

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
MAIL: PO Box 868
Moorestown, NJ 08057
fpcmoorestown.org
856.235.1688

Rev. Stuart Spencer
Pastor / Head of Staff
sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org

Peter Jonescu
Interim Director of
Congregational Ministries

**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
or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

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 infor-
mation **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.](#)



Connections

FPC
Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

August 15-28, 2021



[Way of the Week 11 \(Aug. 15-22\)](#)

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE. Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

- ◆ *Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me. (Romans 16: 2)*

Ideas for Action: Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name and a smile of welcome. Pave the way for new friendships wherever you are.

[Way of the Week 12 \(Aug. 22-28\)](#)

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

- ◆ *All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)*

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!

Congregational Meeting

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, August 29, 2021** for the purpose of voting on the call of Rev. Wes Allen as our Associate Pastor. It's a Fifth Sunday, so we'll gather in our Sanctuary for one service at **9:30 a.m.** when the candidate will preach. The meeting begins at the close of worship. The worship service and the meeting will air via live stream. *Check our online events page and website for the Zoom link option to vote for church members who prefer to stay at home.*

In addition to considering the terms of call, we'll also act on a request from Session to amend our By-Laws to allow virtual meetings.

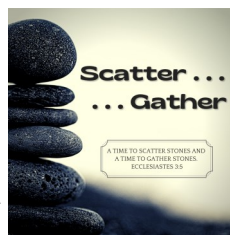
BYO Picnic (11 am—1 pm)

Afterwards, we're planning a reception for the Allens outside. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy after the meeting. Deacons and

Missions will provide games, activities, challenges, and some cold drinks and treats. Wear comfortable clothes and bring chairs or a blanket for your family. Rain or shine. Do plan to join us for this momentous morning! See your mail or our website for [information on Rev. Allen](#) and a [letter from Pastor Stuart](#).

Sermon Series

For nearly a year and a half, our congregation has been prohibited or limited in our ability to gather together. Once scattered, now we gather. A church becomes a church in the gathering. It exemplifies the universal church in the gathering. It is where we as believers show what we are, learn what we are, rejoice and give praise to God for what we are. Begins August 15th.



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, misions@fpcmoorestown.org, or the church office at 856.235.1688.

Pastor Away

Pastor Spencer is on vacation with his family **August 9-23**, returning to the office Tuesday, August 24. Rev. Dick Herman is available for pastoral care during this time, please contact Jan Martin in the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 133 or jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org.

Church Center App

When watching the live stream, please remember to **check in** on your smart phone.

Fifth Sunday August 29

Come to 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.

Bible Sunday

Sunday, September 19th

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

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 Drzaszcz at steve@gotsteve.com.

Missions Fall Shredding Event
Saturday, September 18th (9 am-Noon)

Main church parking lot

[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. [Sign up online](#) on our website or events page or contact Jim Cole at jamescole7@comcast.net or 856-296-5732. 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.

[Outdoor Hymnsing](#)

Wed. September 1

Bruce Melson, song leader
Meet us in the Wong Garden

[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.

[Ministry Fair 2021:](#)

[A Time to Scatter ... Gather](#)

How is God inviting you to take your next step of faith? As we begin our 2021-22 programming year, the Ministry Fair features displays to inform members about ministry areas, and opportunities to “jump in.” The fair centers around four key practices to enliven our faith: *Worship, Connect, Serve, and Devote*, and will be in Fellowship Hall between services on **Sunday, Sept. 12**. How will you Worship, Connect, Serve and Devote as we gather again? If your group would like to display at the Fair, please contact Earl Gage at (856) 235-1688, x106 or egage@fpcmoorestown.org by **Aug. 21**.

[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 our future 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 letter soon and opportunity to support this legacy.



[Missions Book Club](#)

Monday, August 23 (Zoom, 6 pm)

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

[Fall Prayer Retreat](#)

October 19-22, 2021

Holy Cross Monastery (NY)

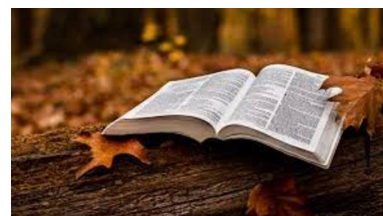
Registration is OPEN (due Sept. 12)

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 Gathering by the Women of the Church \(PW\)](#)

Monday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)



Effective June 2021, post office regulations require mail for the church to be addressed to our **PO Box 868** mailing address. The physical address may also appear on mail.



FAMILY MINISTRY

September 19th is Bible Sunday; Welcome Back!

While the search committee continues to look for our new youth director, several individuals have "jumped in" to help plan youth activities. [See our website for info.](#)

- ⇒ **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Liz Greene, a volunteer youth leader for over 15 years, is looking for a co-leader for our middle school programming for grades 7-8.
- ⇒ **HIGH SCHOOL:** Senior high events for grades 9-12 will be led by Dave Fauvell and his wife Sami Fauvell, two of our gifted youth ministry leaders.

Sunday School Reunion Sept. 19th

KIDS: Join us on **Sunday, September 19**, for a meet your teacher/ice cream social event; then, regular classes will begin on **September 26th**. Children's Sunday School meets Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m., where children learn about the Word of God, the love of God, and His rescue plan, the Promised Savior, Jesus! Children and teachers will be asked to wear face masks. This is for children in K-6th grades.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU.
WE HAVE MISSED 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

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.
(Ecclesiastes 3:5)

For Families and Children:
Holly Ascitutto
856-235-1688, x116
hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

For Families and Youth:
**The search is underway for a
new Youth Director!**

Middle Schoolers: Check out Shocker Ball!

Youth entering grades 7 and 8 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.

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 Ascitutto at 856-235-1688, Ext. 116 or 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 a Choir 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)