

FAMILY MINISTRY



Thank You Dan Wonneberger for your ministry. We will miss you.

No Sunday School February 2

There will be NO children's Sunday School, middle school or Adult Education on **Sunday, Feb. 2** so that families may attend the farewell reception for Youth Director Dan Wonneberger. Members of the congregation and our youth are encouraged to bring cards or notes for Dan, Ashley and Addie with well wishes:

Sunday, February 2
9:45-10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Thanks for the memories, Dan.

We are grateful for the impact you have had on our young people and their faith.



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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 8:1

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2020-21 Registration OPEN for current and new preschool families

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is OPEN for families currently enrolled and new enrollees to the Step by Step family. Registration is first come, first served. Call Director [Amy Delgado](#) for more information or to take a tour. See page 2. **DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE BEFORE FEB. 21!**

Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



Family Dinner Menu Wednesday, Feb. 2 (6-7 pm) Miller Commons ~ \$5 per person/\$20 family please All ages welcome!

Roast Pork*, Meatballs, Baked Penne, Roasted Potatoes & Beans*, Buttered Pasta

*gluten free

Way of the Week

6. FORGIVE AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

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

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

EDUCATION HOUR
9:45-10:45 a.m.
Sunday, February 2

There is NO children's Sunday School or Adult Education on Sunday, February 2 due to the Reception for Dan Wonneberger (see page 3).

**We will see you
next week!**

Check out the new Adult Ed series on page 3 ...

"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

February 2-9, 2020

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Read: Matthew 6: 13, 14; Ephesians 4: 31; Colossians 3: 13

GRACE NOTES / FPC Way of the Week February 2-9, 2020

I cannot believe that it has been 8 years and I can't begin to figure out how to say "Goodbye."

To each of you: Thank you for the gift you have been to me and my family. In your constant and overwhelming support throughout my ministry here, this church family has been my foundation and my safety net.

To the families who have trusted me with your kids: Thank you for allowing me to partner with you in such an important task. It has been my great honor and blessing to be a part of the faith stories of your children. I should have said this more, but "You should be so proud of them and of how you have raised them."

To the Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, who to the bemusement of those around me I always refer to as "my kids." You have been some of my closest friends and my family here. There are a million times we have laughed, gotten injured, experienced God, jumped until Joel's ceiling cracked a little, hit that perfect prayer clap, cut open stuffed animals, or ruined our socks playing handball too hard. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your friendship. Thank you for your questions and for your continual search for God. Thank you for being a family to worship with and to encourage each other. Here is my last encouragement to you: Continue to draw near to Him, and God will draw near to you. Here at FPC, you have a family of other teens who love and care for you, parents and other adults who are fighting for you, and a safe place to meet God and question things. Use everything you've got to draw close to Him so that you might get to know the surpassing joy of a life lived with Christ.

I love you guys and I will miss each of you.

Dan Wonneberger

Seeking Nominations for Church Boards

The Nominations Committee is hard at work staffing the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Is God calling you to serve? What ministry area calls to you? See nomination form on our web site and pray about where you may "join hands." [Sign up online!](#)

PW Seeking Nominations

A note to Presbyterian Women: Please nominate yourself or another for the position(s) of Moderator (could be co-moderator or Vice Moderator) and/or Secretary. These are two-year terms. Nominating forms are on the PW bulletin board, located near the kitchen. Forms should be returned to the PW Moderator's mailbox which is at the top left corner. Deadline is **Feb. 14**.

For questions contact [Susan Masi-ko](#) at 856-630-3253 or [Barbara Lewis](#) at 609-518-7420.

Per Capita Giving 2020

In February, look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of **\$38.75 per member** that each church pays annually to the larger church. This amount includes funding for the General Assembly, Synod and West Jersey Presbytery.

Congregation members are kindly asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may submit an "opt out" request if you do NOT wish to pay. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment.

- Stewardship Committee

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is currently OPEN for families both currently enrolled and new enrollees to the Step by Step family. Registration is first come, first served and payment is required to secure a spot for the 2020-21 school year. We do our best to accommodate your first choice. If there are questions or your first choice is unavailable, Preschool Director Amy Delgado will contact you prior to depositing your registration. Otherwise, registration money is **non-refundable**. For questions contact Amy at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool.

Leadership Retreat: Making Disciples (Ed Gross)

Saturday, February 29

8:30 am—Noon

Continental Breakfast

Elders, Deacons, Trustees, College of Elders & Deacons (COED), Staff

February 6 Lunch Bunch

Step by Step Preschoolers'

A Special Valentine

Fellowship Hall ~ 12 noon

We're serving Michael Georgetti's Spaghetti and Meatballs!

Friday Nighters Feb. 7

Friday Nighters return on Friday, February 7th when "Charlie Zahm, Balladeer" makes his return to Friday Nighters. Charlie is an accomplished and well known performer who presents familiar songs in his own melodic and traditional style. Appetizers, fruit and desserts will be served. RSVP by **Wednesday, February 5th** to Martha and Ken Eshelman by calling 856-234-7587. All are welcome and we hope you can attend. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, **Feb. 26**. Our Special Guest will be Rev. Scott Buckley (brother of Nancy Burkley).

Coming: Lenten Study!

OUR LENTEN STUDY this year will be the book "Not a Fan" by author Kyle Idleman. Look for sign-up sheets at church and online starting Feb. 9th. Small groups begin the week of Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) and run through Easter.

We need more small group leaders, especially during our Sunday school hour (9:45–10:45 AM). Please consider how God might be calling you to serve with your partner or a friend! Contact [Kelly LePenske](#) at (856) 235-1688.



Best Wishes Dan & Ashley

TODAY will be Dan Wonneberger's last Sunday with us, and between services (**9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall**), we will honor Dan and his ministry with our youth. This coming week Dan begins his new post as Student Ministry Director of Redeemer Church (ECO) in Snellville, GA. Love gifts not provided to the church office by the Jan. 31 deadline may be brought on Feb. 2. Checks that day must be made out directly to Dan. There will be a table in the Lobby to write cards for the Wonnebergers or you may bring your own to place in the basket (see page 4).

Congregational Meeting and Lunch

Sunday, February 2, 2020

12:15 pm ~ Fellowship Hall

Light lunch provided by Deacons
The [Annual Report](#) is available in the Narthex, Commons Lobby, Office, online and Friday e-blast

Church Center App

Download the free "Church Center" mobile app to check-in to FPCM events, find or join a group, give online, register for events and contact the church. Visit your App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (android) today to find the Church Center app.

Adult Education

- **Feb. 9, 16, 23:** In anticipation of our Lenten book series *Not A Fan*, this 3-week class is called "Discipleship for the Real World." We'll be exploring the intersection between faith and work.

- **9:45 a.m.: 3 C's class** (Coffee, Conversation & Christ)

New: Security Update

At its January 28th meeting, Session unanimously approved a recommendation from the Security Team to **limit access to the building for all non-staff members to the doors in the Commons Lobby except on Sundays**. Beginning Monday, Feb. 3, all exterior doors will remain locked with access to the building only from the Commons Lobby. Signage will be posted and all deliveries will continue through the Lobby. For all activities, committee meetings, etc. access will be through the Commons Lobby entrance. Staff with keys may access from the staff parking lot. On Sundays the back staff lot door will be open.



WJCMS Concert of African-American Spirituals

Sunday, Feb. 9th at 7:00 p.m. the West Jersey Chamber Chorale, directed by Joel Krott, honors Black History Month with a Concert of African-American Spirituals. Bass-baritone Frank Mitchell is the featured soloist. Hearing spirituals exposes the audience to the lives of African Americans from whose experience these songs are derived – their hopes, their despair and their faith. Ivan Woods will provide unique historical and spiritual commentary. Tickets: \$28 regular/\$18 seniors & students, and are available at the door or the church office. Children under 18 are FREE.

Service Sunday

During both services on **Sunday, February 23**, members will complete their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. There are hundreds of ways to be involved at FPC ~ what ministries mean the most to you? Continue serving in an area you're helping with now or think about adding something new. There are countless ways to make an impact and utilize your skills. Won't be in worship Feb. 23? Look for an online form to complete at home or pick up a Service Pledge from the office.

Annual Giving Statements

Final giving statements for 2019 will be mailed to congregation members this coming week. For information contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688 or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

No more envelopes!
SIGN UP for safe and secure automatic withdrawal.

Chili Cook-Off Winners

Thank you to everyone who came out for the first Chili Cook-off, which raised \$700 for mission trips! Congratulations to the top three winners: 1st Place: Jenny Legath; 2nd Place: Pam Engle, 3rd Place: Perkowski and Eagles Families (tie).

April Couples Retreat

Enjoy a beautiful, nurturing weekend away at the Inn of Cape May **April 17-19**, hosted by Stuart and Leslie Spencer. Our facilitators will be Rev. Tony and Rev. Katie Sundermeier. Watch for online sign ups and our brochure soon.