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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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Connections and upcoming  
events? If not, contact the  
[church office](#).

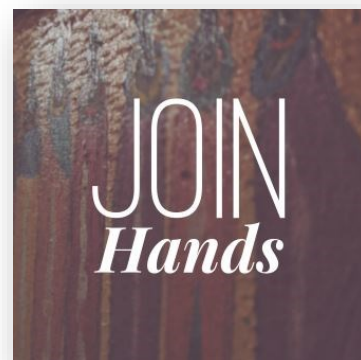
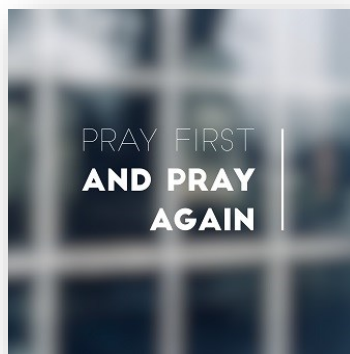


# Connections

**FPC**   
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**August 1-14, 2021**



## Way of the Week 9 (Aug. 1-7)

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.

*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Ephesians 6: 18)*

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you're stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

## Way of the Week 10 (Aug. 8-14)

**10. JOIN HANDS.** Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.

*Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. (Galatians 6: 2, 3)*

**Ideas for Action:** Is there some task you're doing at church that you could invite someone to share with you? Think of someone from our church who can help you sort out a challenge or problem you're facing.

### Guest Preacher

On **Sunday, August 1** we welcome Rev. Anthony Maimone to the pulpit. Rev. Maimone actively ministers to our neighbors at the ACTS/ Evergreens community as its full-time chaplain, and passionately leads Sunday chapel services, ecumenical Bible studies, prayer and grief support groups, and various workshops and educational seminars. He will bring the message at both services.

### Fifth Sunday August 29

The Worship Committee invites all to enjoy a combined worship service on **Sunday, August 29th** for our joint Fifth Sunday event. This blended worship service will be held at **9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary to allow for live streaming.

### Summer Reminder

Please remember to stay current with your pledge during the summer months, either through electronic giving or by mailing your check to the office.

### Deacons' Toiletry Drive

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



*Please return items to the table or shopping cart in the Commons Lobby.*



### Pastor Time Away

Pastor Spencer will be on vacation with his family **August 9-23**, returning to the office Tuesday, August 24. For pastoral care and concerns during this time, please contact the church office at (856) 235-1688 or Jan Martin at [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).

### Search Committees

Please continue to pray for our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and Youth Director search committee, as they seek to find those God is calling to lead our church into the future.

### Church Center App

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 which service you're viewing. This is the same app you use to check in when attending worship in person.

### Outdoor Hymnsings

**August 4 (Jim Cole, song leader)**

**September 1 (Bruce Melson, song leader)**

Join your church family as we gather 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're meeting in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the main parking lot. Bring your chair. Our Hymnsing includes lots of singing with a reflection on our Way of the Week and a time to share prayer requests. If you've been vaccinated you need not wear a mask. In the event of rain, it will be held in Miller Commons. How wonderful to gather together to ask the Lord's blessing!

### Audio Visual Ministry

The Audio Visual team is looking for several high school, adult or retired volunteers to learn our multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship. Worship broadcasts live from the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. from Miller Commons. We will train you on this exciting new technology; vMix software, camera operation and audio. You will serve in a rotation and therefore just be needed every few weeks or so. Sign up on our event page or contact Steve Draszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com).

### Missions Fall Shredding Event

**Saturday, September 18th (9 am-Noon)**

Main church parking lot

## Check-In Volunteers

Help is greatly needed. In order to facilitate check in for two services, we need two volunteers at each service, to cover the Commons Lobby and Narthex. Adults and teens are welcome. 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>

## Adult Spiritual Formation

Coming Sept. 15th: The Engagement Project, a 10-week study which will meet Wednesday evenings at the church. When we draw near to God and contemplate His divine nature, it exposes us, as it did Isaiah. But it also awakens us to His Truth, which transforms us and calls us to engage the world around us. After we engage, we seek to restore the Truth of God in all areas of life. For information contact Jim Cole at [jamescole7@comcast.net](mailto:jamescole7@comcast.net) or 856-296-5732. Sign up online; friends from other churches encouraged.

## 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, is welcome to join Jim Cole at those times. Have a prayer request? Please leave them in the Chapel for the prayer team. Would you like a **Letter of Well Wishing** mailed? Please contact Alison in the church office at 856.235.1688.

## Ministry Fair 2021:

### A Time to Scatter ... Gather

As we begin our new programming year, the Ministry Fair features table displays to educate the congregation about different ministry areas, their goals and opportunities to "jump in." This year's fair again centers around four key practices to enliven our faith: **Worship, Connect, Serve, and Devote**. If your group would like to display at this year's Ministry Fair, please contact Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, x106 or [egage@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:egage@fpcmoorestown.org) by **Aug. 21**. The Ministry Fair will be in Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday, Sept. 12. How is God inviting you to take your next step of faith? How will you Worship, Connect, Serve and Devote? Celebrate *A Time to Scatter ... Gather* with the gift of your participation.

### September 12 Fund Honors Birthday of the Church

Did you know that this year, our Ministry Fair falls on our birthday? September 12th marks the 133rd Birthday of our church. In honor of the church's founding on September 12, 1888, members are encouraged to donate to the future of FPC Moorestown by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. This year, present your donation in person at the Stewardship Table at the Ministry Fair, mail, or place in the offering. Look for a special letter from the pastor and opportunity to support this legacy.

**Community Bible Study with Ruth Stotsenburg**  
Begins Wednesday, August 4

## Missions Book Club

**Monday, August 23 (Zoom, 6 pm)**

*Father to the Fatherless: The Charles Mulli Story* by Paul H. Boge and Bruce Wilkinson

## Bible Sunday

**Sunday, September 19th**

Our program year begins  
Third Grade Bibles (see pg. 4)

## Fall Prayer Retreat

**October 19-22, 2021**

Holy Cross Monastery (NY)

**Registration is OPEN (due Sept. 12)**

Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for time away from the rush and crushing pace of life. This three-night, four-day retreat affords time to step away from the regular demands of life and enjoy a place of rest and welcome. Our retreat begins on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 5:00 p.m. and concludes Friday, Oct. 22 after lunch. Pastor Stuart Spencer leads a study of the prayer given to Jesus' disciples. [SIGN UP ONLINE](#) on our website or event page, or contact the church office at 856-235-1688. Cost is \$305 with the book and \$290 if you're purchasing the book on your own.

## Fall Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian faith? Watch for information on a fall Inquirers Class for prospective new members.

**Fall Gathering by the Women of the Church (PW)**

Monday, September 20th



# FAMILY MINISTRY

Stay cool this summer! We miss you ...

## 4th-6th Paint Wars was a BLAST



## Middle School Pool Party!

Middle schoolers entering 7th grade and 8th grade are invited to connect, recharge and just plain cool off at a Swim Party on **Thursday, August 12 from 6-9 p.m.** We'll have pizza and a great time getting to know each other.

**Place:** Pheasant Run Swim Club

**Address:** 2912 New Albany Road, Cinnaminson

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person

**RSVP** with middle school coordinator Liz Greene at cell/text 856-220-0750 or [leapinlizzy7@gmail.com](mailto:leapinlizzy7@gmail.com) by **Aug. 11**

**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:

**Holly Asciutto**

856-235-1688, x116

[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)

For Families and Youth:

**The search is underway for a new Youth Director!**

## Middle Schoolers: Check out Shocker Ball!

Youth entering 7th grade and 8th grade are invited to join our friends with the Converge Church for their annual SHOCKER BALL youth event on **Friday, Sept. 3rd, from 6-10 pm** at Jeff Young Memorial Park in Moorestown. We'll be playing soccer like you've never played it before ... WITH AN 8-FOOT BALL!! This is an excellent opportunity for Christian youth to meet others their age, the unsaved to hear the Gospel message, and everyone to have a LOT of fun. Parents and adult chaperones: come join in! And it's FREE! **Please register by Wednesday, Sept. 1** with how many you'll be bringing, so we can accurately plan for food. Contact FPC Moorestown middle school coordinator Liz Greene at cell/text 856-220-0750 or [leapinlizzy7@gmail.com](mailto:leapinlizzy7@gmail.com).

## Bible Sunday for Third Graders

On Bible Sunday, September 19, we will present Bibles for children entering 3rd grade. If you'd like your child to receive a Bible, contact Holly Asciutto at 856-235-1688, Ext. 116 or [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) with their name as it is to appear and if you will attend the Traditional or Contemporary service.

## Experience the Magic ... "Sing or Ring" in One of our Choirs This Year

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry under the leadership of Director of Music Joel Krott and Bell Choir Director Kathy Gunsallus. Come try it this year! You know you want to! Choir rehearsals begin:

- **Bell Choir:** Tues. Sept. 14 (6:15 pm)

- **Choristers** (Grades 5-8): Wed. Sept. 15 (5:00 pm)

- **Adult Choir:** Thurs. Sept. 9 (7:30 pm)

- **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4): Tues. Sept. 14 (4:00 pm)

- **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12): Tues. Sept. 14 (7:00 pm)

- **Primary Choir** (Grades K-1): Wed. Sept. 29 (4:00 pm)