

FAMILY MINISTRY

Check out The Church Has Left the Building Oct. 27—great kid-friendly projects!

New Homework/Reading Rooms

PARENTS: Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 16th, we will provide homework/reading rooms for children who do not participate in Family Dinners; specifically for those children who would rather do homework, read etc. Per church policy we must have separate rooms for boys and girls since the areas will not be chaperoned. The boys will be able to utilize the Prayer Room, and the girls the Hayes Room. This will be from 6:00-6:30 pm only. If you are a parent of a child that will use these rooms and are present during Family Dinners we encourage you to check in on these spaces once in a while.

Come to Youth Group

- ⇒ Flock (grades 7-8), **Wednesdays** 6:30-8:00 pm (started Sept. 18)
- ⇒ Wave (grades 9-12) **Sundays** 6:30-8:30 pm (started Sept. 22)
- ⇒ Open to the community, friends welcome!

High School Retreat

Registration is OPEN for the January 24-26, 2020 high school retreat; visit Events: www.fpcmoorestown.org

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

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

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Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups has begun! Our groups are enjoying another year of activities and growing as God's people. PLEASE SIGN UP on the Coming Events page at www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Gather Around the Dinner Table

You don't need to cook, you can join us for Family Dinner! On Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm, take advantage of this great time to be together with your family and your church family. We ask that you donate \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Please help support this ministry with set up or clean up help. Contact Holly Ascitutto to volunteer. Thank you for clearing away your areas in Miller Commons.

- ⇒ **October 23 Menu: Chicken Tetrazzini, Meatballs, Ravioli with Marinara, Roasted Vegetables, Bread and Beverages**



Join a Choir 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! Be a part of this intergenerational ministry here at First Presbyterian. Visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/choir. Open to members of the area community. Choir rehearsal dates:

- **Bell Choir:** Tuesdays 6:00 pm
- **Choristers** (Grades 5-8): Wednesdays 5:00 pm
- **Adult Choir:** Thursdays 7:30 pm
- **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4): Tuesdays 4:00 pm
- **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12): Tuesdays 7:00 pm
- **Primary Choir** (Grades K-1): Wednesdays 4:00 pm

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WORSHIP HOURS

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

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

EDUCATION HOUR SPECIAL NOTE

There is NO Sunday School or Adult Education on **Sunday, October 20** due to New Consecration Sunday or **Sunday, Oct. 27** for The Church Has Left The Building. Both dates will feature one **9:30** worship.

Classes resume **Nov. 3**. Adult Ed that day will be a Mission Panel for the Mission Fair (see page 3).

“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](#).



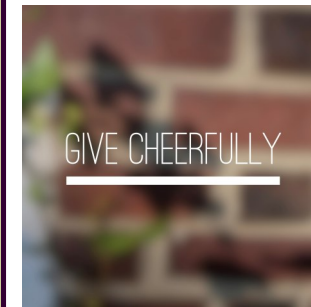
Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

October 20-27, 2019

GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week October 20-27, 2019



16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you—time, abilities and money—ask, “How is God calling me to share what I've been given?”

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 7; Luke 6: 38

Friends,

Consider giving your time, talents, and financial resources to the church. It is the constant refrain this time of year. When we are generous with our time, it shows in the quality of our relationships, at work, family, church, etc. If you are generous with your talent, I suspect that the same outcome would apply – better relationships in every endeavor. If you are generous with your financial resources, shouldn't this also be the same? The difference is that when you are generous with your financial resources in your church relationship, it is one way that you are expressing your generosity in your faithful relationship to God.

The act of giving requires a leap of faith for some. Throughout our stewardship program we highlighted different testimonials from Brian Perkowski, Steve Shaffer, Jeff, and Jenny Legath that all echoed a similar theme — that it was difficult in the beginning. Still, they got themselves into a place of trust, and when they turned their financial resources over to God, things changed, and their lives turned in a decidedly positive direction.

There aren't any guarantees that your giving will lead to a successful outcome. A challenge has been issued to consider a small increase in your giving and see if you don't experience these positive ways that the Lord will work similarly in your life. So, here is my final challenge for this stewardship campaign, if you are not currently active through the church's many programs, find something that suits your specific talents and become engaged in the work of the church. Our church is always seeking intelligent and hard-working people. It has been a great experience serving our church in this stewardship capacity because I'm able to get a first-hand view of all of the great work that is done by our church staff, its lay leadership, and the many people who generously give their time. Thank you in advance for another terrific year!

Elder Mike Baker

**TODAY: New Consecration Sunday and Celebration Brunch
Welcome Rev. Katie Sundermeier!**

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

On **Sunday, Oct. 27**, FPC Moorestown will not be AT church, we will BE the church. Every member and guest will have an opportunity to serve others in the name of Christ. Choose from 24 projects to feed the hungry, serve the homeless, care for our environment, support mission partners, and truly be the hands and feet of Jesus. ALL AGES. [Register online](#) today or look for sign up sheets at church. Come in work clothes. We will begin with a brief worship at 9:30 a.m., and return for a potluck dinner about 4:00 pm to share photos of the day. Questions? Contact Jen Allen at wjvallen@icloud.com or Missions coordinator Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org or the church at (856) 235-1688.



[Sign up online!](#)

Dr. Steve Treat Returns

PLEASE JOIN US for a unique Marriage Workshop with Dr. Steven Treat on **Wed. October 30th**: "Connecting and Reconnecting in Your Marriage: Growing Closer, Growing in Intimacy." Have Date Night at Family Dinner at 6:00 pm before the workshop! Sign up online at www.fpcmoorestown.org Coming Events or the sign up sheet in Commons Lobby. FREE.



November Lunch Bunch Thursday, November 7 Speaker: Linda Jagiela

Thank You from Deacons & Sunday School Children

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated much needed food for FPC's Food Pantry and the Ministerium Food Pantry at St. Matthews. Sixty-eight bags of food were returned to the shopping cart during our fall food drive. We were able to fully restock our church pantry and donate the rest of the food to the Ministerium!



Chick Fil A Dine & Donate

Thursday, October 23
Support our Preschool!
5:00-8:00 pm
Centerton Square Mall

Give Thanks, Give Blood

Thanksgiving is the time for our American Red Cross Blood Drive, which will be held **Monday, Nov. 4** from 1-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact Debbie Heller for an appointment at 856-273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net; walk-ins welcome! Give Thanks! Give Blood! To sign up online visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Do your adult children have a new address? Help us update our records.

Christmas Toys

I know that it's October but before you know it Christmas will be here. Please think of the disadvantaged children of Camden when you begin your holiday shopping and put something bright and new aside for them. We have a wonderful, caring congregation and over the years you have been very generous. Please help us again. If you have any new toy(s) leave your donation at the church office with my name attached, or bring the item to my home 329 Springhouse Lane in Moorestown.

Gratefully,
Annette Emerson

The church office is looking for a Friday morning desk volunteer. Interested? Call [Jan Martin](mailto:Jan.Martin@fpcmoorestown.org) at (856) 235-1688, x133

THANK YOU to all who made possible the Prayer Labyrinth – to Mary Christensen and her dedicated committee, to Dave Olsen who installed the Labyrinth, and Ethan Gaskill who planned, fund-raised and guided installation of the border plantings as an Eagle Scout project, and to Pastor Stuart and Kelly for their constant love, support and encouragement. I am honored and humbled by the efforts of so many and the love shown by all in giving this gift to the church and the community as a way to mark the marvelous years we shared together falling more in love with Jesus, growing in His likeness and shining His light in the community and the world. A pastor could not ask to serve Christ in a more gracious and loving fellowship of His people. My love to you all. ~ Dick Herman

Rev. Katie Sundermeier Special Guest Oct. 20

Sunday, Oct. 20 is Consecration Sunday, the culmination of our stewardship emphasis. During one **9:30 a.m.** service, members will dedicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord's Work. Guest Leader Rev. Katie Sundermeier will preach on "transformed giving" and members will fill out *2020 Estimate of Giving* cards. We will enjoy a delicious meal together as a church family at the Celebration Brunch, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit at work in our lives.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the giver's need to give for his or her own spiritual growth. The focus is on living a generous Christ-centered life. Our sermon series "Giving Stories" has challenged us to listen—really listen—to God's call. And to step forward in faith while stepping up giving where possible.

We want everyone to attend this Celebration! If you are unable to attend, Estimate cards may be turned in ahead of time and will also be mailed in the coming weeks. Contact the church office.

If money were no object, what would you like to see our church do?
Dream Big!

Friday Nighters November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Program: *Arlington: Field of Honor*. Discover how Arlington National Cemetery came to be and how it serves as the resting place for both the famous and obscure. Catered meal (\$10 per person). RSVP to Jane and Kim Murphy, 856-427-0618 by **Oct. 28th**

Sign up for 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

Please sign up for a designated time to pray for our church, our families, our communities Oct. 19-20 as we reflect on our stewardship focus for Consecration Sunday October 20 - "*What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?*" Time: 6:00 am Sat. Oct. 19th to 6:00 am Oct. 20th. [Sign up online](#) and select a 30-minute time to reflect on God's call to you. Pray in your own homes and at a time that is convenient.

No Adult Ed Oct. 20, 27; Missions Panel on Nov. 3

Classes begin again on Nov. 10th! Join us for:

— **3 C's Class** (Coffee, Conversation & Christ), 9:45 a.m. Stop in the Lounge as we dive into Scripture and apply its wisdom to our everyday lives. Teens and adults.
— Nov. 10 & 17: **Sanctified Sisters**. Don't miss this rich 2-week series on the history of women in the Protestant church, taught by Dr. Jenny Legath. Learn how the deaconess movement created hundreds of new institutions within Protestantism and created new roles for women within the church. Join us as we celebrate the release of Jenny's book, *Sanctified Sisters*, and explore our roots.

Looking for Caregiver

Help support small group ministries by providing childcare for toddlers. Paid position, 2 hrs/wk. Wed. mornings from 9-11 a.m. at church. Contact Kelly LePenske klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org or call/text (206) 484-6758.

West Jersey Symphony: Concert of '40s

Saturday, October 26, 7:00 pm
West Jersey Chamber Music Society heralds its 40th anniversary year with a blowout "Concert of '40s" featuring 40th compositions or Opus 40 by Haydn, Beethoven, Dvorak and Mozart. Tickets \$24, \$18 seniors and students; available online www.wjcms.org or at the door; children free. FPC Sanctuary

October Session Meeting October 22, 2019



COMING: Sunday, November 3
Special Panel during Education Hour, visit with our missionaries and see their amazing work

Dr. Treat Tribute Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 9 (6-10 pm) at Union League of Philadelphia. www.SteveTreatTribute.org for tickets and information

"Own Your Church"

After events at the church, each group is kindly asked to clean up their room(s) afterwards—straighten furniture, pick up stray items or food, turn off lights and tidy the kitchen (dry and return dishes, take towels home to wash, and wipe down counters.) If you've made coffee, kindly clean the coffee maker. Please LABEL all food in the refrigerator or freezer and take leftovers home. Thanks!