMER WORSHIP

(summer hours end
Sunday, September 1)
- 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)

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Are you receiving our **Friday
e-blast** with announcements,
FPC news and upcoming events?
If not, contact the [church.office](mailto:church.office@fpcmoorestown.org).



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

September 1-8, 2019

GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week September 1-8, 2019

PRAY FIRST
AND PRAY
AGAIN

#9: PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.

Ask first for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

Scriptures: Proverbs 3: 5-6; Matthew 6: 10; Ephesians 6: 18

There are many ways to pray. You can follow a prescribed order, like ACTS:

- A** – Adoration – tell God how much he means to you
- C** – Confession – name your sins
- T** – Thanksgiving – tell God how he has blessed you
- S** – Supplication – pray for the needs of others

Prayer, talking with God, can happen at any time, in any place. I find that the red light turns faster when I use the time to pray The Lord's Prayer. If I am annoyed by another driver I try to pray for them, asking that they get where they need to go safely. It calms me down. When I have trouble sleeping I often pray the alphabet – asking God to bless the person or place that comes to mind as I work my way through the ABCs. Lately I have used the same format to name my blessings. I toss and turn less, letting God take over my thoughts. A simple "thank you" at the beginning of a meal is a great appetizer!

Several years ago I heard about PUSH – pray until something happens. I prayed for years about something, and finally was blessed with understanding. I am learning to trust Him, and lean on Him when I am worried or disappointed. Sometimes the answer to my prayer is getting a different attitude. I find I worry less when, instead of telling God what I want, I put an issue in His hands, and ask for guidance and patience. A joy shared is multiplied, a worry shared is halved.

Talk to God. He is a great listener!

Jane Murphy

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 and CREDO Kick-Off (9:45-10:45 am)**—
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 living gift for our youngsters
- **Front Yard Fellowship** — FREE BBQ on the front lawn (12 noon)! Bring a side dish or dessert and lawn chairs; we'll provide the burgers and drinks.

**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

Knitting Network

The September gathering of the Knitting Network will be **Saturday, Sept. 7** from 10-12 noon in Room 2. All skill levels are welcome!

**Friday Nighters
Begins October 4:
Stillwaters Gospel Band**
**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!

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

Lunch Bunch

Save the date for the first event of the season on **Thursday, Oct. 3** (12 noon) in Fellowship Hall. Visit with friends over a delicious lunch on the first Thursday from October to May. \$5.00 per person. Pastoral Associate Kelly LePenske will share special small group opportunities.


**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.

Simplify Giving with Auto Payments

This year take 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.



**Church office will be
CLOSED
Monday, September 2
in observance of Labor Day**

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

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.


**PW Fall Gathering
Monday, September 16
9:30 a.m. (note new time)**
Devotional Guide, Vol. 2

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. **Volume 3 is coming next week!**

September 15 Ministry Fair

Explore 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. **Visit the display areas and learn about new opportunities to make a difference this year.**

**Dine and Donate
for Missions**

Monday, September 16

Iron Hill Brewery
124 E. Kings Highway
Maple Shade

www.ironhillbrewery.com

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.

**Interfaith Hospitality
Network (IHN) Here
September 22-29**

Volunteers are needed for dinners, sleepovers, and driving. New volunteers eagerly welcome for this transitional housing ministry. Contact Deacon Chris Catanella at Christine.catanella@gmail.com or (941) 773-3001 cell/text.

PW Fall Gathering

All women of the church are invited to the PW Fall Gathering on **September 16th at 9:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. This will kick off our monthly small group (Circle) Bible Study "Love Carved in Stone." The book presents the Ten Commandments as Ten Words from God, a love letter from God, and a means of understanding the heart of Jesus. An introduction and review of the first chapter will be given by our own Pastoral Associate Kelly LePenske. Bring a friend, meet our Circle leaders, participate in the installation of officers and be inspired by our speaker Kelly. Breakfast goodies provided. Books will be available — suggested donation \$10.

Missions Collections

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

- ♦ School Supplies
- ♦ Entirely black shoes and black sneakers
- ♦ Diapers sizes 1 & 2
- ♦ Full sized toiletries
- ♦ Travel sized toiletries
- ♦ Plastic grocery bags
- ♦ Used cell phones and laptop computers (please drop off at the church office).
- ♦ Proteins for the Blessing Box: canned tuna, sausage, chicken, Spam, and peanut butter. Place food directly in the box or in the shopping cart by Miller Commons.

**See you at Front Yard
Fellowship September 8!**