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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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
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The service is also posted  
later in the week to our  
website.

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



# Connections

**FPC**   
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**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**June 13-20, 2021**

## Way of the Week 2 (June 13-20)



**2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE.** Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

- ◆ *Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. (Ephesians 4: 29)*
- ◆ **Ideas for Action:** Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

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

LEGACY GIVING SUNDAY, which we honored last week, is an invitation to consider how one can share the blessings God has given beyond your lifetime. 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.

[See our Events page for a listing of some ways these gifts have been realized.](#)

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. Please contact Norman Vandergrift, any member of the Stewardship Committee or the church office at 856.235.1688.

### Spring Gathering by PW

**Monday, June 21 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Featuring: Dr. Jenny Legath  
Presented via [live stream](#) and in person (Sanctuary)

TOPIC: "Grace and God's 'Will':  
Living and Loving in a Special  
Needs Family."

REGISTER on the [online events page](#) by **Sunday, June 20.**

Jenny Wiley Legath and her husband Jeff joined the church in 2004. They have three active sons: Jack, Will, and Cole. Jenny served as an elder from 2009-2012 and is a devoted member of the Thursday morning Moms Group. In 2008 Jenny earned her Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University, where she works as the Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Religion. She teaches and advises graduate students, and in the fall she will teach her first undergraduate class at Princeton: "Religion and the Public Conversation." She is the author of *Sanctified Sisters*:

*A History of Protestant Deaconesses* (New York University Press 2019). Jenny will speak about relying on God while raising a family that includes a special needs child. The event will follow current COVID-19 guidelines. There is no cost to attend and guests and all ages are welcome!

*Chick Fil-A Spirit Night for  
Step by Step Christian Preschool  
Monday, June 30  
Chick Fil A Centerton Square*

### Check-In Volunteers

**Help is greatly 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 Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D48A5AD23A1FC1-help>

### Welcome New Members

**Ava Callahan  
Caroline Cristella  
Luke Eagles  
Evan Livingston  
Will McNeil  
Alivia Nawrocki  
Max Nicklas**

### Spring Choral Concert

Did you miss the June 6th Spring Choral Concert? View the replay on our webpage at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream). The Primary-Junior Choir, Choristers, Chapel Choir, and Adult Choir each recorded beautiful musical pieces to offer in praise of God.

### Creative Teams

The church office is looking for volunteers with an interest in Sunday live stream video production, or skills in newsletter production, graphic design, layout or editing. Contact [Jan Martin](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 or [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).

### CREDO Class Concludes

Pastor Stuart, Kelly LePenske and Holly Asciutto have led this class of young people exploring membership in the church. Students shared dinner with Session on June 6th where they shared their Statements of Faith and indicated their desire to become a member of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown.

We welcome these CREDO members, their families and their mentors this morning. Included in the worship guide today (June 13) are the Statements of Faith of these young people. Take a moment to read through these heartfelt sentiments from our young people. You will be amazed at the depth of their love for Jesus and their spiritual awakening.

### NEW: Choir Open House!

**Tuesday, June 15 ~ 5:45-7:15 p.m.**

Have you thought about joining one of our choirs? Come visit us in person to learn more and sample our youth choirs at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown! **We are particularly recruiting singers in 5th-12th grades.**

On June 15th, join us to meet current and former members of two of our choirs, hear them perform, and watch some video clips from our most recent European Choir Tour. You will also be able to tour the facilities for our music program.

We will end this evening with desserts in our Fellowship Hall. Call the church office at 856.235.1688. Open to the community, bring your friends!!

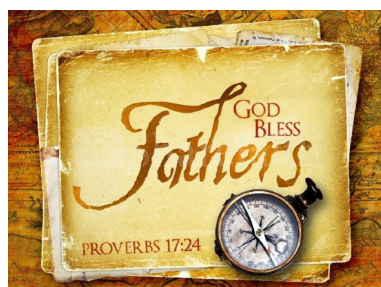
## 2021 Graduates

On Graduate Recognition Sunday (June 13) we recognize our high school and college graduates. Please [see the insert](#) in the worship guide and pray for these young people as they celebrate hard-earned graduations from their institutions of learning.



## Sunday Study: Discipleship

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



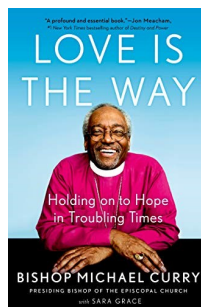
*Father's Day  
Sunday, June 20  
Holy Baptism*

## 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.

## Missions Book Club Monday, June 14 (Zoom)

Join us on Monday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. for the Missions Book Club via Zoom (moved from June 21). We will be discussing *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by Bishop Michael Curry.



To participate in the call:

- Log on to: [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)
- **Meeting ID:** 858 1209 6236
- **Passcode:** 040982

## 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? **NEW:** You can order your items directly from Amazon. Just search the Amazon registries for "Urban Promise" summer camp list, or visit [https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/SV5T7S2ITRXN/guest-view?](https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/SV5T7S2ITRXN/guest-view?ref=gr_search_page_result)

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When you buy the items, they will directly go where's they're needed. You can also go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9ad22a1f58-urban> to sign up for the donations and drop by the church office.

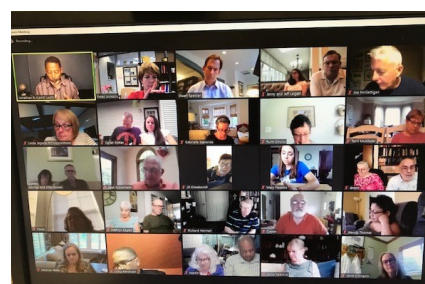


## Prayer Opportunities

The Prayer Committee will be at church in the Prayer Chapel on Mondays from 9-10 AM and online on Tuesdays from 9-10 AM. Anyone needing, or wanting to pray for others, are welcome to join [Jim Cole](#) at those times. Have a prayer request? Please leave them in the Chapel for the prayer team. If you would like a **Letter of Well Wishing** mailed, please contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

## Take a Trip to Israel

Ruth Stotsenburg is leading a guided tour from Nov. 21- Dec. 4 to Israel. This is an extraordinary tour, going north into the Galilee, Golan, four days in Jerusalem, then down into the wilderness. If you've been before, it's worth going again. If you're interested in attending, call Ruth Stotsenburg at 856-220-1602 or [rstots@gmail.com](mailto:rstots@gmail.com), or Pam Engle (609) 332-7513 or [pam@pamengle.com](mailto:pam@pamengle.com). Limit 25. See our flyer on our event page.



*Pastors Jonathan Leath and Stuart Spencer lead the Gracism Study via Zoom this month*

**June Session Meeting  
Tuesday, June 22  
(reports due June 18)**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

**All aboard the Rocky Railway! See our event page for “PRAY FOR VBS.”**



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

**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
Survive these last  
Weeks of school**

**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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**Wondering how you can help with Vacation Bible School this year?** We need prayer warriors. Here are some ideas to keep in prayer now and during our week of June 28-July 2nd. Here's how you can **P-R-A-Y F-O-R V-B-S ...**

**P**lanning: VBS is a huge undertaking. Pray for all of the details required in planning and running VBS and for God to provide all the needed supplies, finances, volunteers, energy, safety, and wisdom.

**R**elationships: Pray for lifelong relationships with Jesus to be formed and strengthened. Pray for God-honoring relationships to be established.

**A**ctivities: Pray that every activity will clearly communicate Jesus' love and redemption and teach the kids more about the truth of God and His Word.

**Y**ielded hearts: Pray that God would soften hearts and transform lives during VBS. Ask God to allow the gift of salvation, which comes only through Jesus Christ, to be received by both kids and adults.

**F**ellowship: Pray for any kids or parents who are discouraged, lonely, or struggling to really connect, to experience the fellowship of believers. Pray for them to feel encouraged, uplifted, and better connected, and ask God to give VBS leaders and our church a vision for intentional follow-up that continues those relationships and meets the needs of people.

**O**utreach: Ask God to multiply this outreach and pray for the moments when a salvation invitation is given. Pray that our mission outreach to Urban Promise London connects our kids to a worldview that helps them realize how big God is and that he works in their small world and the world at large. Pray they see how we can join with God in worldwide mission work. [See our online event page for more ...](#)