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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](#).

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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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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

September 12-18, 2021



Way of the Week 15 (Sept. 12-18)

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring.^a What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.^{b, c}

- ◆ ^aAnd no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins. (Mark 2: 22)
- ◆ ^bAnd the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21: 6)
- ◆ ^c This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5: 17)

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Ministry Fair TODAY

Sunday, September 12
9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

How is God calling you to Worship, Connect, Devote and Serve this year?

Deacons' Toiletry Drive

Through September, the Deacons are collecting toiletries for St. Matthew's Ministerium Food Pantry. Please see our event page or website for [suggested items](#).

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?



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 Episcopal 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.

SAVE THE DATE

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, Nov. 1 from 1-6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Welcome Paul Savage

This fall, we will welcome Paul Savage to our pastoral staff as our Princeton Theological Seminary intern for 2021-2022. Paul grew up in the little town of Portland, Michigan. He graduated from the Moody Bible Institute with a major in Biblical Studies and a minor in Biblical Languages. He is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary with an emphasis in New Testament. In his free time, Paul enjoys reading, working out, and playing guitar. He is a self-described "huge history nerd" and his favorite sport to follow is mixed martial arts. When it comes to movies, books, and music, Paul says he usually aims for the classics. Paul will begin with us in September and will be involved in worship services, Christian education, pastoral care, and church operations.

Reminder

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

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

Stay tuned for more information!

No adult education or Sunday School

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.

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

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.

Stephen Ministry Training Class in October

The goal of Stephen Ministry is to provide distinctively Christian lay ministry to people in need. Without well-trained Stephen Ministers there's no ministry. We will be starting a new class for those who would like to train to be a Stephen Minister, beginning on Monday, October 25. If you are interested in more information about this class, sign up online on this page or contact Doris Kahley at 609-61-8474 or d.kahley@verizon.net.

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.



NEW: Adult Education

Join Lorenzo Eagles and Wes Allen on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom for our fall adult education hour. Each week we will dive head-first into the Word of God as we reflect on and explore that week's sermon text.

A study guide will be provided electronically on the church website and on this page.

There will be NO adult education on October 17 (Consecration Sunday), or October 24 (Church Has Left the Building).

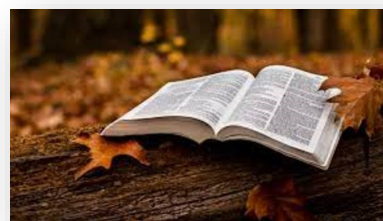
New Sermon Series Sept. 26
Now Is The Time

PW Fall Gathering

Monday, September 20th

10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Ruth Stotsenburg will introduce the group to 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.



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.



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 teacher/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.

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 Asciutto
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For Families and Youth:

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

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. 7 (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)

Kids Groups and Youth Groups

- ⇒ Senior High Youth Group Wave begins Sunday, September 26 (7-9 p.m.) - Grades 9-12
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) and Crossing Zone (4th-6th) begin Wednesday, October 6