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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](#).

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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

June 12-25, 2022



Way of the Week 4 (June 12-18)

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

Ideas for Action: Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Way of the Week 5 (June 19-25)

5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT. Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

Ideas for Action: Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.

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 4: Mindy Holman. WAY 5: Mike Baker

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

NEW: Prayer on the Porch

Join the Prayer Committee for a time of fellowship and prayer in the cool of the evening for "Wednesday Evening Prayer on the Porch." Starts on June 22 at 7:00 p.m., and continues on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays this summer:

- ◆ June 22
- ◆ July 13
- ◆ July 27
- ◆ August 10
- ◆ August 24

"...and they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day." Gen. 3

For information contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com.

5th Sunday
Sunday, July 31
9:30 a.m. blended worship
OUTDOOR WORSHIP
Sanctuary Courtyard
Please bring a chair. No nursery care provided on 5th Sundays.

Missions Collections

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

- ◆ **Food:** Our food pantry items for the 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 India

We will be going on a vision trip to India February 6-18, 2023. Email Linda Jagiela at misions@fpcmoorestown.org if you have an interest. The Honduras mission trip has been cancelled.

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.

Happy Birthday, America

The church campus will be CLOSED Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



Register by JUNE 15. Yes, we still need adult volunteers!

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, and 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 [event page online](#) on our website and [watch the video](#).



Strawberry Festival Committee chairs Laurie LaMonica, Jen Allen and Kristen Perkowski pop into the fun Strawberry Photo Booth

A “BERRY” BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 3. It was a major success! Thank you to all the volunteers who washed and hulled berries, parked cars, greeted guests, donated money, baked or bought cakes, plated slices, wrangled kids, signed up to help, erected tents, mowed the lawn, stamped hands, promoted FPC, wrapped tons of leftovers and cleaned up.

[Watch a slide show from that night on our website](#)

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. [See event page.](#)

NEW: 4th Sunday Outdoor Contemporary Worship

Sunday, June 26

Sunday, August 28

10:30 a.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sanctuary Courtyard

Please bring a chair if you wish.

Nursery care provided.

Summer Worship Hours

Summer Worship (June 5-Sept. 4) 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. Adult Spiritual Formation will meet from 10-11 a.m. Nursery care is provided in Room 12. Summer hours 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.

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

Beadles Return

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.

June Session Meeting
Tuesday, June 28
Welcome new officers

Coffee Hour and Bagel 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.

New Sermons Podcasts

NEW: Stay up to date with FPC Moorestown's sermon series by subscribing to our weekly sermon podcast now available on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Anchor. Full services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.

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

Don't miss it! Vacation Bible School: June 27-July 1, 2022



Come experience VBS: what an awesome week!

Volunteer for VBS

ADULTS: 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:

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For Families and Youth:

Please pray for God's provision of a new youth director for our youth ministry.

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 TO REGISTER: 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 their world. Just scan the QR code!

SCAN ME



Scan me to register for VBS!

Deadline to register: June 15

⇒ **We are almost there! June 27th is fast approaching and we are looking for more adult leaders for VBS.**

We're also still looking for **decorating items**: Surf boards (old or new); Tiki Torches (no oil in them); Boogie boards; Pool inner tubes; Inflatable sea animals; Oars; Anything else beach-y you can suggest! Please label your items. Contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688 ext. 116, or Angie Slane at aslane@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688 ext. 124.