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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 health protocols  
per state regulations.  
Log on from any device to  
[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted  
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website.

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



# Connections

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**June 20-July 4, 2021**

## Way of the Week 3 (June 20-26)



**3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

- *Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish. (Proverbs 18:13)*
- *Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others. (Proverbs 12:15)*

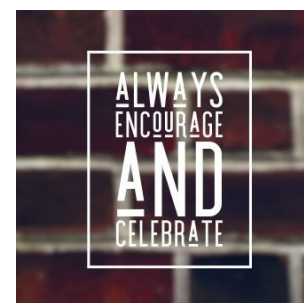
**Ideas for Action:** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

**4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE.** Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

- ◆ *We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 1: 3, 4)*
- ◆ *When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. (Acts 11: 22, 23)*

**Ideas for Action:** Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

## Way of the Week 4 (June 27-July 4)



### 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 if **you'll be attending in person.**

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. There is no cost to attend and guests and all ages are welcome!

To watch the live stream, log on to [www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream) at 7:00 p.m. June 21.

### Check-In Volunteers

**Help is greatly needed.** In order to facilitate check in for two services, we need two volunteers at EACH service, covering the Commons Lobby and Narthex (tough with summer travels!) 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>

### 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](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 133 or [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).



[Chick Fil-A Spirit Night](#) for  
*Step by Step Christian Preschool*  
**Monday, June 30**  
Chick Fil A Centerton Square

### Outdoor Hymn Sings

July 7, August 4, September 1

Join your church family as we gather safely outdoors to sing God's praises and offer our prayers. On the first Wednesday evening of July, August and September at 7:00 p.m. we'll meet in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. Our Hymn Sing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests with prayer. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. However, we'll respect anyone who chooses to do so. In the event of rain, it will be held the following Wednesday. How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing!

### Deacons' Toiletry Drive

The Deacons are holding a Toiletry Drive for St. Matthew's Ministerium Food Pantry through September. Please see our event page or website for a [listing of suggested items](#). Please return items to the shopping cart in the Commons Lobby. Thank you in advance for your donations! Contact Linda Jagiela at 267.275.7582 cell/text, [misions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org), or the church office at 856.235.1688.





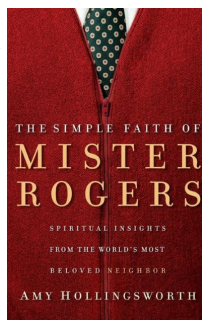
### Watching the Live Stream?

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, July 30 (Zoom, 6 pm)

Join us for our July book discussion: *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth. Note this is a Friday. To participate in the Zoom call:



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

### Sunday Study: Discipleship

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

### 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)

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.

### Welcome CREDO Members

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

### 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 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.



**Holiday Update:** The church campus will be CLOSED on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. There will also be no Session meeting in July.

### "Congraduations"

Congratulations to our 2021 high school and college graduates, who were honored June 6 for Graduate Recognition Sunday. God's blessings to you as you embark on your future endeavors.





# 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.](#)



It's official ... summer's here!

**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

For Families and Children:  
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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 ...](#)

**Planning:** 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.

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

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

**Yielded 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.

**Fellowship:** 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.

**Outreach:** 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 ...](#)