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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.

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

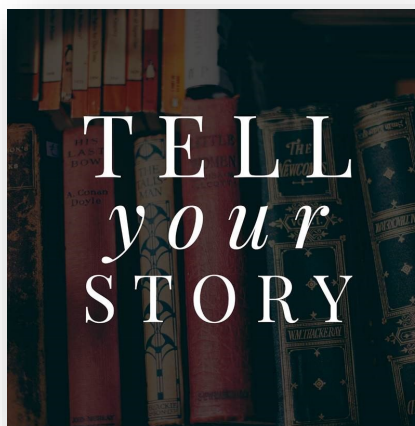


Connections

FPC
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 8-14, 2022



Way of the Week 24 (May 8-14)

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

We're Back! Strawberry Festival June 3

The 63rd Annual Strawberry Festival is back! It's an evening packed with friends from our community and LOTS of FUN and FREE! The evening will bring homemade cakes with fresh strawberries, and ice cream. Come out and enjoy The Moorestown Community Band, The Trophy Husbands Band, face painters, balloon artists, fun inflatables, food tent (CASH ONLY) and more! There are MANY opportunities to volunteer -- sign-ups are in Commons Lobby or please use the Sign-up Genius. LOTS of volunteers are needed! See our website page and current events page

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

See page 3 and our [website and events page](#)

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 the May Session meeting on May 24. [See the current events page for a schedule for officer training and to RSVP online.](#)

Training: May 5 (Hayes hybrid)
May 12 (Zoom)
May 19 (Zoom)

ELDER

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

DEACON

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

TRUSTEE

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

Blood Drive Here May 13

First Presbyterian Church and the American Red Cross are hosting an upcoming blood drive on (lucky) Friday, May 13th. Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today to donate your gift of life. Someone will be glad you did. **Drive Details:**

- **Site:** First Presbyterian Church
- **Address:** 101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ
- **Room Name:** Miller Commons
- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

To sign up contact Debbie Heller at dheller374@comcast.net or 856-273-6838 or visit red-crossblood.org/give and enter "First Presbyterian Moorestown."

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

Mission May

Mission Malawi is here! Learn about our mission partners in Malawi with fun activities for all ages. During the Adult Education hour on **May 22**, attend our Malawi panel discussions either in Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Missionaries will be live from Malawi. 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.



Scan me to register for VBS!

May: Inquirer's Class

Individuals interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation are cordially invited to a May Inquirers Class sponsored by the Membership team. This three-part series is designed to learn more about our church and our faith, and is formatted to work with today's busy schedules. [Sign up online](#) or with the church office at 856.235.1688.

- ♦ **Wed. May 11:** 7:00-8:30 PM (Zoom)
- ♦ **Sat. May 14:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM (in person)
- ♦ **Sun. May 15:** 12:15 PM with Session, received into membership (in person)
- ♦ **Sun. May 22:** Welcomed at worship (in person)

Teacher Appreciation: It's an Ice Cream "Sunday"

Last day of children's Sunday School will be **Sunday, May 22**. We will recognize our adult and children's teachers with Teacher Appreciation and ICE CREAM as we close out the education year. The Deacons will have ice cream, snacks, coffee, games, and mingling, as we honor and thank the children's and adult teachers.

Meet on the Sanctuary Courtyard (weather permitting) during the education hour (**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!

2022 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 3, 2022

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

Cakes, cakes and more cakes

Please consider signing up! We need over 300 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 — signups 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?

Attention 2022 Graduates

Do you know of a 2022 graduate? Please submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates from our congregation to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. [See the quick form on our Friday eblast](#). We will honor our grads on Graduate Recognition **Sunday, May 15** during both services.

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

Welcome New Members

During the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1, we welcomed three CREDO students to the congregation. **Congratulations to:**

1. Jack Cramner
2. Jonathan Nawrocki
3. Karli Omlor

New hearing assist units are available in the narthex

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) - for rooms contact the Inn at the Union League (215.587.5570). **Speaker information soon! [Register on our event page.](#)**

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.

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.

Tree Dedications

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’ fifteen-year leadership of the Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend, especially friends of Kim and of Jan and of Stephen Ministry.

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.

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.

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

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:

Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116

hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

For Families and Youth:

The search is underway for a new youth director

[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.

[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 that 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.