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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

"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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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

September 18-24, 2022



Way of the Week 18 (September 18-24, 2022)

18. ASK FOR HELP. Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

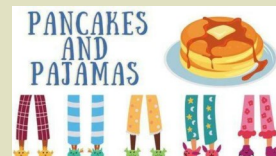
Watch: [See the new Way 18 video from Dr. Jenny Legath](#)

Sunday, September 18, 2022 **Bible Sunday ~ Third Graders Receive Bibles**

Pancakes and Pajamas

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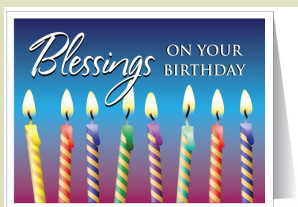
CREDO Parents Meeting

Attention Parents: CREDO Parents Information Meeting – **Sunday, Sept. 18** at 12:15 p.m. in the Hayes Room. It will be hybrid. [See our event page](#) for Zoom link. Confirmation is open to all high school students.

High School Youth Group begins September 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.!

September 12th

Happy 134th Birthday First Presbyterian Church! In honor of the church's founding on September 12th, members can donate to the future of our church by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps support the needs of our church. First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown was founded on September 12, 1888. **Look for special pew envelopes** and a mailing from Pastor Stuart; place gifts in the offering or [give securely online](#).



Missions Collections

(leave outside Missionwares)

- ♦ **Food:** Rice, boxed milk, and proteins for the Blessing Box
- ♦ **Cleaning supplies and paper products:** Collecting for the Moorestown Ministerium's food pantry
- ♦ **School supplies and sports equipment:** For Malawi Ministries

Mission Trip to Greece

November 4-12, 2022

Middle and high schoolers and all members. Contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Missions Dine and Donate

Thank you to everyone who came out on Monday, Sept. 12 to the Dine and Donate at Iron Hill Brewery in Maple Shade. Your support helped Urban Promise International ministry Mercy Care in Malawi to assist in paying down their loan for their dormitory.

Couples Night Out

Friday, October 21

Join us for an enjoyable evening out with your spouse and other couples. After sharing a meal with one another we will enjoy a conversation with Ruth Wright, a marriage and family therapist in Moorestown. Cost per couple is \$20. [Register online](#). 6-9 p.m. For information contact Wes Allen.

Remember to sign in on the app each Sunday

Church Has Left The Building is Coming

We will gather on **October 30**, a 5th Sunday, at **9:30 a.m.** for a combined worship service in Miller Commons for Church Has Left The Building. Visit our online page and learn more about innovative projects that will be available, and [sign up online](#) for ones that fit your schedule and interests. Watch for details from the Deacons.

NEW: Couples Series (Hybrid)

Starting Sept. 21: Wes & Jen Allen lead an 8-week virtual study on Terrence Real's book, *Us: Getting Past You & Me to Build a More Loving Relationship*. The bestselling author and renowned marriage counselor explores how our winner take all culture infiltrates families with devastating results: repetitive fights that go nowhere, or a distant relationship where partners live 'alone together.' With deft insight, humor and charm, this groundbreaking guide will help transform your relationship into one that's based on compassion, collaboration and closeness.

[REGISTER online](#) on our event page or website. You can order a copy of the book on [Amazon](#) or any number of other online retailers.

Help Us Show God's Love With Flowers

The Deacons will be continuing our monthly flower delivery to members of our congregation who may be in need of some cheer. We are in need of arrangers and delivery volunteers on the third Sunday of the month.

You can volunteer for any month from September through next August, and the time commitment is minimal. **Please consider helping with this wonderful ministry for our congregation!**

For details or to sign up, please contact [Deacon Vicki Terry](#) (856- 577-9248) or the church office.



PW Fall Gathering

PW invites all women of the church to its Fall Gathering on **Monday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall (Zoom hybrid too). A brief business meeting will be followed by speaker Jan Amos. Come share coffee, tea and treats with Presbyterian Women.

Did You Know?

FPC Moorestown has defibrillators in the event of a heart emergency. They are located in the main kitchen on the wall next to the stove and in the ushers closet in the Narthex of the sanctuary. Your knowledge of where to find them could save a life.

New Sermon Series

On Welcome Back Sunday, we began our sermon series, "Live to Give." Inspired by the book, *Wonder Drug: 7 Scientifically Proven Ways That Serving Others Is the Best Medicine for Yourself* co-authored by our own Dr. Steve Trzeciak, Live to Give is a biblical exploration of the superpower of giving. The series leads us into our two church-wide events of Consecration Sunday on Oct. 16 (9:30 a.m.) and Church Has Left The Building on Oct. 30 (9:30 a.m.).



Fall Small Groups Open

In conjunction with our sermon series is a small group discussion of *Wonder Drug*. [Sign up online](#), on your Church Center app (tap Groups at the bottom), or call the church office at 856.235.1688. Books are available for no charge at the table in Commons Lobby as a gift from Dr. Trzeciak.

Come to Fire Pit Fridays 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Fall Inquirers' Class

Newcomers, are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian faith? Save the date and see our [online event page](#) for a three-part Inquirers Class led by our pastoral team:

- ♦ Sept. 21: 7-8:30 pm (Zoom)
- ♦ Sept. 24: 9-1 pm (Rm 3-4)
- ♦ Sept. 25 12 noon with Session

Choir Rehearsals Begin in September

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry led by Joel Krott and Bell Choir director Kathy Gunsallus. Come try it this year. Rehearsals begin the week of September 11-16 (see church calendar for dates).

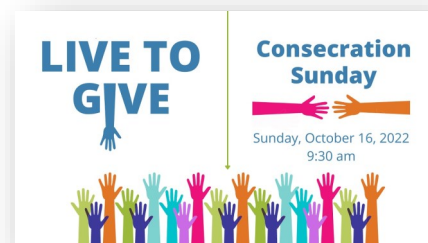
- **Adult Choir**
- **Bell Choir**
- **Primary Choir** (Grades K-1)
- **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4)
- **Choristers** (Grades 5-8)
- **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12)

Nametags are back!
**Check boards in narthex and
Commons Lobby for yours**

Consecration Sunday

Our stewardship series begins Sunday, Sept. 28 with Stewardship Moments, and leads us into a special combined Consecration Sunday on **October 16 at 9:30 a.m.** Make plans to attend worship and dedicate your financial gift for 2023. And stay for a church-wide tailgate after worship! Church leaders are planning, budgeting and preparing for our coming year in ministry and these Estimates of Giving are critical to the process. More information soon. We can't wait to share it with you.

- Your Stewardship Team



Knitting Network

The Knitting Network knits or crochets prayer shawls, hats, scarves and baby items which are given to various local missions and the church family. We are now making Christmas ornaments for the Holiday Fair on November 12. We meet in Room 2 on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 12:00. Next meeting on October 1. Beginners are welcome. We have yarn and needles. Questions call Fran Green 856 905-3075.

**Warmly greet newcomers
and Make Others at Home Here**



FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Dinner is back ... starts Wednesday, October 12th

Pancakes and Pajamas for Sunday School!

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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

NEW: Sermon Series Memory Verse

***"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."** - Luke 6: 38*

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Bible Sunday

Third graders will receive their Bibles on **Sunday, Sept. 18**. What a special day for our young people and their families.

Middle School Youth Group Starting Early

Youth group leaders invite 6th-8th graders to an informal start for middle school youth group. Official youth group starts **October 12**, but we can't wait! Come to the church on Wednesdays, Sept. 21, 28 and Oct. 5 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to meet interim youth director John Roberts, other team leaders and new and old friends.

Communion Workshop

Communion Workshop: Sunday, September 25th from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 7 during Sunday School hour. Children and parents come together to discuss the meaning of communion. Please sign up by emailing Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

Register for Kids and Youth Groups

REGISTER ONLINE for Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Groups. Watch for emails from group leaders. We're getting ready for an incredible year experiencing God's love.

Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is coming up fast. Our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. Here are the start dates:

⇒ **Sunday, Sept. 18** (6:30-8:30 pm): High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

⇒ **Starting Wednesday, October 12**

- Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), 4:45-5:45 pm
- Family Dinner (all), 6-7 pm
- Crossing Zone (grades 4-6), 6:30-7:30 pm
- Middle School Youth (grades 7-8), 6:30-8:00 pm