

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Advent Celebration ~ Saturday, November 30

New Homework/Reading Rooms

PARENTS: Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 16th, we are providing 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.

CREDO Confirmation

This week our CREDO class is looking at the Apostles Creed “sitteth on the right hand of God the Father.” They’re also discussing the Way of the Week — when you want to look better, you hide your struggles; when you want to get better, you *Ask For Help*.

High School Retreat

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

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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SAVE THE DATE: Family Advent Celebration

Watch for details for this special Thanksgiving weekend family activity. The event will be held **Saturday, November 30** in Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Advent begins Sunday, December 1.

Family Dinner Wednesdays

On Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm, take time to be together with your family and your church friends for Family Dinner. Give the cook the night off. We ask that you donate \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Please support this ministry with set up or clean up help; contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:HollyAsciutto) to volunteer. Thanks for clearing away your tables too.

November 6 Menu: Meat Loaf, Fish Sticks, Italian Mashed, Corn, Bread, Beverages

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

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. Call Joel Krott at (609) 410-6165 cell/text or the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 109. 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

On **Sunday, Nov. 3**
Adult Education will meet in Fellowship Hall for an engaging Q&A panel with our missionaries. Children's Sunday School will meet as scheduled.

NEW: Nov. 10 & 17:
Sanctified Sisters series (see page 3). Purchase the book in Commons Lobby.

“Connections” is published weekly for Sunday worship **and every two weeks in the summer**. Please submit information **by noon Tuesdays** to: Editor Jan Martin
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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

November 3-10, 2019

GRACE NOTES / FPCM Ways of the Week November 3-10, 2019



18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and to be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others. Scriptures: Psalm 107:6; 2 Corinthians 12: 9; 1 Corinthians 15: 10

SOMETIMES IT IS VERY HARD to ask for help. The thing is, we often need help. And sometimes the only way to get that help is to ask for it.

Part of being a Christian means relying on God for help. We can pray directly to God. We can ask the church to pray for us. We can talk to the minister. What we should realize is that God's answer can come in many ways. One way God can answer your prayer is by putting a Stephen Minister in your life.

One of the ministries of the church is the Stephen Ministry. Stephen was the first martyr, but he also thought of the idea of sending more than just the apostles to help others. When Kenneth Haugk began the Stephen ministry program 40 years ago, he decided that lay people who received training could provide distinctively Christian care to other members of the church. Ordained clergy are often spread too thin to be able to do this. That is where Stephen ministers come in.

In our church, many lay people have answered the call to become a Stephen Minister, completing the 50 hour training program. We currently have 14 active Stephen Ministers including five active Stephen Leaders who have gone for extra training to help run the program at our church. A Stephen Minister will meet with you for about one hour each week. He or she will listen to your problems and help you get through the tough times with God's guidance.

Stephen Ministry provides a safe place to ask for help. This confidential program only works when caregivers are paired with care receivers. The difficult part of this ministry is getting those who need help to ask for it. Sometimes a friend or family member will suggest that you ask for a Stephen Minister. Remember none of us can go it alone. Ask for help.

Doris Kahley, Stephen Leader

**Thank you to everyone who participated in
The Church Has Left the Building. What a day!**



November 3, 2019 (2 am)

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 Miller Commons. 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.

November Lunch Bunch
Thursday, November 7
12 noon
Speaker: Linda Jagiela

Deacons Thanksgiving Ministry

Food Baskets — The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with pick-up (7:45 am), packing (8:15 am) and delivery (9 am) of the Thanksgiving Food Baskets on **Saturday, Nov. 23**. Sign-up sheets are posted on the table in Miller Commons and in the Narthex. Please contact Deacon Helen Dominy at 856-235-5594 or rmdsrillc@aol.com.

Turkey Donations — The week of Thanksgiving, the Deacons deliver donated turkeys to "Your Food Shelf" in Camden. Please bring your contribution to the church **no later than Sunday, Nov. 24**. Mark turkeys with "DEACONS" and put them in one of the church freezers. Please contact Deacon Helen Dominy at 856-235-5594 or rmdsrillc@aol.com.

Thanksgiving Postcards

As we've often done in past years, included in worship bulletins Nov. 17 will be Thanksgiving postcards. Fill out the name and address of someone you are grateful for and wish to tell, and place postcards in the offering plate.

Devotional Guide, Vol. 4

Volume 4 in our series illustrating the Ways is now available. This 5-week daily devotional guide created by Dan Wonneberger includes scriptures and illustrations for Ways 16-20. Suggested donation \$10; proceeds support our prayer ministry. Get yours in the Commons Lobby on Sundays, the church office, or text "\$10 pray" to 84321. Complete 5-book set is available; suggested donation \$50.



Commissioned on Nov. 3; team serving in Mexico Nov. 8-11 with [Urban Mosaic](http://UrbanMosaic.org).

Angel Tree

Sign ups are **Nov. 17th and 24th** for our Angel Tree to help provide Christmas gifts for children of incarcerated parents, as well as the Christian Caring Center which provides gifts to homeless communities in Burlington County. Return Angel Tree gifts wrapped *with the Angel tree label attached*, and Christian Caring Center gifts *unwrapped with the label attached* by **Sunday, Dec. 1**. Angel Tree is coordinated by our Deacons. For info contact: Steve Connlain (sconnlain@gmail.com) or (856) 425-5043 cell.

Christmas Toy Drive

Annette Emerson is conducting the annual toy drive for the Presbytery Food Shelf in Camden. Can you help? Drop off new, **unwrapped** toys labeled "Emerson" in the Commons Lobby, church office or at the Emerson home (329 Springhouse Lane, Moorestown). Or call Annette at 856-234-0717 for a pickup. Gifts are most needed for ages 3-13.

Order Forms Available: 2019 Youth Choir Concert CDs

Beginning this **Sunday, Nov. 3**, orders are being taken for Youth Choir Concert CD's for \$15.00 per CD. MP3 recordings are also available. This beautiful concert was held on May 19, 2019 and featured the Choristers, Junior Choir and Chapel Choirs. Orders can be placed in the Commons Lobby Sunday, Nov. 3 and Sunday, Nov. 10. Envelopes are also available in the church office. Orders will be available in 3-4 weeks, perfect for holiday gift giving.

**Order Holiday
Poinsettias
November 10, 17, 24**



Sunday, November 3: Missions Fair

Missionaries from across the globe and locally will come to FPCM setting up displays to help us get to know their ministries. During the Education Hour through 1 pm, come meet and learn about their ministries. At 9:45 a.m. a Question and Answer session will replace Adult Education. Continental breakfast and lunch provided.

November 12: Meet the Missionaries

On **Nov. 12th** at 7:00 pm the congregation is invited to attend a Missions Committee meeting and visit with several of our missionaries. There will be no business meeting that evening so that we can hear the stories of the work these incredible individuals are doing in the world. Please let [Linda Jagiela](mailto:LindaJagiela@gmail.com) know so we can assign a room large enough.

Holy Communion Moved to November 10

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are waiting to help you. To *ask for help* for yourself or another call [Doris Kahley](mailto:DorisKahley@gmail.com) at 609-261-8474 or the office at 856-235-1688. You could also call if you would like more information for becoming a Stephen Minister. There are always those who ask for help and we want to always be prepared with enough caregivers.

THANK YOU for Your Generous Giving

On October 20th, Consecration Sunday, FPC church members dedicated their *2020 Estimate of Giving Cards*, to assist church leaders in preparing accurate budget projections. It was a spirit-filled day, featuring guest preacher Rev. Katie Sundermeier, and a delicious Celebration Brunch. Cards have been mailed to those who were not in attendance and — NEW this year — are now [available online](http://availableonline.org). Pick one up at the Welcome Desk or church office or simply email [Norman Vandergrift](mailto:NormanVandergrift@gmail.com) with your 2020 pledge. We kindly ask that all Estimates be turned in by **Nov. 17**. As of Nov. 1, we have received 177 pledges totaling \$1,411,906. We're off to a good start. If you did not receive an Estimate card, please let the office know.

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.

"Own Your Church"

After events at the church, each group is kindly asked to clean up afterwards—straighten furniture, pick up items or food, turn off lights and tidy the kitchen (dry and put away dishes, take towels home to wash, 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!

Adult Ed Returns Nov. 10 with Sanctified Sisters

—Nov. 10 & 17: NEW: **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.

— **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.

Deacon Sunday is Coming November 17, 2019

The mission at UrbanPromise is to equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. If you would like to help show the staff how much they are appreciated, stop by the table in the Commons lobby or call [Jane Murphy](mailto:JaneMurphy@gmail.com) at 856-427-0618.

Sunday Altar Flowers

Now is the time to reserve Sunday flower donation dates for the rest of this year and for 2020. Vases are \$40 each and two vases are available each Sunday. Reservations are being taken now for next year. To reserve your special dates, contact Rumi Sinunu at rts319@gmail.com or (856) 266-4047. What better way to commemorate loved ones or special dates in your life.