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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)  
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e-blast** with announcements,  
Connections and upcoming  
events? If not, contact the  
[church office](#).



# Connections

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**Feb. 27-March 5, 2022**



## Way of the Week 14 (February 27-March 5)

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.

**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.

### Lenten Book Study

THIS YEAR our Lenten small group study will be reading *The Way of A Pilgrim* by R.M. French. Sign ups opened February 13th in the Commons Lobby and online. Pick the day that works best for you!

**A limited supply of books** will be available at the Grand Central table in the Commons Lobby, or you may purchase yours online through [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) or your favorite Christian book distributor. Books are not available in the church office.



[Sign up for Lenten Groups online](#), at church or with the church office

⇒ [Read a letter from Pastor Spencer](#) about Ukraine and new COVID protocols following a status return to the Moderate Level

### **NEW: Jesus Prayer (Zoom)**

SIGN UP for a Jesus Prayer study on Zoom with Pastor Stuart about this special prayer, centerpiece of our Lent study. Series will be held Thursdays in Lent **March 3-April 7** from 6:30-7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**To join us via Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81934312431?pwd=VVY4YnRnRm42UDFFZmQzeKdxbXBmZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 819 3431 2431

**Passcode:** 819740

### **Holy Week Schedule** **(in person and live stream)**

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

*A solemn service recalling The Last Supper, Communion served*

**Thursday, April 14 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Rev. Wes Allen preaching

#### **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**

*A moving experience extinguishing light into darkness, powerful*

**Friday, April 15 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Paul Savage preaching

### **Per Capita**

This month look for mailed information regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a “per member” contribution of \$38.75 per member above one’s pledge that each church pays annually to support the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Congregation members are asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may [submit an “opt-out” request](#) if you do NOT wish this portion to be paid. You must alert the church office. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. An eblast was also sent with the information and easy links.



### **Lent Programming Guide**

Copies of our 2022 Lent Programming Guide are available at church and [online](#), detailing the events for this meaningful Lent and Easter season. Download or pick up your copy today.

### **Your Service Pledge**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our ministry. What are your skills and interests? Is there something new you’re hoping to try? Maybe design flyers, serve as an usher, or wrangle kiddos at VBS? Or do you prefer to make cheery phone calls, or prepare communion elements? [Fill out our new online Service Pledge](#). There are countless ways to make an impact and utilize your skills for the glory of God. Use the convenient QR code in the contemporary service. Kindly complete yours by **February 28**.

-- Stewardship & Nominations  
Committees

### **Adult Spiritual Formation**

Lorenzo Eagles leads a Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation class from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come participate in this Discovery Bible Study adult class, which is open to those 7th grade and older.

### **Lent Study Group Sunday Morning**

Seminary intern Paul Savage leads a Lent study group beginning March 6 from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8. The class is accessible via Zoom or in person. SIGN UP online or in the Commons Lobby.

**FIND the Zoom links on our event page and Adult Spiritual Formation page of our website [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).**

### **Ash Wednesday: March 2**

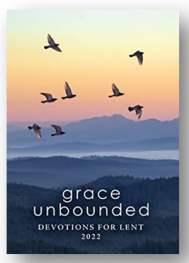
First Sunday of Lent: Sunday, March 6

The Journey of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday March 2. That day, we begin with a **Drive Through Ashes** event at 12 noon. Simply drive into the main parking lot and be safely greeted for prayer and the imposition of ashes. Please wear masks. **Ash Wednesday Worship** will be that evening at 7:00 p.m., led by intern Paul Savage, and marks this season of penitence, fasting, prayer and sacrifice. *What will you give up, or take on, for Lent?*

[Lent-in-a-Bag](#) is available starting Feb. 27 and features family activities for this season (see page 4). Contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, Ext. 116.

## Lent Devotional: Grace Unbounded

As a beautiful companion piece to the Lenten study, *Grace Unbounded* provides daily devotions, reflections and prayers for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter, from the Gospel of Luke. You can purchase your copy online with Amazon, or through the church office, which has a limited quantity for \$3.00. Pick up a copy at the Grand Central table in Miller Commons.



## Easter Flower Orders

Order forms for Easter flowers will be available **March 20, March 27 and April 3**. Order online and mail in your payment, or submit payment and your order form in the offering box following worship. Flowers are \$15 each and will be assorted spring varieties. Flowers may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday April 17th.

## Lent Sermon Series: On the Way, Praying

## Sock It To Me

Cold, wet feet add to the misery of the homeless. Please help bring some relief! Presbyterian Women are collecting white cotton socks for the Christian Caring Center. A collection box will be located in the Commons Lobby through Easter.



## Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp

Registration is NOW OPEN for the wonderful summer camps of Camp Johnsonburg, a Presbyterian camp and retreat center. Visit [www.campjburg.org/summer-camp](http://www.campjburg.org/summer-camp). There are programs for 1st through 5th graders, 6th through 8th graders, and 9th through 12th graders. Pick yours! A handful of kids from Moorestown are already signed up for **July 31-Aug.5!** Different price tiers and weeks are available to make camp as accessible to as many children as possible. There is also a discount for more than one child. At Camp Jburg, kids have an opportunity to make friends, have fun, and most importantly learn about Jesus Christ and God's love for them. Parents: learn about flexible payment options and deferred payments too. It will be a summer your kids will not forget! Reach out to Wes Allen with any questions.

***Have you noticed someone  
missing from church?  
Give them a call or visit.***

## Preschool Open House

Registration is underway for 2022-23 preschool classes. Applications on our [website](#). Classes begin in September 2022 and are available for 2 ½ year olds, 3-year olds, and Pre-K students. Come to an **Open House** on Tuesday, March 1 from 7 -8 p.m. and meet staff in person.

***April 10 (Palm Sunday)  
One Great Hour  
of Sharing offering***



## Boards of the Church

The Nominations Committee is hard at work staffing the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Is God calling you to serve? What ministry area calls to you? Please pray about where you may "join hands." [Look for an online sign up.](#)

## Check in to Church

Using the Church Center app on your phone, please "check in to church" each Sunday you're in person or home watching the live stream. This simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Download the app on your phone from the App Store or Google Play. Need help? Please see the volunteer in the narthex or at the desk.

## Spring ALPHA Series

Invite your friends to this video discussion series Wednesday evenings **April 20-June 22** in Room 3-4 (7-8:30 p.m.) All are welcome — believers, searchers, and those seeking to know what Christianity is and what it believes. No book is required. Open to the community. Sign up online or our events page.

## Power of Prayer

Submit an online prayer request to the Prayer Committee. Visit the new prayer page on the website at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/prayer> to share your prayer request with the prayer team.

***Change Clocks  
Sunday, March 13***



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Save The Date: Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022**



**NEW!** Help support Step by Step by [purchasing delicious Stock's Pound Cakes](#) for you, family and friends.

Cakes are \$16 and six delicious varieties! Return order form by **March 3**.

Contact Amy Delgado at [adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org).



WHAT A WEEKEND! Our high schoolers are back from an incredible Winter Retreat at Lake Champion (NY)!

**Kingdom Kids:** Grades K-3  
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm  
**Crossing Zone:** Grades 4-6  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Middle School:** Grades 7-8  
Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm  
**High School:** Grades 9-12  
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5: 5)

For Families and Children:

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For Families and Youth:

**The search is underway for a new youth director**

## Lent-in-a-Bag for Families

Lent is the season before Easter where we try to "journey" with Jesus. We invite families to take a Lent Bag and follow weekly instructions for a meaningful experience during this most holy of times. On the back of the outer bag is an overview of the activities for the seven weeks leading up to Easter. Week 1 should start the week of Ash Wednesday (March 2).



**WHEN AND WHERE:** The Lent-in-a-bag devotion will be available beginning **Sunday, February 27th** in the Commons Lobby, and on Ash Wednesday, **March 2nd** at the Drive Through Ashes in the parking lot at 12 noon.

**Lent-in-a-bag** is meant to equip families to help have conversation and prayer at home. There are specific connections with the *Jesus Storybook Bible* listed but please use whatever version/ translation of the Scripture is best for your family. Inside each bag are seven individual bags marked weeks 1-6 and "Holy Week". Choose one day a

week to gather with your family, take out that week's devotional and contents, and follow the detailed instructions. (Sometimes there is a bonus at the end of the devotions for older children).

Also, we have included a Lenten **Fish Box** for "One Great Hour of Sharing" as a means of charitable, monetary collections and giving during Lent (see insert with the box). Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday services on April 10th.

For questions contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, x116 or [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org).

On **Wednesday, March 2**, Ash Wednesday, there will be no Kingdom Kids or Crossing Zone so families may worship together. Middle School Youth Group meets at the regular time and plans to attend worship. Contact Joel Krott for choir rehearsal schedules.