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

JOIN US from the safety of
your home or safely gather
at church to 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



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 23-31, 2021

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 FPC Moorestown, is an invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. On this Sunday, we recognize and honor those who have created a legacy here at First Presbyterian Church through bequests, both large and small. These donations benefit our programs and services, ministries, beautiful grounds and property, and our impact in the world, and make an enduring statement of faith for God's work here on earth.

In creating a legacy, the dream is to keep our church caring and working here after our lifetime. [The Presbyterian Foundation](#) offers many resources to begin this conversation.

Including a gift to the church in your will or estate can make a lasting difference for our church family and faith community. It's a simple process and we can help. If you feel called to include the church in your legacy giving plan, please contact the church office.

Over the years, special gifts and bequests have allowed our church to "live forward" and provide for our future as we do the work of the Lord. Just some of the opportunities we have realized because members made a plan to "give forward" have been:

- Renovation of Main Kitchen
- Replacement of Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary roofs
- Yearly scholarships to high school seniors
- Construction of Prayer Room and development of prayer team ministry
- Installation of high efficiency boilers
- Fire code upgrades for boiler rooms
- Energy upgrade of HVAC/lighting for cost efficiency
- Restoration of carillon bell tower
- Purchase of pick-up truck for property use
- Build out of Miller Commons stage
- Way of the Week Showcase and artwork
- Upgrade of church office computer system network
- Repair and resurfacing of all parking lots
- Installation of improved underground drainage
- Beautification of cemetery, cross, hardscaping, landscaping, and entryway

THANK YOU to our teachers for the school year August 2020-May 2021:

Holly Ascitutto, Philip Jagiela, Kelly LePenske, Joann Nawrocki,
Rachel Scarborough, Leslie Spencer, and Tamara Trzeciak



May 9-23: Virtual Mission Fair

*The Great Commission:
Missionopoly*

Take a virtual trip around the world with this interactive mission fair, which sends you around the globe from the comfort of your home. Information bags and game pieces are available in Miller Commons lobby. Pick up your bag, watch the videos, play the game, pray the devotions, compete in Trivia Night May 21 and join our missionaries live on May 23rd throughout the day for Zoom panel discussions and Q&A. Learn more on our Events page and [web-site](#) including instructional video!

Sunday, June 13

Graduate Recognition and
Welcome CREDO New Members

Check-In Volunteers

Help is needed. In order to facilitate check in for two services, we need double the teams — three volunteers at EACH service, covering the Commons Lobby and Narthex. Adults and teens (earn service credit!). Please see the Sign Up Genius link for vacancies or contact the church office at 856.235.1688:

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

Support our Preschool

Make time to swing by [Chick Fil A Centerton Square](#) to support our Preschool for two summer Spirit Nights. *Be sure to mention the Preschool in the restaurant, carry out or drive-in so we get credit!* 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Centerton Square location in Mount Laurel:

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 26**
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 30**

Thank you, Dave

June 6 will be the last day for **Dave Fauvell**, our interim youth director. Dave, who teaches photography at Moorestown High School, stepped in to repackage our youth groups following the departure of Dan Wonneberger, and we are very grateful. Dave stepped right into a pandemic! Dave and his fiancée Sami Stewart are getting married June 11th.

Creative Teams

The church office is looking for someone to assist with periodic art work in [Canva.com](#) to correlate with each sermon series. Work is all done online.

We are also looking for volunteers with skills in newsletter production, graphic design, layout or editing, as well as an interest in Sunday live stream video production. Contact [Jan Martin](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 or jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

Community Shredding Event!

The Mission Committee and Tab Group Inc. of West Berlin, NJ, have teamed up to host a community shredding event in FPC Moorestown's parking lot on **Saturday, June 5th** from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

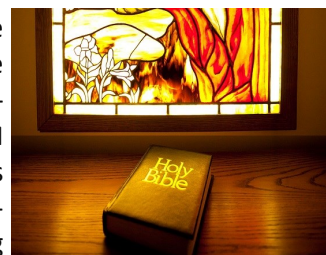
This fundraising event will benefit FPC Moorestown's mission partners: [Haiti Outreach Ministries](#) and [Urban Promise International](#). 100% of the proceeds will go to these ministries. **A suggested donation of \$5 per banker's box is encouraged.** This is a safe and secure way to dispose of confidential documents. Paper clips and staples are fine. Please no film negatives or x-rays. Questions? Contact Linda Jagiela at 856.235.1688, Ext. 104 or missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Prayer Opportunities

The Prayer Committee will be at church in the Prayer Chapel on Mondays from 9-10:00 AM and online on Tuesdays from 9-10:00 AM. Anyone needing, or wanting to pray for others, are welcome to join [Jim Cole](#) at those times.

If there are any immediate requests, please leave them in the Chapel for the prayer team.

If you would like a Letter of Well Wishing sent, please contact the church office at 856.235.1688.



Sunday Study: Discipleship

Join Pastor Stuart and Rev. Paul Asciutto for a Sunday study of discipleship (9:45 am). Participants will use the companion Study Guide for the Discipleship Gospel (\$10). The class begins on **Sunday, May 23rd** and concludes on Aug. 15th. The study will be offered both in-person in Fellowship Hall and virtually via Zoom. Masks are required on campus. Please REGISTER on our [online Events page](#).

Gracism Study in June

Gracism: The Art of Inclusion – A combined virtual study with the Converge Church, will be held Thursday, **June 3, 10, 17, 24** from 7-9 p.m. (Zoom). We will be reading *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David Anderson. When people deal with color, class or culture in a negative way, that's racism. When you look at color, class and culture in a positive way, that's "gracism." REGISTER on our [online events page](#). For info visit: www.embracegracism.com.

Live Stream Choir Concert

SAVE THE DATE!

FPC Moorestown Choral Concert
Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Live Stream ~ Sanctuary

All vocal choirs

View www.fpcmoorestown.org

Watching the Live Stream?

When watching the live stream, please remember to **check in** on your smart phone by using the Church Center App. Just open the app and select the "Check-In" icon. Tap the service you're viewing. Check in all family members.

West Jersey Chamber Live Stream Concert May 23rd

WJCMS closes its 2020–21 season with *Journeying Together*, a free live stream concert on **Sunday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET**. The West Jersey Chamber Chorale pairs spirituals from the African-American and European-American traditions of the 1860s. Explore the commonalities that led both communities on a journey to heaven. Visit www.wjcms.org or our church website at concert time.

Welcome Lauren Clark

We are pleased to announce that Lauren Clark will be assisting our staff this summer with Vacation Bible School prep, Family Ministries, and office support. Lauren, whom many know from her choir participation, will be a junior at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

2021 Graduate?

Do you know of a 2021 graduate? Please submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates from our congregation to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor our grads (virtually) on June 13 during worship.



CREDO Class Concludes

Pastor Stuart leads this confirmation class of those young people looking to become members of the church. Students will have Dinner with Session on June 6 and share their Statements of Faith. New members and their mentors will be welcomed in worship June 13. There are seven young people participating in the 2021 class.

5th Sunday May 30

The Worship Committee is planning two outdoor Fifth Sunday worship services. Weather permitting, these blended worship services will be outdoors in the courtyard between the sanctuary and Miller Commons:

- Sunday, May 30th (9:30 AM)
- Sunday, August 29th (9:30 AM)

Please bring a chair, wear a mask and physically distance. There will be no Sunday School. Please check-in for 5th Sundays OUTSIDE in the driveway leading to the courtyard between the sanctuary and Miller Commons. **NEW: Check-in for 5th Sundays will be a self-check in on your smart phone ONLY.**

Groups Using the Building

All meetings in the building must be cleared through the church office, and abide by health protocols. Participants are to be masked and submit COVID-19 health forms. Physical distancing is required and entry to the building is through the glass doors by Miller Commons. Please contact the office at 856.235.1688.

UrbanPromise Camp

UrbanPromise is getting ready for summer camp, and needs your help. Would you consider purchasing an item or two to help them defer the cost of supplies? Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9ad22a1f58-urban> to sign up to get the items needed for camp. Thank you.

*The church campus will be CLOSED
Monday, May 31 in observance
of Memorial Day*

FAMILY MINISTRY

Last day of Sunday School: Sunday, May 23rd

THANK YOU to our children's Sunday School and kids groups teachers for this year August 2020-May 2021:

Holly Asciutto
Philip Jagiela
Joann Nawrocki
Rachel Scarborough
Leslie Spencer
Tamara Trzeciak

Youth Group Ends June 6th

All students grade 7–12 are meeting together for youth group in person from 6:30–8:30 PM in the Commons. Middle school and high school will be together 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 questions please reach out to [Dave Fauvell](#). *NOTE: Dave's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday, June 6**, as he and Sami Stewart will be married. Congratulations Dave and Sami! **THANK YOU.***

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

Sermon Series Memory Verse
"The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News."

- Mark 1: 15

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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 9, 2021**

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. 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 is our highest priority, for both children and staff. All efforts will be made to abide by state, local, and FPC Moorestown church guidelines. Adult leaders are needed.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Please reach out with any questions to 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!

