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

JOIN US from the safety of
your home or safely gather
at church for worship on
Sunday morning:

8:30 AM: Traditional
11 AM: Contemporary

Worship streams live from
each worship space and
participants in attendance
observe strict protocols
per state regulations.
Log on from any device to
www.fpcmoorestown.org
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).
The service is also posted
later in the week to our
website.

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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast** with announcements,
Connections and upcoming
events? If not, contact the
[church office](#).



Connections

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April 11-18, 2021

Way of the Week 18 (April 11-18, 2021)



18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others.^a None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.^b

^a *"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress. (Psalm 107: 6)*

^b *Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. (2 Corinthians 12: 9)*

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

We Give to the LORD

Thank you for your generous Easter offering gifts. If you had not had a chance to send in a donation and wish to, Easter offerings can still be submitted securely online (use Easter drop down) or mailed to the church at 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Please note "Easter offering" in memo line.

Drive Through Wedding Shower for Kelly & Joey

Sunday, April 11

Taking no chance of COVID-19 transmission before The Big Day on May 15, we are presenting a Drive Through Wedding Shower



for Kelly LePenske and Joey Sponseller, who will joyfully receive your well wishes. Please enter the church's main parking

lot off of Bridgeboro Road from **12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Because they will be moving to Brooklyn and their living situation is in flux, it is requested that envelopes with gift cards be dropped off at the shower. [See our online events page for a list of requested vendors.](#) Volunteers will be there to safely retrieve it from your car. There will be fun activities, games and treats!

Check-In Volunteers

Beginning April 11, we are transitioning to TWO in-person services. In order to maintain our health protocols and facilitate our automated check in, will need double the help with check-in volunteers. We're looking to staff three (3) volunteers at EACH service (3 for 8:30 a.m. Traditional; 3 for 11:00 a.m. Contemporary). For each service, two volunteers will be stationed in the Commons Lobby and one will be stationed in the narthex. **Teens and adults are welcome! Teens: earn service credit!**

Please see the [Sign Up Genius sign up link](#) below for vacancies and where you can step up to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D48A5AD23A1FC1-help>

For questions or to volunteer, please contact [Alison Mackey](#) (Ext. 113) or [Kelly LePenske](#) (Ext. 101) in the church office at 856.235.1688.

April Book Club

Join us on **Monday, April 19** at 6:00 p.m. for the Missions Book Club via Zoom. We will be discussing *Shaken* by Tim Tebow. In this powerful book, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow passionately shares glimpses of his journey, staying grounded in the face of disappointment, criticism, and intense media scrutiny.

To participate in the call: Log on to: www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 858 1209 6236
Passcode: 040982



Return to Two Worship Services

Beginning on **Sunday, April 11**, we will return to two worship services as approved by the Worship Committee, and are happy to be able to safely provide the experience of our Contemporary service.

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- ◆ 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Miller Commons)
- ◆ Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Blood Drive May 14

You're Invited to our spring blood drive for the American Red Cross:

- Friday, May 14
- 1-6 p.m. in Miller Commons

Sign up with Debbie Heller at dhel374@comcast.net or online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and enter our church's name.



Pastor Study Leave

Pastor Spencer will be away on study leave April 11-19. If you need pastoral care, please contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Jan Martin](#) in the church office at 856.235.1688.

National Day of Prayer is May 6, 2021; Devotional

The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. *This year's theme is LORD Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty. (2 Corinthians 3: 17).* The Prayer Committee invites you to [visit our website](#) for marvelous resources including a 40-day *Prayer Guide for America*, devotion, family gathering prayers and history of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer. This day of observance, designated by Congress, asks people to turn to God in repentance and prayer. The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

Church Building Entry

During regular business hours 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, please enter the church building through the unlocked glass doors by Miller Commons. The back staff lot door is locked. Masks are required on campus. Staff is available in the offices by appointment, email, cell and text.



Check In for LIVE STREAM

When watching the live stream, please check in quickly on your smart phone by using the Church Center App. If you haven't downloaded the "Church Center App" to your phone, please do so, and follow prompts to select our church wherever you are viewing:

- ◆ Open your Church Center App on your phone or device
- ◆ Select the "Check-In" icon
- ◆ Tap the service you're viewing
- ◆ Check-in yourself and your family members
- ◆ That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching

Check-in procedures when attending worship in-person are unchanged: Participants and congregants check in with volunteers in the Commons Lobby using the Church Center App on your phone or the available tablets. Scan the QR code to register attendance.

April Session: April 27 (Reports due April 23)

Session Action: March

For a review of Session action taken at its March 23, 2021 Session meeting, see the Action Summary posted to our online events page and our website.

New: Gracism Study in June

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – A joint, virtual study with the Converge Church, is coming in June, Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. FPC Moorestown and the Converge Church, a multicultural congregation in Moorestown, will join together for a four-week study of the book, *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. We can look at color, class and culture in a positive way. That's "gracism." Pastor David Anderson, senior pastor of the Bridgeway Community Church, invites followers of Jesus to respond to prejudice and injustice with the principle of gracism, radical inclusion for the marginalized and excluded. Our joint study allows for our two congregations to study, listen, share, and pray together while beginning or building friendships. [See our online events page for information.](#) For additional information on Gracism, visit the website: www.embracegracism.com.

Kelly LePenske Last Sunday: May 2

Upcoming Dates

The staff is planning our 2021 summer calendar and 2021-2022 program year. Please submit to Jan Martin in the church office by **Tuesday, April 13** any dates or room requests you propose for this year's events, worship, or committee meetings (in-person AND virtual).

Virtual Mission Fair Sunday, May 23

FAMILY MINISTRY

It's Open! Register for Vacation Bible School!

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) and **Crossing Zone** (grades 4-6th) is back from Easter break and will resume on **Wednesday, April 14th!** We can't wait to see you!

- ⇒ Kingdom Kids: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- ⇒ Crossing Zone: 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Contact [Holly Asciutto](#) at cell 609.273.7465

Sunday School meets 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Youth Group In-Person Returns

All students grade 7–12, join us for youth group in person starting **Sunday, April 18**, from 6:30–8:30 PM in the Commons. Middle school and high school will be together for the remainder of this year for time with peers, worship, learning, and fellowship. Please fill out the health form on the website and wear a mask when you come. If you are not comfortable with larger group gatherings you are welcome to come at 7:45 PM for our small group time. If you have any questions please reach out to [Dave Fauvell](#). Can't wait to see everyone!

Sermon Series Memory Verse

“What is important is faith expressing itself in love.”

- Galatians 5: 6

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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Vacation Bible School: June 28th - July 2nd, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2021).
Cost: \$20 per child. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 18th**

At Rocky Railway VBS, kids climb aboard for mountains of fun! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs! In an effort to provide a safe, in-person, Vacation Bible School for our children we have modified times for VBS this year to 9:30-11:30 a.m. We anticipate delivering a fun VBS with the necessary precautions in place. We are working hard to bring a spiritually meaningful program to our community.

- ♦ Safety will be our highest priority, for both our children and staff. At no time will either be compromised. All efforts will be made to abide by state, local, and FPC Moorestown church guidelines that are in place at that time.
- ♦ All children and volunteers will be required to wear facemasks when inside the building and while outside on church property. Social distance protocols will be enforced and handwashing will be encouraged.
- ♦ VBS will be a creative modified version, consisting of Biblical teachings done in an engaging yet safe manner.
- ♦ We encourage you to reach out with your questions. It is important, and our desire, to offer our children this valuable experience in a safe manner. For more information contact: Holly Asciutto at 856-235-1688 x 116 or email hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

ADULTS AND TEENS (7th grade and older): Interested in being a VBS volunteer? WE NEED YOU! Please contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or 856-235-1688, Ext. 116. She is excited to talk with you!

