



## Wednesday, April 1: No Kids Events due to the Rummage Sale (no fooling)

### Children's Easter Celebration

The Children's Easter Celebration is coming **Saturday, April 4** (10:30-11:30 am). Weather permitting, we will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with crafts, fun and of course, Easter Eggs! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. Rain or shine. Don't forget your basket!

*We welcome candy donations of individually wrapped items that are peanut free and can fit within a plastic Easter egg. Please drop off candy donations to the church office **BY MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**!*



### Fish Banks

During Lent, fish-shaped boxes will be distributed to children in Sunday School. On Palm Sunday, it is the tradition at First Presbyterian Church to receive the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering (the fish boxes). A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing allows us to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Children can bring the boxes with them on Palm Sunday (April 5) to be received during the Children's Moment in both services.



## Sermon Series Memory Verse

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." - Mark 8: 34, 35

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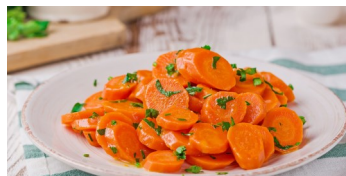
### NEW: Collecting School Supplies for VBS Friends

We are collecting school supplies and art supplies for our friends Thoko and Kimmie from Roar VBS. Thoko and Kimmie ran the missions component of our Vacation Bible School and Kimmie had many fans in our VBS this year. Will you please help Ishmael, Thoko, and Kimmie as they head back to Malawi and begin their new ministry called Love Driven Ministries by giving them a head start with supplies for the kids they will serve? We will be collecting: Pencils (colored and #2), Pencil sharpeners (manual only); Markers; Crayons; Notebooks (composition and art); Gel pens; Construction paper; Erasers. Learn about Love Driven at <https://lovedrivenministries.org/>. Please have all donations at the church by March 15<sup>th</sup> at the latest.



### Family Dinner Menu Wednesday, March 11 (6-7 pm) Miller Commons ~ \$5 per person/\$20 family please; All are welcome!

Chicken Cacciatore\*, Penne Bolognese, Penne Alfredo, Carrots, Buttered Pasta  
(Family Dinner will be off for April 1, 8, 15 due to Rummage Sale and Spring Break)  
\*gluten free



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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, March 1**

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:**  
4 Lent Book Studies (see  
Commons Lobby to sign  
up, 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](#).



# Connections



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March 8-15, 2020

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### GRACE NOTES

#### MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE

An observation of hospitality and more:

As my father neared to depart for his glorious voyage, he was hindered by 98 years of wear and the struggle to stem its effects. Dad's stamina was weakened, his mental acuity more limited, he often drifted between awake and asleep. Greatly evident though was the near miraculous energizing effect when he would greet people. This was at home and especially at church. Dozens were encouraged by his presence there and the light that seemed to radiate from his countenance when engaging people.

That Dad was energized by greeting people was very evident and I believe he received great joy from it. I don't know if this gift is so obvious or even evident for all of us. But the apparent essence of Jesus' love is that He chose us over Himself. Going out of our way to greet those we know, but especially those we do *not* know, seems a very modest, but essential first step in being loving; choosing someone else's needs over our own even if for a very brief moment.

I know I need to be in prayer for those that will come to visit. To pray for peace. Pray for awareness to be able to recognize what is before me. Pray for the motivation to step forward into action. Pray for those that would come along side. To pray for receptive hearts.

I think I'm going further than just greeting the newcomer at church in this, but in all things, as Ed Gross recently instructed, follow the instruction of [Luke 10](#) and especially verse 2: ... "Pray earnestly..." This is the first instruction Jesus gave to the 72 disciples that He sent out ahead of Himself. They accomplished amazing things in His name.

As with most things Spiritual, the unexpected joy that we receive is typically greater than that which we give.

Elder Pete Honeyford



### April Couples Retreat "Marriage and Discipleship" April 17-19, 2020

Enjoy a beautiful, nurturing week-end away at the Inn of Cape May **April 17-19**, hosted by Stuart and Leslie Spencer. Facilitators will be Revs. Tony and Katie Sundermeier. [Register online](#) on the church web site or pick up a brochure. Cost is \$430 per couple; \$100 deposit due by **March 12**. Cost includes two nights lodging, meals and workshops at FPC of Cape May. REGISTRATION OPEN.

### Holy Week Schedule

- ♦ **April 5:** Palm Sunday (no Sunday School, Lent Groups meet)
- ♦ **April 9:** Maundy Thursday (7:30 pm, Miller Commons)
- ♦ **April 10:** Good Friday Tenebrae (7:30 pm, Sanctuary)
- ♦ **April 12:** Easter Worship  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise  
8:30 a.m. Traditional  
9:30 a.m. Contemporary  
11:00 a.m. Traditional

### Way Cool Jazz Vespers

NEW TO OUR Lenten programming this year will be the smooth sound of Jazz Vespers on **Saturday, March 14** at 5:00 p.m. An improvisational, inspirational, and informal evening worship service that features jazz musicians, this is an excellent opportunity to gather family, friends & neighbors! Bring a dish for the pot luck reception afterwards. Guest preacher is Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace, Executive Presbyter of the Philadelphia Presbytery.

### Spring Prayer Retreat June 16-19

Holy Cross Monastery  
West Park, New York  
"Praying the Lord's Prayer"  
Learn more/register at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)

### Service Pledge Sunday

Recently members completed their Service Pledges for 2020, indicating ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. If you haven't filled out yours, look for an [online form](#) to complete at home or pick up a Service Pledge from the office.

### Deacons March Food Drive

The Deacons are kicking off the month of March with a Food Drive to provide much needed food for the Ministerium Food Pantry at St. Matthew. Paper Bags and a suggested food item list will be distributed at church after both services on **March 1**. All food can be dropped off in the shopping cart located in the Commons Lobby by **March 15**. Thank you for your support!



### Deacons Food Baskets

The Deacons are looking for volunteers to help with pickup (7:45 am), packing (8:15 am) and delivery (9:00 am) of the Easter Food Baskets on **Saturday, April 4**. Look for sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center table and in the narthex. Great service hours! For questions please contact Deacon Helen Dominy at 856-235-5594 or [rmdsrillc@aol.com](mailto:rmdsrillc@aol.com).

### Welcome New Members! March 8 both services

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Please look for special One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes in the pews in the coming weeks. You may also give online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). Parents: See page 4 for children's information about the 'fish banks'.

Tag the church in Facebook posts from FPC activities; Share the moments ...

### Lenten Book Study

Our Lenten book study is underway and groups began the week of Ash Wednesday. The book this year is "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman. *Not A Fan* is all about discipleship and challenges us to get honest about our relationship with Christ. Are we fans of Jesus or committed followers? What's the difference and why does it matter? It's a straight-forward read for all stages of faith, yet it's dense with stories from Scripture and thought-provoking questions. Suggested donation \$10 (includes a book AND daily devotional).

For questions see our [website](#) or contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Alison Mackey](#) at (856) 235-1688.



### Order Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken **March 15, 22 and 29** to decorate our worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. Order forms will be available in *Connections* and on the church website [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). Flowers are \$13 each and colorful, assorted spring varieties. For questions contact [Rachel Scarborough](#) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

### Facility Facelift

On March 17-18, new carpeting will be installed in the hallways from the office to the sanctuary, Narthex and pulpit replacing the worn carpet. Recently the interior ceiling and walls of the sanctuary were professionally painted and scuffed narthex trim given a fresh coat of paint. Many thanks to our Property crew of Ken Wehn, Steve Margerum and Steve Cashmer.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

Did you lose your car keys?  
We have some in the office

### Church Center App

Download the free "Church Center" mobile app to check-in to FPC Moorestown 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 and get connected.

Thanks for wearing your  
nametag and  
greeting newcomers

### 103rd Rummage Sale

Are you Spring Cleaning? Save 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 Presbyterian Women. Volunteers are needed throughout the week; drop off begins **Sunday, March 29**. Miller Commons, Fellowship Hall, Lounge, Commons Lobby, Hayes Room, Rooms 8 and 7 will be used for the sale; that week meetings may be moved. **Sale Hours:** Wednesday, April 1 (6-9 pm) and Thursday, April 2 (10 am-noon Bag Sale). Don't forget the Hoagie Sale Wednesday to support Missions.

### April Friday Nighters Friday, April 3

### PW Birthday Offering

PW Circle Members and Friends: The Birthday offering will be collected in Circles during the month of March. Traditionally, an amount is given commensurate with one's birthday, ranging from 10 cents to one dollar per year. (Shy ladies may donate any amount). If you miss the meeting or do not belong to a Circle, please send your check to the office with "PW Birthday Offering" on the memo line. A list of 2020 recipients is on the PW bulletin board. Questions? Contact Susan Masiko at 856-630-3253 or [susan.masiko@comcast.net](mailto:susan.masiko@comcast.net).

How can we pray for you today? Fill out a Prayer Request at either service and put in the offering plate

### Alpha Provides Opportunity to Explore Your Faith

Who is Jesus? Why and how should I read the Bible? Who is the Holy Spirit? Explore questions like these at ALPHA, a 10-week/14 Lesson course open to the community. Sessions are held on Wednesday evenings and begin with a dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by a DVD video at 6:45 pm, and small group discussion. The Spring series begins **April 15** and runs through June, including a Holy Spirit Weekend retreat held at the church. Check out the Alpha page at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) (Events) or see leader Jim Cole ([jamescole7@comcast.net](mailto:jamescole7@comcast.net)).

### Save The Date Saturday, May 2 8:45-Noon

(8:30 am Continental Break.)  
Part 2: Discipleship Training  
Ed and Debby Gross

If you missed the first session, you can watch it on our live stream.  
Visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)

### Own Our Church

Leaving a room? Please take care to turn the lights OFF and make sure the room is how you found it — or better. Please also make sure the office has a Room Reservation Form before your events so we can help.

### Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is currently OPEN. Registration is first come, first served and payment is required to secure a spot for the 2020-21 school year. For questions contact Director Amy at [adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org) or visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool).