

FAMILY MINISTRY

⇒ SIGN UP for Kids and Youth Groups at www.fpcmoorestown.org

Our Sunday School Year is Beginning!

Classroom Assignments This Year

- ◆ Nursery: Preschool Wing
- ◆ 3-4 Years: Room 15
- ◆ Grades K-1: Room 13
- ◆ Grades 2-3: Room 10-11
- ◆ Grades 4: Room 7
- ◆ Grades 5-6: Room 3-4
- ◆ CREDO: 3rd Floor
- ◆ Middle School: 3rd Floor



CREDO Confirmation Class

⇒ CREDO Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45 a.m. on the 3rd Floor.

TODAY: Crud Wars!

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

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
- Matthew 11:28

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Choir Rehearsals Get Underway -- Opportunities for All Ages

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)

Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is coming up fast. Our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. Here are the start dates:

- ⇒ Crud Wars (grades 7-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 15th** (noon)
- ⇒ Flock (grades 7-8) on **Wednesday, Sept. 18th** (6:30-8:30 pm)
- ⇒ Wave (grades 9-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 22nd** (6:30-8:30 pm)
- ⇒ Family Dinner (all) on **Wednesday, October 2nd** (6:00-7:00 pm)
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) on **Wednesday, October 2nd** (4:45-5:45 pm)
- ⇒ Crossing Zone (4th-6h) on **Wednesday, October 2nd** (6:30-7:30 pm)



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WORSHIP HOURS

- 8:30 am Traditional
- 11:00 am Contemporary

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

EDUCATION HOUR September 15, 2019

Nursery: Preschool Wing
3-4 Years: Room 15
Grades K-1: Room 13
Grades 2-3: Room 10-11
Grades 4: Room 7
Grades 5-6: Room 3-4
CREDO: 3rd Floor
Middle School: 3rd Floor
No Adult Ed Sept. 15 due to Ministry Fair

SEPT. 22 Adult Education

- Dr. Paul Booker:
"Breathe In: Generous Rest" (Fellowship Hall)
- 3 C's Begins October 6

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. 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



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GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week September 15-22, 2019



WAY #11: MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE.

Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ welcomed you, for the Glory of God." - Romans 15: 7

DEACONS ARE TRUE servants of the church, here to make sure others are taken care of is at the heart of who we are. This can be done in small ways: a simple greeting as you enter church. Or, by actually welcoming families into our church for a full week through IHN. We host different families 6 times a year and take care of all matters, large and small, during their stay. That could be simple fellowship, making a meal to share, or providing transportation if needed. We do what we can to make sure they feel at home.

We also take the welcoming spirit outside of our church walls. If home is where the heart is, we bring that heart to others via "food baskets" for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We are blessed to be able to deliver 12 bags of groceries to local families during these Holidays.



On occasion we have the opportunity to make a difference for a congregant, or someone tied to our church in some way. These instances are truly gratifying.

If you are aware of someone who is in need of being "welcomed," please let us know how we can help. If you would like to help, Deacon's Sunday will be November 17th and we would welcome any support.

Matt Moxhay, Deacons Moderator

TODAY: Visit the Ministry Fair between services

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 is the kickoff of PW's 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 Circle leaders, participate in the installation of officers and be inspired. Breakfast goodies provided.

Please SIGN IN on the attendance pads. Membership uses this data.



Dine and Donate for Missions

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

Devotional Guide, Vol. 3

Volume 3 in our book series illustrating the 25 Ways culture statements is now available! This 5-week daily devotional guide includes scriptures and illustrations for Ways 11-15. Suggested donation \$10; all proceeds 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'll be guided through a simple process. The complete 5-book set is available too—suggested donation \$50.

Adult Education Sept. 22

Why does the Sabbath matter? Are we seriously called to rest as disciples of Christ? Special guest Dr. Paul Booker dives deeper into the Gospels to explore psychological and physical benefits of rest, sociocultural barriers, and how Christ calls us to *transcendent rest*.

Pastor Appreciation; Prayer Labyrinth Dedication

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is **October 13th**. If you would like to share some kind words of appreciation with our Pastoral staff, there will be baskets located in the Commons Lobby and in the Narthex to receive cards and notes for Rev. Stuart Spencer and Pastoral Associate Kelly LePenske.

After the 11:00 am service that day, please join us outside at the beautiful new Prayer Labyrinth for a short **Dedication Ceremony honoring Pastor Dick Herman**. The ceremony will be followed by cake as we celebrate the ministry of Rev. Dr. Herman and our current First Presbyterian pastoral staff.

Simplify Your Life with Online Giving

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.

Have an Immediate Prayer Need?

Simply text the wording to be shared to 609-923-4135 or 609-332-7513 and the Prayer Team will be notified immediately. Updates and praises are appreciated! Contact [Joyce Peacock](#) for questions.

The church office is looking for a Friday morning volunteer to assist callers 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 jkpeac@comcast.net.

September 15 Ministry Fair

TODAY explore opportunities to *Connect. Devote. Serve. Worship.* Visit displays in Fellowship Hall between services to learn of new opportunities to make a difference. This is always an important event for our church as we showcase some of our important work but also draw in new volunteers. **See bulletins for special guides available in worship today!**

New Alpha Series Begins

A new series of Wednesday evening dinner sessions began with an introduction Sept. 4; join the series at anytime. Two separate tracks are offered; see course descriptions and register for this small group on the Events page of www.fpcmoorestown.org. Alpha is an 11-week series exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Newcomers are encouraged. Contact [Jim Cole](#).

Save The Date: Marriage Workshop with Dr. Steven Treat Saturday, October 30th

IHN Volunteers Needed

Sept. 22-29 we will be hosting homeless families for IHN. New families to bring dinners and food, sleep over, or drive are eagerly encouraged to get involved in this wonderful opportunity to serve! Contact  Chris Catanella at christine.catanella@gmail.com. *Please note meetings that week may shift to alternate rooms.*

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. Look for a [letter](#) from the pastor and special envelopes in the pews and your envelope boxes; give securely online too!

Lunch Bunch

Don't miss the first event of the Lunch Bunch season **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 is the featured guest speaker. Come learn how to engage with exciting adult ministries,

Friday Nighters

The Friday Nighters season opens on October 4 with favorite "Stillwaters Gospel Band." Back by popular demand, this band presents a varied program, with Gospel, Pop and Bluegrass, mixed in with old Favorites. Enjoy this unique group of talented local musicians. 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.

5th Sunday is Coming; Taste of Africa

On September 29th, we will gather for our first 5th Sunday of the program year, with a **9:30 a.m.** combined worship and Taste of Africa event, highlighting African missions. Our guest preacher will be Dr. Bruce Main from Urban Promise. There is no Sunday School or Adult Education that day.

Stewardship Series Begins Sept. 29

Our three-week stewardship series "Giving Stories" begins on Sept. 29 and features Stewardship Moments challenging each of us to listen to God's call. Speakers are: Sept. 29 (Brian Perkowski), Oct. 6 (Steve Shaffer) and Oct. 13 (Jeff & Jenny Legath). The series culminates on Oct. 20th with Consecration Sunday and a catered Celebration Brunch.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the giver's need to give for *their own* spiritual growth. The focus is on engaging followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Watch your mail for a letter with more information as we "Dream Big."

During a **COMBINED 9:30 a.m. worship service** on October 20th, members will dedicate their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries. Guest Leader and dear friend Rev. Katie Sundermeier will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by



members filling out their commitments as a confidential act of worship. Luncheon RSVPs will be collected in the weeks before and church leaders will call households to obtain luncheon attendance. We want everyone to attend the Celebration Brunch!

If money were no object, what would I like to see our church do?