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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 II 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.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by

noon Tuesdays to: Editor Jan Martin jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org 856-235-1688, Ext. 133

Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections and upcoming events? If not, contact the church office.



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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Way of the Week 1 (June 6-12)



1. BE THIRD. God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, but be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Read: Philippians 2: 4; John 13: 14,15; 1 Peter 5: 5

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

Live Forward. Give Forward. Legacy Giving Sunday June 6th

LEGACY GIVING SUNDAY, observed May 3rd in the PC(USA) and June 6th this year at FPC Moorestown, is an invitation to consider how one can share the blessings God has given 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.

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. <u>The Presbyterian Foundation offers many resources</u> 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.

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Spring Gathering by PW

Monday, June 21 ~ 7:00 p.m. Featuring: Dr. Jenny Legath Presented via <u>live stream</u> and in person (Sanctuary)

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

REGISTER on the <u>online events</u> 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!

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 Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688:

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

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

Thank you, Dave

June 6 will be the last day for interim youth director **Dave Fauvell**, and final youth group of the season (see page 4). Dave, who teaches photography at Moorestown High School, stepped in to repackage our youth groups following the departure of Dan Wonneberger, and stepped right into a pandemic. Dave and his fiancée Sami Stewart will be getting married June 11th.

Chick Fil-A Spirit Night **Monday, June 26** Step by Step Christian Preschool

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.

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: <u>Haiti Outreach Minis-</u> <u>tries</u> and <u>Urban Promise International</u>. 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? Con contact Linda Jagiela at 856.235.1688, Ext. 104 or <u>missions@fpcmoorestown.org</u>.

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 <u>Jim Cole</u> 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.

Live Stream Concert

Spring Choral Concert Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Live Stream ~ Sanctuary

Primary-Junior Choir, Choristers, Chapel Choir & Adult Choir! View www.fpcmoorestown.org See our website for more details

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, choirs had to be done differently this past year. In spite of the restrictions, all of the Choirs at FPC Moorestown have worked diligently to prepare a variety of sacred selections for Worship Services and the Spring Concert.

Each Choir recorded musical pieces to offer in praise of God and to share with His people. The Concert will be live streamed at fpcmoorestown.org for everyone to hear at the same time. Please join us to support the efforts of the Primary-Junior Choir, Choristers, Chapel Choir, and Adult Choir!

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

2021 Graduate?

We will honor our grads (virtually) on June 13 for Graduate Recogni-

tion Sunday. Do you know of a 2021 graduate? submit Please of high names

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school, college or post-grad graduates from our congregation to Jan Martin in the church office.

CREDO Class Concludes

Pastor Stuart and Holly Asciutto lead this class of young people ex-

ploring membership in the church. Stu-NEW MEMBERS dents will have Dinner with Session on June 6th where they

will share their Statements of Faith and join the church. New members and their mentors will be welcomed during worship on June 13. Seven young people are participating in the 2021 class.

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.

Welcome Lauren Clark

We are pleased to welcome Lauren Clark, who is assisting our office this summer with VBS prep, registration, family ministries, and office support. Lauren will be a junior at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

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

NEW: Choir Open House!

Tuesday, June 15 ~ 5:45-7:15 p.m. You're invited to sample our youth choirs at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown! We are particularly recruiting singers in 5th-12th grades. We hope you will join us to meet current and former members of these two choirs. You will hear them perform a few pieces and see some video clips from our most recent European Choir Tour. You will also be able to visit the facilities for our Music program. We will end this evening with desserts in our Fellowship Hall.

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 Currie.

To participate in the call:

- Log on to: 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? Go to https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10c0c4fa9ad22a1f58-urban to sign up to get the items needed for camp. Thank you.



All aboard the Rocky Railway!

KEEP CALM AND Survive these last Weeks of school

Youth Group Ends June 6th

Please remember that youth group this week (Sunday, June 6th) is our final one of the season, and begins at **5:30 p.m.** in Miller Commons.

Students grade 7–12 are meeting together for youth group in person for time with peers, worship, learning, and fellowship. Please wear a mask. If you like, come at 7:45 PM for our small group time. If you have questions please reach out to <u>Dave Fauvell</u>.

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 I: 15

For Families and Children: Holly Asciutto 856-235-1688, ×116 hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

For Families and Youth: Dave Fauvell 609-980-7885 (cell/text) dfauvell52@gmail.com

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 (firm)*

JUST ONE WEEK REMAINS to register for the Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School! 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 <u>hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org</u> or 856-235-1688, Ext. 116. She is excited to talk with you!