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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 later in the week to our website.

"Connections" is published weekly for Sunday worship and **every two weeks in the summer**. Please submit information **by noon Tuesdays** to: Editor Jan Martin
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Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, *Connections* and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).

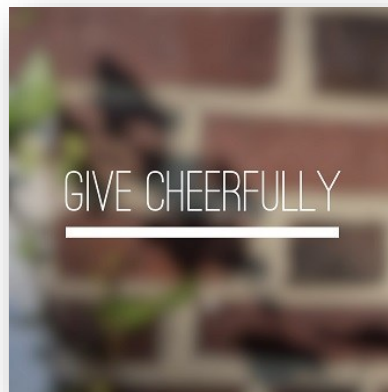


Connections

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March 13-20, 2022



Way of the Week 16 (March 13-20)

16. GIVE CHEERFULLY. Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

Lenten Book Study

THIS YEAR our Lenten Small Group Study is reading *"The Way of a Pilgrim"* by R. M. French. Sign-ups are open in the Commons Lobby and online. Pick the day that works best for you.

A limited supply of books are available at the Grand Central Table in the Commons Lobby, or you may purchase yours online through www.Amazon.com or your favorite Christian book distributor. Books may not be 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**.

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

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 17

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:30 a.m. Traditional

11:00 a.m. Contemporary



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.

Meal Train

Calling all cooks! Please contact the church office if you'd like to join the list of volunteers who offer to bring a meal to someone in our church family. When there is a need for meals within the church, Deacon Jean Donahue creates a meal train, and lets people know they can sign up to bring a meal to someone. Signing up doesn't mean you have to pick up a meal. When there is a need, Jean lets people know so they can decide based on what works for their schedule. Contact Alison Mackey at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.

Couples Night Out

Save the Date for a Couples Night Out at the historic Union League of Philadelphia; May 20, 2022 — 6- 10 pm. Cost per couple is \$325 and includes a four course meal and guest speaker. Join us for a much needed night out, connect with other couples, and strengthen your relationship and faith. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional \$265 (includes breakfast Saturday) - accommodations can be made by contacting the Inn at the Union League (215.587.5570). **Speaker information coming soon!**

About the venue: The Union League of Philadelphia, ranked the #1 City Club in the Country, is a shining jewel of history in a city defined by such treasure. Founded in 1862 as a patriotic society to support the Union and the policies of President Abraham Lincoln during a time of civil unrest in America.

Adult Spiritual Formation

- ⇒ Lorenzo Eagles leads a Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation class from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and Zoom. This Discovery Bible Study class is open to those 7th grade and older.
- ⇒ Seminary Intern Paul Savage leads a Lent Study Group from 9:45-10:45 am in Room 8 and Zoom. 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.

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. (Miller Commons)
Rev. Wes Allen preaching

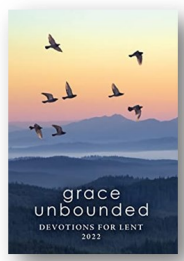
Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

*A moving experience extinguishing
light into darkness*

Friday, April 15 ~ 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Paul Savage preaching

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.



PW Mission Donations

- Cold, wet feet add to the misery of the homeless. Please help bring relief. Presbyterian Women are collecting **white cotton socks** for the Christian Caring Center. A collection box will be in the Commons Lobby through Easter.
- Items are also being collected by PW for **hygiene kits** for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. [See our Event page for a list of items.](#)

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 17.

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.](#)

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

Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp

Registration is OPEN for the summer camps of Camp Johnsonburg, a Presbyterian camp and retreat center. Visit www.campjburg.org/summer-camp. There are programs for 1st-5th graders, 6th-8th graders, and 9th-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; 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.



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



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 on 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.

***Save The Date:
Spring Blood Drive
Friday, May 13
Miller Commons***

FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Children's Easter Celebration Saturday, April 9 ~ 10 a.m.

The Children's Easter Celebration will be **Saturday, April 9** from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and, weather permitting, will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with an Egg Hunt for children ages 2-10! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will cancel and reschedule. **Don't forget your basket!**



WHAT A WEEKEND! Our high schoolers enjoyed 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

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!
- Luke 18:38

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

As we journey with Jesus this Lenten season, 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). The Lent-in-a-bag devotions are available in the Commons Lobby.

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 Scriptures is best for your family. Inside each bag are 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.

For questions, contact Holly Asciutto at 856.235.1688, x116 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing

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 the insert with the box.) Fish banks will also be distributed in children's Sunday School. Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday Services on **April 10**. **There is NO Sunday School on April 10.**

Easter Break Schedule

Wednesday, April 13: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, April 17: No CREDO confirmation class or High School Youth Group

Wednesday, April 20: No Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Middle School Youth Group