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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
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted
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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast** with announcements,
Connections and upcoming
events? If not, contact the
[church office](#).



Connections

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Aug. 29-Sept. 11, 2021



Way of the Week 13 (Aug. 29-Sept. 4)

13. OPEN DOORS FOR OTHERS TO LEAD. Encourage others to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our *present*.

Read: Matthew 28: 19, 20; Matthew 9: 37, 38; 1 Timothy 4: 12

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.

Way of the Week 14 (Sept. 5-11)

14. GROW FAITH. Take advantage of every chance you have to form your faith – through small groups, classes, and personal study. Be a disciple and look to learn from those who know more of the Bible and Christian life than you do, then look for opportunities to share what you've gained with someone else.

Read: Mark 8: 34; 2 Timothy 2: 2

Ideas for Action: If you're not currently in a small group, call the church office and ask for assistance in finding one. Ask for some time with someone whose faith you respect and pick their brains on their practices of faith formation.

Congregational Meeting and BYO Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 29 the APNC will present its candidate for associate pastor, [Rev. Wesley Allen](#). The candidate will preach at the **9:30 a.m.** service, which will be followed by a Congregational Meeting and vote. Members may attend in person or vote [via Zoom](#).

www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 845 2095 8471

Passcode: 952718

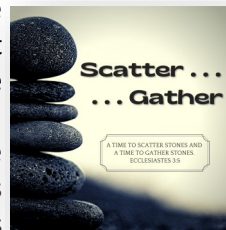
In addition to the terms of call, we'll also act on a Session request to amend our By-Laws to allow virtual meetings. After the Congregational Meeting, we'll have a **BYO Picnic** outside on the front lawn! Bring your own lunch to enjoy. Deacons and Missions are providing games, activities, a dunk tank, and cold drinks and treats until 1:00 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes and bring chairs or a blanket for your family as we celebrate our new Associate Pastor.

Deacons' Toiletry Drive

SCOOP: "Tickets" for the dunk tank at the BYO Picnic are a toiletry item for the drive so stock up and dunk a pastor. Through September, the Deacons are collecting toiletries for St. Matthew's Ministerium Food Pantry. See our event page or website for [suggested items](#).

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.



Fall Prayer Retreat

October 19-22, 2021

Holy Cross Monastery (NY)

Registration 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. 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 purchasing the book yourself.



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.

Outdoor Hymnsing

Wed. September 1 with Bruce Melson, song leader
Meet us in the Wong Garden at 7:00 p.m.

Church Center App

When watching the live stream or attending in person, please remember to **check in** on your smart phone to register your attendance.

Church Has Left the Building

Sunday, October 24

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

Main church parking lot

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.

Fall Inquirers Class

Welcome newcomers! Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian faith? Come to a three-part Inquirers Class for prospective new members:

- ◆ Sept. 15: 7-8:30 pm (Zoom)
- ◆ Sept. 18: 9-1 pm (Rm 3-4)
- ◆ Sept. 19: 12 noon with Session (Rm 3-4)

See our [online event page](#) and website. Sign up with the church office at (856) 235-1688.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Starts 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. [Sign up online](#) on our website or events page or contact coordinator Jim Cole at jamescole7@comcast.net or 856-296-5732. Friends from other churches encouraged to attend.

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 Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688, ext. 113.

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 opportunities to learn about new areas, and ways to “jump in.” The Ministry Fair will be in Fellowship Hall between services on **Sunday, Sept. 12**. How will you Worship, Connect, Serve and Devote as we gather again?



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, place in the offering, or [give online](#). Information was recently mailed with information about this special legacy.



We Give to the Lord

It's Coming! On **Sunday, October 17** we will celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life with our annual stewardship campaign. Like last year, *Estimate of Giving* cards will be mailed to all members so that households may prayerfully (and safely) indicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord's Work. We will all be **together** (in-person or via live stream) for **ONE 9:30 a.m.** service, where we will welcome an engaging speaker Rev. Sam Massengill. During worship, we will prayerfully dedicate our gifts. You may also return by mail, fill out online, or swing through a Drive-Through Dedication & Blessing that day. Watch your mail for special information in September. Our sermon series “Now Is The Time” begins Sept. 26 to provide a biblical framework and church members will share their personal stories.

PW Fall Gathering

Monday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. (Miller Commons)

Ruth Stotsenburg will introduce the engaging new Presbyterian Women small group study “*What my Grandmothers Taught Me-Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy.*” Circle leaders will offer a personal invitation to their particular groups, which begin in October. [RSVP online.](#)





FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday School: Regular classes begin September 26 (9:45-10:45 a.m.)

⇒ Meet Your Teachers/Ice Cream Social Sunday, Sept. 19th!

Sunday School: Join us on **Sunday, Sept. 19**, for a meet your teachers/ice cream social event (9:45 am). We can't wait to see you! The first day of regular classes will be on **Sunday, Sept. 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.

Junior and Senior High Youth

While the search committee continues to look for our new youth director, several folks have 'joined hands' 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.

Sermon Series Memory Verse

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

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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For Families and Youth:

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

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

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 with their name as it is to appear and if you will attend the Traditional or Contemporary service.

Choir Rehearsals Begin in September

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)

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** 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.