

FAMILY MINISTRY



Hey Kids: One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Boxes are Coming!



Welcome Interim Youth Director Dave Fauvell

A familiar face will be stepping in to help lead our youth groups: Dave Fauvell. Dave, who has been a youth group leader for several years, will be working with volunteers to coordinate our regular Wednesday night and Sunday night youth groups for Flock (7-8th graders) and Wave (9th-12th graders). You can reach out to Dave at:

Cell (609) 980-7885
dfauvell@fpcmoorestown.org

No Kids Groups February 26
There will be NO Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Flock on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

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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For Families and Youth:
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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.

Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



Family Dinner Menu Wednesday, Feb. 12 (6-7 pm)
Miller Commons ~ \$5 per person/\$20 family please; All are welcome!
Hot and Cold Sandwiches, Macaroni and Cheese, Tossed Salad, Beverages

*gluten free

Way of the Week

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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 9

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: resumes in May
Middle School: 3rd Floor

Adult Education:
- 3 C's Class
- "Discipleship for the Real World" (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



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February 9-16, 2020

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GRACE NOTES February 9-16, 2020

At the January Session meeting, our new vision, mission, and why statements were approved. These statements have been carefully crafted to guide all that we do here at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. We invite you to read them thoughtfully, return to them often, and let them inspire you in all areas of life, whether you're at church or in the mission field of "real life."

VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to be beacons of God's love and truth, growing together in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to:

- Worship God faithfully
- Connect Spiritually
- Serve Christ locally and globally.

WHY STATEMENT

We follow the Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind ... [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37, 39 NRSV)

I cherish the fact that we're not all the same. That's one of the many things that makes us a terrific congregation. We're excited to learn and grow, and that helps our work in mission and outreach. *Keeping unity yet savoring diversity* shows that we are a welcoming body where people truly feel they belong. Regardless of age, background, experience, or tenure within our church, when we work together, we reflect the Gospel more authentically, make better decisions, and grow in our love for Christ and one another. Considering multiple perspectives is healthy, as is listening with curiosity to others as we consider how to harness innovative ideas for God's glory. I cherish each day and look forward to the future. I am grateful to all of you and to God for putting us together.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

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 Team

Tag the church in Facebook posts from FPC activities

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. For questions please contact Director Amy at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool.

Are You a Christian or a Disciple?

Saturday, February 29

Presented by Ed and Debby Gross
9:00 am—Noon

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Elders, Deacons, Trustees, APNC,
College of Elders & Deacons
(COED), Program Staff

Spring Prayer Retreat

June 16-19

Holy Cross Monastery
West Park, New York

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.

Sign Up Today: 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 or klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org.

Groups begin the week of Ash Wednesday



WJCMS Concert of African-American Spirituals

TODAY (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.



Best Wishes Dan & Ashley

Last week was Dan Wonneberger’s last Sunday with us, and between services we honored Dan and his ministry with our youth. Dan and Ashley’s new home will be:

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Annual Report for 2019

If you missed the Annual Meeting on February 9, copies of the [Annual Report](#) are available in the Narthex, Commons Lobby, Office, FPC web site and Friday e-blast.

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**. Effective Monday, Feb. 3, all exterior doors will remain locked with access to the building only from the Commons Lobby. Signage has been posted and all deliveries will continue through the Lobby. Access for all activities, committee meetings, etc. 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.

Service Sunday Feb. 23

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. -- Stewardship Team

Annual Giving Statements

Final giving statements for 2019 have been mailed to congregation members. For information please contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688 or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

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)

April Couples Retreat April 17-19, 2020

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. [Sign up online](#) on the church web site and watch for our brochure soon.

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

Church Center App

Download the free “Church Center” mobile app to check-in to FPC 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) for the Church Center app.

103rd Rummage Sale

Save those gently used holiday decorations, household goods, sporting goods, clothing, linens and kitchen items for the 103rd Rummage Sale **April 1-2**. Bargains galore await the savvy buyer! Proceeds support the missions of the Presbyterian Women. Volunteers are needed for throughout the week; drop off begins **Sunday, March 29**.