

# FAMILY MINISTRY

Visit the Ministry Fair Sunday, Sept. 15. Where can you lend a hand this year?

## Our Sunday School Year is Beginning!

**Kids: Go directly to your classrooms**

### 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

⇒ **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

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 8, 2019 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Nursery: Preschool Wing  
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Grades 2-3: Room 10-11  
Grades 4: Room 7  
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Adult Education  
Preview: FH B

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



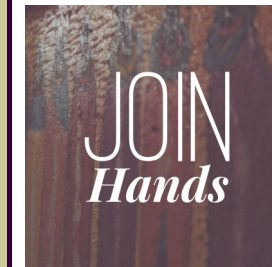
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## GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week September 8-15, 2019



### WAY 10: JOIN HANDS

**Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all. (Ecclesiastes 4:9; Proverbs 27:17)**

THIS SUMMER, I had the incredible opportunity to travel to Salyersville, Kentucky with the Moorestown chapter of the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). I had been wanting to go on a missions trip for years, but with four kids, an overworked husband and a lively household to run, I could never seem to break away. When my son Christian decided to go on ASP this past summer, I knew my time had come to "jump in" and "join hands." If I waited for life to quiet down, I was never going anywhere!

So, on July 21 in the wee hours of the morning, I drove one of the 15 vans full of sleepy-eyed kids on a 10-hour journey to Southeastern Kentucky. Over 100 Moorestown High School students and several adult chaperones came together to serve the poverty stricken people of Salyersville. Each morning before we left for our work sites, we "joined hands" ... literally ... in prayer. We prayed for the families we were serving and for the grace and wisdom to know how to best help them. Then we piled back into the vans, tool boxes in tow, to again "join hands" and as a team consulted, collaborated and planned the day at our sites.



I was not expecting what happened next ...

There is an unspoken power in God's people "joining hands", an intangible bonding and connecting that happens when we work together towards a common goal to serve each other. Virtual strangers, united in prayer and bound by faith, become FAMILY connected by the power of a shared experience. The Holy Spirit was alive and moving among us. By the end of the week, my team and I had not only renovated a bathroom and a laundry room, but we extended our family circles to include *each other* and the beautiful Kentucky family that welcomed us into their home. I cried when we left Salyersville (not a shock to those who know me!) overwhelmed with gratitude to be part of such a wonderful program.

Moral of the story? Don't be afraid to JUMP IN and JOIN HANDS! Matthew 18:20 tells us, "For where two or more are gathered together in MY name, I am there in the midst of them." There are so many ways, big and small, to jump in to this vibrant FPC community... DO IT TODAY! Don't wait for life to quiet down. The Holy Spirit moves easily through chaos ...

Elder Tamara Trzeciak

**Next Week: Visit the Ministry Fair ~ Sept. 15 between services**



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

Today our 2019-2020 program year kicks off in grand style!

- **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 at both services
- **Front Yard Fellowship** — BBQ on the front lawn (12 noon). We will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Last names **A-P**: please bring a Side Dish or Salad; Last Names **R-Z**: Dessert. Dress comfy for church and don't forget your lawn chairs!



### Devotional Guide, Vol. 3

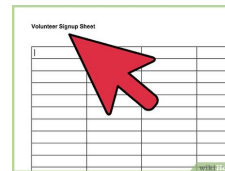
Volume 3 in our book series illustrating the 25 Ways culture statements is now available! Like the earlier guides for Ways 1-5 and 6-10, Vol. 3 is a beautiful 5-week daily devotional guide, including scriptures and illustrations for Ways 11-15. Suggested donation is \$10; all proceeds will support our 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.



**It's Coming!  
Sunday, October 20**

### 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 our Circle leaders, participate in the installation of officers and be inspired by our speaker Kelly. Breakfast goodies provided.



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

### 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](mailto: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 [jkeac@comcast.net](mailto:jkeac@comcast.net).

### 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 Wednesday evening dinner sessions began with an introductory session Sept. 4. Two separate tracks are offered; see course descriptions and register for this small group on the Events page of [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).



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

### 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 between services, allowing for greater movement and space. This is always an important event for our church as we showcase some of our important work and highlight current needs. **Visit the display areas and learn about 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](http://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. Look for a [letter](#) from the pastor and special envelopes in the pews and your envelope boxes; give securely online too!

### 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](mailto:christine.catanella@gmail.com). Please note meetings that week may shift to alternate rooms.

### 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 be the featured guest speaker. Come learn how to engage with exciting new 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.

### From the Property Team

This has been a BUSY spring and summer for our property staff, led by Ken Wehn, with long-needed renovations addressed, funded (several through donations) and undertaken. Some of these include:

- ◆ Extensive tree pruning and removal to beautify grounds
- ◆ Major overhaul of cemetery. Hardscaping the center, raising the markers and adding soil to level the grounds. Dave Olsen is doing the work.
- ◆ Installing new security cameras throughout building, grounds.
- ◆ Major painting both inside and out of the building.
- ◆ Major overhaul of the yard beds. Pruning, weeding and mulching. Church Has Left the Building volunteers will plant flowering bulbs all around. Dave Olsen is doing the garden bed overhaul.
- ◆ Locks changed for all exterior doors.
- ◆ Complete tune up of all HVAC units in the building, 18 total
- ◆ Boilers will be tuned up in time for cold weather including repair of several system leaks
- ◆ Underground storm drain repaired where it had been damaged by gas company over 16 years ago.
- ◆ Downspouts installed where several had been missing. Walt Koenig installed downspouts.
- ◆ Basement completely cleaned out and new shelves installed to keep area organized
- ◆ Replacing old worn outlets in the building. Switching lights to LED for efficiency
- ◆ Built racking system in Fellowship Hall storage room to organize the table and chair storage and custom shelving for IHN storage. Jon Sandeen and his sons built the shelves.