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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:

9:00 AM Traditional
10:30 AM Contemporary
9:30 AM 5th Sunday
Blended Worship

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

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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

May 29-June 11, 2022



Way of the Week 2 (May 29-June 4)

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Way of the Week 3 (June 5-11)

3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY. Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions, and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment, and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Ideas for Action: Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer, and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

New Ways Video Series

As we enter our eighth round of The Ways culture fundamentals, we're launching a new collection of Ways videos. They're beautifully done and offer meaningful messages. Watch them all at www.fpcmoorestown.org.

This week's video presenters: WAY 2: Dr. Amit Joshi; WAY 3: Bryan Gaskill

⇒ [Visit our webpage for current COVID-19 Protocols for worship and church events.](#)

Missions Collections

Please help us help others. We are collecting the following through the end of June:

- ♦ **Food:** The food items for our Blessing Box are lean. We need rice, boxed milk, and proteins.
- ♦ **Cleaning supplies and paper products:** Collecting for the Moorestown Ministerium's Food Pantry
- ♦ **School supplies and sports equipment:** For Malawi ministries
- ♦ **Adult and children's books:** For Love Driven Ministry's new community library

Mission Honduras and India

We will be going on a "Vision Trip" to Honduras Sept. 1-6 and to India February 6-18, 2023. E-mail Linda at missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you have an interest.

Mission May

If you didn't get a chance to pick up your "Beat The Rains" game for Mission May, there are some available in Miller Commons as well as the companion Devotional. Work together to plant maize in Malawi before the rains come.

**5th Sunday
Sunday, May 29
9:30 a.m. blended worship
OUTDOOR WORSHIP**
Sanctuary Courtyard
Please bring a chair. No nursery care—Children are encouraged to enjoy worship.

Holiday Closure

The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.



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 team, staff and pastoral care. Just download the app on your phone. Need help? Please see the volunteer at Check-in. **Thank you** to our Deacons for helping with this welcoming ministry.

**Wear red for
Pentecost June 5**



Legacy Giving Sunday June 12 "Live Forward. Give Forward."

Legacy Giving Sunday, observed in May with PC (USA) and on June 12 this year at FPC Moorestown, is an invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. Jeff Legath will bring a Stewardship Moment.

On this Sunday, we recognize and honor those who have created a legacy here at First Presbyterian Church through bequests, both large and small. These important donations benefit our programs and services, ministries, beautiful grounds and property, our impact in the world, and make an enduring statement of faith for God's work here on earth.

A legacy speaks not about how we died, but how we lived. It speaks about the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us. A legacy is an expression of gratitude and thanks to God for all that has been given and enjoyed in life.

Including a gift to the church in your Will or estate can make a lasting difference for our church family and faith community. It's a simple process; and we can help. If you feel called to include the church in your legacy giving plan, please contact Norman Vandergrift in the church office at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112 or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.

PLEASE VISIT our Events page online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1314570> and watch the video.

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds



The 63rd Strawberry Festival is here! **VOLUNTEERS are needed.** Sign up at church or online with our easy sign-up genius. We need you. TEENS: get service hours too.

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

YES, CAKES ARE NEEDED!

We're 200 away! We need MANY MORE cakes to serve the community. 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/Berry Washers:

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 served at 5:00 p.m. All ages! Sign up at church or online.

This church-wide event, FREE this year, will feature cakes with fresh strawberries, ice cream, two bands, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY), and more. [See website/Events page.](#)

Summer Worship Hours

Beginning Sunday, June 5, summer worship hours begin. Worship will be held at 9:00 a.m. Traditional and 10:30 a.m. Contemporary. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer. Nursery care provided in Room 12. Summer hours will conclude Sept. 4 Labor Day weekend.

Outdoor Worship: New this year are planned outdoor worship events on 5th Sundays (May 29, July 31) and the 4th Sunday for the Contemporary Worship (June 26, August 28). Outdoor Worship will be held in the Sanctuary Courtyard.

Beadles Return June 5

The Worship Committee has approved returning Elders to their role as a Beadle, walking the Bible into the worship space for the Traditional Service and sharing in worship. Beadles will remain in the David Room following worship to meet with those requesting prayer.

Please submit church event dates and room requests for 2022-23 to office by June 1.

Coffee Hour and Bagels Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to pick up bagels in Maple Shade early Sunday morning and deliver to the church. Would you be willing to do this once every 6-8 weeks? Bagels are 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.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Save the Date! The women of the church are invited to the PW Spring Gathering on **Monday, June 20** at 7:00 PM. The speakers are from Providence House, a place of refuge for women in need of help. Providence House seeks to end the cycle of domestic abuse through education, empowerment and advocacy while providing a safe haven. The event will also be live streamed.

PW Disaster Relief Kits

Thank you! Because of the generosity of many, PW Moorestown was able to deliver **44 complete Disaster Relief Kits** to help The PW of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey in supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance!

***We can't wait to see you at
Vacation Bible School!
June 27-July 1 (see pg. 4)***

Virtual Auction

UrbanPromise U.K. Basket Auction to support Luke and Kelly Maxted
June 11-June 14
Watch for more news

Thank You So Much!

We are grateful to our generous friends at Leonberg Nursery for donating 20 yards of wood mulch to beautify our church grounds (\$740 value). Visit them at 810 N. Lenola Road, Moorestown; (856) 234-7590 or www.leonbergnursery.com.

New hearing assist units are available in the narthex for worship, concerts and live streamed events.

FAMILY MINISTRY

5th Sunday: No Nursery Care



Vacation Bible School June 27-July 1, 2022

Come Volunteer for VBS

ADULTS AND TEENS (7th Grade and older): 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 member(s) 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:

Please pray for God's provision of a new Youth Director

for our Youth ministry.

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.

SCAN ME



Scan me to register for VBS!

Deadline to register: June 15

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 programs. 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.