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May 21, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of FPC Moorestown,

This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. For close to 2,000 years, the day of Pentecost stands as one of the most significant days of the year. It marks the historic outpouring of the promised Spirit of God upon God's people. That miracle still happens today. I hope you'll worship with us on Sunday, either in person or via live stream. Wear something red and prepare to come to the Lord's Table at both services.

In thinking about and praying in preparation for Pentecost this year, I'm reminded that the Holy Spirit is the power of God at work within me and us, as a congregation. The Holy Spirit indwells, fills and empowers us to live as disciples. I know that I need energy and strength each day now that we're almost a year and a half into the pandemic. I was thinking of a few lines from a Brief Statement of Faith, one of our confessions of faith. This short statement was written about forty years ago and each member of the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—is described and praised. Of the Spirit of God, we learn from the Brief Statement:

*"We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage . . ."*

While it's true that our world is broken and fearful, I'm so grateful for the courage that comes from God's Spirit dwelling within me and you. We do trust God the Holy Spirit as we continue to face the challenges and opportunities that are ours. Here are a few important matters for your attention.

### **New Mission Study**

I want share with you a document that reflects how God's Spirit is currently at work within FPC Moorestown. This Mission Study was recently approved by our Session and the Commission on Ministry from our Presbytery. From a guide from Presbytery Office we learn that a Mission Study is *"the telling of the congregation's story. It takes into account its history, the lives of its members, the community in which it is located, and the hopes for the future."* This Study will be used by our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) to share our story with interested candidates. Jeff Legath, Jenny Legath, Adrienne Barr and Leslie Spencer are the authors. Here's a link to the document:

[https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/hp\\_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Personnel\\_FPC-Moorestown-Mission-Study.-Final-April-2021.pdf](https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Personnel_FPC-Moorestown-Mission-Study.-Final-April-2021.pdf)

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## Personnel News

I share the following significant updates. First, Ken Wehn has resigned as our Property Supervisor, a position he has held for nearly two and-a-half years. When we hired Ken, he indicated that he would serve for a short period. Ken has worked hard to improve and upgrade our buildings and property. We thank him for all he's accomplished as we now pray God's blessing upon him, Carole and Sierra.

In addition, Dave Fauvell concludes his ministry as our part-time Interim Youth Director. Dave will soon wed a wonderful, Spirit-filled young woman named Sami Stewart, a nurse in the Emergency Room at Abington Hospital. Dave has poured his life and heart into our young people for more than a year. We commend, with our thanks, this good and gifted man and his soon-to-be bride to God's grace.

Lauren Clark is coming on board as a summer assistant to support Vacation Bible School operations, family ministries and office administration. We are grateful to have Lauren with us.

## Legacy Giving Sunday – June 6, 2021

### ***Live Forward. Give Forward.***

Legacy Giving Sunday, observed May 3 in the PC(USA) and June 6 this year at First Presbyterian Church, is an invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. You'll learn how to do so at both of our morning worship services. I encourage every member of our congregation to do this important planning.

I conclude with one last line from the Brief Statement of Faith:

*"In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, 'Come, Lord Jesus!'"*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Stuart Spencer*  
Pastor