

FAMILY MINISTRY



⇒ Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone and Family Dinner return Wednesday, Jan. 29

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

We're Back!

- ♦ Wave resumed **Sunday, January 12.**
- ♦ Flock resumed **Wednesday, January 15.**

High School Retreat

January 24-26, 2020 ~ Lake Champion, NY
Our high schoolers will be away later this month for a retreat as they reconnect with God, worship and engage with each other. This weekend has been a formative one for students from our Church for many years. Please pray for our students, staff and chaperones.

Memory Verse

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

- Romans 8:1

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

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2020-21 Registration OPEN for current preschool families
January 6-21, 2020

Registration for other families at Open House
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 (see page 2)

Don't Forget our Chick-Fil A Dine and Donate on January 23rd!

Preschool Registration



Looking for a Wednesday Morning Caregiver

Help support our small group ministries by providing childcare for kids ages 4 and under. Paid position, 2 hours per week Wednesday mornings from 9-11 a.m. at the church. Interested or know someone who may be? Contact Kelly LePenske at klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org or call/text (206) 484-6758.

Way of the Week

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

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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, January 19

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
♦ Building Blocks of
Prayer (see page 2)

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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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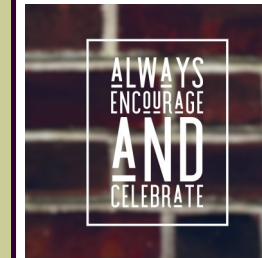


First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

January 19-26, 2020

GRACE NOTES / FPC Moorestown Way of the Week

January 19-26, 2020



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Read: 1 Thessalonians 1: 3-4; Acts 11: 22-23

I REMEMBER ATTENDING the National Prayer Breakfast some years ago in Washington, DC. I happened to be walking down a hallway next to one of my heroes in the Presbyterian ministry, Dr. Richard Halvorson (Chaplain of the Senate 1981-94). We were talking about something I thought was important, when suddenly he swerved sharply, mid-sentence, toward the men's room. I certainly understand that these kinds of maneuvers are absolutely necessary at times. But no, Dr. Halvorson didn't go into the bathroom. He walked directly to the man sitting on a chair next to his pail and mop. He shook hands, they laughed and I could hear Dr. Halvorson call the man by name. They may have spoken two whole minutes. I was shocked on many levels: 1) He stopped to talk to somebody, nobody ever talks to – the guy who cleans the bathroom; 2) He actually knew the person's name; 3) and he knew enough about the man that they actually had some kind of conversation. Dr. Halvorson's *encouragement class* took place in a split second. I've never forgotten this distinguished man's humble spirit and ability to immediately elevate the self-worth of a 'stranger.' The writer of Hebrews says, *Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds ... ENCOURAGING one another* (10:25-26).

Encouraging one another is not an automatic inclination. Often, I simply don't want to take the time to be in a conversation. Often, I'm only thinking about myself, blind to those around me. Sometimes I step back from another not knowing if she or he will welcome a conversation.

Three encouragements as we go into the week:

1. Find time to individually encourage each one in your inner circle – those closest to you.
2. As the Hebrews writer says, let's encourage one another in this congregation. Encourage the pastor, the staff, the leadership teams, the person sitting next to you!
3. Out in the world look as you pass a public bathroom – anybody you can say 'thank you' to? Or how about a teacher or supervisor at work, or a classmate who sits alone at lunchtime.

We have so much to be thankful for! Encouragement passes through this beautiful congregation to our house every day – every day! Thank you!

Dr. Jonathan Miller

Seeking Elders, Deacons and Trustees

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking individuals to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. How can you serve your church best? See nomination form on our web site and pray about where God may be calling you.

[Sign up online!](#)

Adult Education

- **January 12, 19 & 26:** *The Building Blocks of Prayer:* Dive into the Old and New Testament as we explore the power of prayer. Arlita Winston leads this 3-week class that connects the ancient prayers of the Israelites, prophets and Jesus to our contemporary lives. This class is a great introduction to "Prayer Through Jesus' Eyes," the 2020 Ken Peacock Memorial Lecture Series on Jan. 24-25 (page 2).
- **9:45 a.m.: 3 C's class** (Coffee, Conversation & Christ)

Baby & Kids Items for Kenyan Friends

Linda Jagiela will be traveling with Urban Promise to Kenya to visit our missionaries on Feb. 1. Below is a list of items that the ministries have requested. Please consider donating by dropping off in Missionwares by Jan. 31:

Flattened soccer balls, chalk, little chalkboards for students to practice their letters, light learning-to-read books, Step into Reading books, Connect 4 games (they all LOVE this game) so we could use enough to give to at least 3 of the ministries, lollipops/candy, board games for elementary school children like Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Trouble, UNO, Skip Bo, Phase 10, Yahtzee (learning games that teach problem-solving and math skills), small solar-powered flashlights, baby toys for a new baby care program, learning baby toys for 6-18 mos., solar bibles (we can purchase them for \$30 each from World mission), Hershey bars. Thank You!

KPMLS Sees "Prayer Through Jesus' Eyes"

The Ken Peacock Memorial Lecture Series, in collaboration with the FPCM Prayer Team, offers a two-day seminar on Scripture based, Spirit motivated prayer combining the principles of Paul Miller's *A Praying Life* with "The Person of Jesus" study version of Love Walked Among Us. Pastor Keith Grant, an actor, corporate trainer, and *A Praying Life* trainer, has discovered a marriage of his teaching gifts and his passion for Jesus. Keith will also be our guest preacher on Sunday, Jan. 26.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Friday, January 24

Check-in 6:00 pm, Seminar 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 25

Event continues 8:30 a.m. – noon

FREE admission. [Register online](#) by **January 14th** to ensure enough materials. Questions, contact the church office (856) 235-1688. Visit www.fpcmoorestown.org—Events.

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year **for current preschool families** is currently OPEN until January 21, 2020 when we will accept registration from families not currently at Step by Step. Registration is first come, first served and payment is required to secure a spot for the 2020-21 school year. You will be notified that your paperwork and payment has been received. 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 Delgado at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool.

Preschool Open House

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
6:30-8:00 pm

Blanket Sunday Offering Jan. 26

[Blanket Sunday](#), sponsored by our Deacons and Church World Service, will be **Sunday, January 26**. Your contributions enable CWS to help families around the world shelter from the elements, recover from disasters and displacement, and help rebuild viable communities. Watch for special bulletin inserts or [give securely online](#).

MLK Day Monday, January 20 Church Office & Preschool Closed

2020 Offering Options

Boxed envelope sets for 2020 have been mailed. Or make your new year's resolution to go paperless and try [online giving](#) ...



MLK Drama Presentation

See our web site for info about a reenactment of Dr. Martin Luther King's key speeches; **Sun. Jan. 19**.

Calling All Chili Lovers!

Come to compete or to eat! Bring your pot o' chili and your appetite to see who has the best chili around. Rather eat than cook? Bring your tasting skills and judge who will be the winner! If the kids don't enjoy chili, they can taste test and judge the Mac and Cheese! There is something for everyone.

Sunday, January 26th

Noon — 2:00 p.m.

Proceeds to benefit Mission Trips

Sign up on the bulletin outside Missionwares to make chili or [online](#) here (and on our FPC web site). Bring in your crockpot of chili with any fixings and table décor — FREE to enter! Cost: \$5 to taste as many chilis as you would like and get 5 votes. Each additional vote is \$1. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for helping the Mission Committee raise money for its Mission Trips.

Lenten Study News

COMING SOON: Our Lenten study this year will be the book "Not a Fan" by author Kyle Idleman. Look for sign up sheets in early February in the Commons Lobby and online. Lenten groups will meet on a variety of dates; find the small group that works for you. Or can you step up and lead a group this year? Groups will begin the week of Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) and run through Easter. For details contact [Kelly LePenske](#).

Best Wishes Dan & Ash

On **Sunday, Feb. 2 from 9:45-10:45 a.m.**, we will have a reception to honor Dan Wonneberger, who has accepted a post as Student Ministry Director of Redeemer Church (ECO) in Snellville, GA. His last Sunday will be Feb. 2, when he will preach both services. Love gifts may be sent to the church office (ATTN: Norm Vandergrift) by cash or check. Checks should be made out to **First Presbyterian Church** and **MUST** have "Gift for Dan Wonneberger" on the memo line. *NOTE: This contribution will not be included as part of your giving to the church and is not tax-deductible. Checks are due to the office by noon Friday, Jan. 31.* You may also bring your gift on Feb. 2. Checks that day must be made out directly to Dan. There will also be a basket to receive cards and well wishes for the Wonnebergers (see page 4).

Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, February 2, 2020

12:15 pm ~ Fellowship Hall
Light lunch provided by Deacons
The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, Jan. 26 to review before the meeting.

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 the app store today.



60 Years!

Congratulations to Betsy and Ralph Gildehaus, who celebrated their 60th anniversary on Jan. 16!

New Member Class Begins January 19

Interested in learning more about us? We want to meet you! Come to the Inquirers class, a 6-week series beginning **Sunday, Jan. 19**. Classes will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings, and introduce various ministries at FPCM. Share and receive information on the meaning of membership in the Presbyterian Church. The group will have lunch with Session on Feb. 23. Those who desire to join our church will be welcomed as new members during worship on March 8th. Child care available. [Reserve your spot online](#) at www.fpcmoorestown.org, or with Alison at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 113. *There WILL be class Feb. 2.*

February 6 Lunch Bunch

Step by Step Preschoolers'
A special Valentine
Fellowship Hall ~ 12 noon

Friday Nighters Feb. 7

Friday Nighters return on Friday, February 7th for the new year. The program is "Charlie Zahm, Balladeer." Charlie Zahm makes a return visit to Friday Nighters. He 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. There is no cost for this event. Please 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.

Leadership Retreat: Making Disciples (Ed Gross)

Saturday, February 29
9:00 am—Noon