



Session Highlights
April, 2022

The Session of FPC Moorestown met on April 26, 2022 and passed the following motions:

Membership: To remove Evan McKinnon from the church rolls per his request.

Deacons: 1). To provide \$2,500 in total \$1500 from the Carry Forward fund and \$1,000 from the Community Welfare budget, to provide funding for a vehicle for the Hessenauer family. 2). To provide transportation cost of \$500 to enable a UrbanPromise student field trip from Trenton, NJ to Princeton University from the Emerging Needs budget.

Missions: 1). To approve \$900 to be sent to Rise Malawi to make electrical/plumbing repairs. 2). To send proceeds from the 2022 Strawberry Festival hamburger stand to Haiti Outreach Ministries.

COVID Protocols: Standards used for categorizing our COVID protocols was changed from using the NJ CALI score to the CDC guidelines. We are currently in the “low” category meaning all activities are currently returned to “normal”. The following is now the standard we will use for COVID protocols based on the weekly CDC status for Burlington County, NJ:

LOW – no restrictions – back to normal

MEDIUM

For worship

1. Masks are optional for vaccinated persons – recommended for unvaccinated individuals.
2. Sanctuary will be open seating – social distancing when possible. People will be free to sit where they are comfortable.
3. Check-in, communion, offering – staff discretion
4. Choirs to be masked for singing
5. No congregational singing

For indoor activities

1. Masks optional for vaccinated adults – recommended for unvaccinated adults
2. No food will be served indoors
3. Choirs to be masked for rehearsals

HIGH

For worship

1. Masked required for all individuals
2. No congregational singing
3. All choir singers masked

For indoor activities

1. Meetings are mask optional for vaccinated individuals, recommended for unvaccinated.
2. No food service indoors

Personnel: has been moved from part-time to full-time.

Other updates:

Slate of new officers was presented to Session by Elder Gil Warren, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Names of those coming before the congregation at a special meeting of the congregation on May 1, 2022 are: **Elder** – Rebecca Castellanos, Cheryl Gaskill, Paul Grossmann, Lorenzo Eagles, Frank Manion, Matt Livingston, Peg Madorno; **Deacon** – Jenna Cole, Andrew Ehala, Diane Samuel Tamara Trzeciak, Jonathan Schram, Laurie LaMonica, Rachel Long; **Trustee** – Wendy Dougherty, Matt Moxhay, John Miller, Brian Catanella

Session reviewed ideas for re-engagement. Ideas for future programs/projects were offered: Fire Pit Fridays; Community garden; Presence at Moorestown Day (June) for Step-By-Step, possibly offering a children's activity. Elders/church leader also present to offer introduction to the ministry opportunities at FPC; Baccalaureate Service for graduating students (Youth Committee working on this).

Sam Caraballo, property employee, moved from part-time to full-time

"Most Reluctant Convert" movie offered in Fellowship Hall on April 23 was attended by approximately 60 people

Upcoming events:

1. Intern Paul Savage concludes his time at FPC Moorestown on May 1, 2022
2. National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022. Please sign up on line for a 12-hour prayer vigil.
3. Inquirers Class – to meet Session on May 15, 2022
4. Use of Beadle will be reinstated some time in May. Bible will be processed and recessed by the Elder Beadle -- elder will stay in David Room after worship for prayer. Kevin Fauvell will be making up a schedule. Acolytes will be delayed until Fall.