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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:
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Connections

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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 15-21, 2022



Way of the Week 25 (May 15-21)

25. REJOICE ALWAYS. The Kingdom of God is a party! Let healthy laughter fill our meetings, our meals, and even our worship. Allow the joy of our faith be clearly evident in our speech and on our faces.

Ideas for Action: Plan a party for the coming weekend and invite a couple of individuals or families over to celebrate. Don't forget the cake! What's the occasion? The joy of knowing and serving Jesus and belonging to our church family are reasons enough.

COVID-19 Protocols: CDC Level Moves to High

This week the CDC risk for Burlington County moved to the HIGH level. Therefore, **effective Sunday, May 15**, Protocols for the HIGH Level as approved at the April Session meeting will be implemented:

For INDOOR SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sanctuary & Miller Commons

Masks are required for all individuals. Sanctuary will be open seating – social distancing when possible. People are free to sit where they are comfortable. Check-in, communion, offering will be staff discretion. Choirs to be masked for singing. There is no congregational singing.

For INDOOR MEETINGS:

Masks optional for vaccinated adults – recommended for unvaccinated adults. No food will be served indoors.

Incoming Officers

Incoming Elders, Deacons and Trustees will be installed and ordained on **Sunday, May 29** at our 9:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday Worship Service. Examination by Session will be at their May meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.

ELDER

Rebecca Castellanos, Lorenzo Eagles, Cheryl Gaskill, Paul Grossmann, Matt Livingston, Frank Manion, Peg Madorno (2-year term)

DEACON

Jenna Cole, Andrew Ehala, Laurie LaMonica, Rachel Long, Diane Samuel, Jonathan Schramm, Tamara Trzeciak

TRUSTEE

Wendy Dougherty, John Miller, Matt Moxhay, Brian Catanella (2-year term)

***Pentecost Sunday, June 5
Wear Red
Summer Hours Begin***

Mission May

Mission Malawi is here. Learn about our mission partners in Malawi with fun activities for all ages. Have you picked up your **“Beat The Rains” game**? Work together to plant maize before the rains come. The game is available with the companion Devotional in Commons Lobby or the Narthex.

NEW: We will also be collecting sports equipment, books, and school supplies for the ministries in bins outside the Missionwares store through the end of June.

MAY 22: POSTPONED

The hybrid panel discussion scheduled for May 22 at 9:45 a.m. during the education hour has been postponed due to conflicts with the missionaries who were participating from Malawi. We hope to reschedule this for the fall.

***Youth Choir Concert
Sunday, May 22 ~ 7:00 pm
Sanctuary***

**Teacher Appreciation:
Ice Cream Sunday**

The last day of children’s Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 22**. We will recognize our adult and children’s teachers as we close out the education year. The Deacons will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, and games to thank our teachers. Meet on the Sanctuary Courtyard (*weather permitting*) from **9:45-10:45 am**. EVERYONE aged 0 to 99+ is welcome to join in the fun. If you came to Sunday School just once or even not at all, this is your chance to jump in!



Scan me to register for VBS!

Strawberry Festival - June 3

The 63rd Annual Strawberry Festival is back! It’s an evening welcoming friends from our community and LOTS of FUN and FREE! This church-wide event will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries and ice cream. Come enjoy the Moorestown Community Band, the Trophy Husbands Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY), and more. [See website/Events page.](#)

LOTS of volunteers are needed. There are MANY opportunities -- sign-ups are in Commons Lobby or please use SignupGenius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45aea62ca1f85-strawberry2>



Please see Page 3 of *Connections* for more information about how YOU can help support the 63rd Strawberry Festival

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

Cakes, cakes and more cakes!

We need over 300 cakes to serve the community. Please consider signing up. Any flavor and size cake (cupcakes, too) are welcome. Please sign up so we have an idea of how many cakes we will have that day — sign-ups are in Commons Lobby and by the kitchen. **PLEASE PRE-CUT YOUR CAKE PRIOR TO DROP-OFF.**

Strawberry Hullers: Save the date: **Thursday, June 2** at 3:00 p.m. until they are all cut! Come for an hour or stay for a few. Bring your favorite small knife, a cutting tray, and a colander. Pizza, salad, soda and water will be served at 5:00 p.m. All ages welcome. There are sign-up sheets at church and a sign-up genius is available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B45AEA62CA1F85-strawberry3>

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 has replaced the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Just download the app on your phone. Need help? Please see the volunteer at check-in.

Have you remembered the church in your Will?

2022 Graduates

Sunday, May 15 during Traditional Worship, we will recognize high school, college and post-grad graduates from our congregation.

Honoring Kim Murphy and Jan Amos with Dedication

On **Sunday, May 22**, immediately after the 11:00 am Service, we will have a brief service of dedication for the rosebud trees out by the Labyrinth in memory of Kim Murphy and in honor of Jan Amos’ 15-year leadership of the Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, especially friends of Kim and of Jan and of Stephen Ministry.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night for Step by Step Preschool Tuesday, May 17 (5-8 pm) Centerton Square

Session Approves Summer Worship Hours Beginning Sunday, June 5:

- ◆ 9:00 a.m. Traditional
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Contemporary
- ◆ No Children’s Sunday School

5th Sunday
Sunday, May 29
9:30 a.m. combined worship
Sanctuary

Couples’ Night Out

YES, there’s still room for the 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. [Register on our Events page.](#)

Coffee Hour and Bagel Volunteers Needed

We are bringing back bagels for coffee hour. Volunteers are needed to pick up the bagels from Manhattan Bagel in Maple Shade at 8:00 -8:30 a.m. Sunday morning and deliver to the church. Would you be willing to do this once every 6-8 weeks? Bagels will be charged to FPC’s account, so you won’t need to pay for them. Please contact [Lissa Herman](#) (856-745-7357) or [Sue Piper](#) (856-722-0581) to volunteer. Helpers are also needed to assist Chelsea Margerum staff the coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

New hearing assist units are available in the narthex.

Live Stream Operators

Help us preach the digital gospel. We are looking for individuals high school or older to learn our live stream operation. **We will train. We need you!** Harris Ransom departs for college this fall, and we need to secure tech operators to continue our live stream. Contact [Jan Martin](#) at 856.235.1688.

Staff Notes

Two recent staff changes: Administrative assistant **Angie Slane** has joined the staff as permanent part-time from a previously temporary position. **Sam Caraballo**, maintenance staff, has been moved to full-time from part-time.

June 12, 2022
Legacy Giving Sunday

Holiday Closure

The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Sunday, May 22: Last day of Children's Sunday School



Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022

Come Volunteer for VBS

ADULTS AND TEENS (7th grade and older): Come use your special abilities to help kids discover important truths through activities that connect with the day's Bible Point and Bible stories. Volunteer with a friend, co-worker, or family members while building your faith and relationships. You'll have the opportunity to share time smiling, laughing, and serving while spreading His message of love to His kids ages 5-12. Every volunteer will be part of an experience to change kid's lives forever, encouraging creativity and faith discovery.

Sermon Series Memory Verse

***"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."* (Ephesians 2:10)**

For Families and Children:

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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

Middle School: Grades 7-8

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

High School: Grades 9-12

Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

VBS Registration OPEN

June 27- July 1 ~ 9:00 am-noon

Children entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade (Fall 2022). *When registering, enter child's current grade for 2021-22.*

Cost: \$20 per child; \$15 for second child or more

DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2022

At *Make Waves* VBS, kids will discover what they do today can change the world around them. *Make Waves* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few activities that help faith *flow* into real life. Scan the QR code on page 2.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 22

There are no words that can describe our love and gratitude to our teachers for your year of caring, love, and tenderness as a children's Sunday School teacher or Adult Spiritual Formation leader. Thank you for your patience, faithfulness, and boundless love of Jesus. Your imprint lives forever in the hearts and minds of all of your students. We will honor these individuals on **Sunday, May 22** and list their names in the worship guide. ***See page 2 for information about an Ice Cream Sunday to celebrate!***

AIDE WANTED: The Children's Ministry program seeks an energetic, Christ-centered, kid loving, creative part-time aide to assist with Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night programs, and other events with our vibrant children's program. Hours vary as needed and remuneration is negotiable. If you are interested, please reach out to Earl Gage at egage@fpcmoorestown.org. This is an ideal position for someone who wants to help children experience the love of Jesus and God's big story, have fun while serving our community but cannot commit to regular employment. No benefits with this position.