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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**  
**11:00 am Contemporary**  
**9:30 am 5th Sunday**  
**Blended Worship**

Worship streams live from  
each worship space.

Log on from any device to  
[www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The service is also posted  
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Connections and upcoming  
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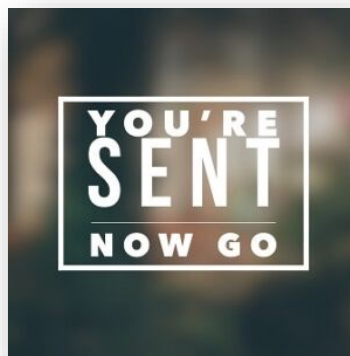


# Connections

**FPC**  
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**October 9-15, 2022**



## **Way of the Week 21: You're Sent, Now Go**

**21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO.** We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

**Ideas for Action:** Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact Linda Jagiela, director of outreach, for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.

[WATCH the new video from Luke Maxted](#)

## **Consecration Sunday October 16, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. worship followed by an outdoor tailgating party**

PLAN NOW TO JOIN your church family for a COMBINED **9:30 am** service followed by a church-wide tailgate! Our fall *Live to Give* sermon series leads us directly into our two major stewardship events: Consecration Sunday (October 16) and Church Has Left The Building (October 30).

- During worship we will thoughtfully dedicate our **2023 financial gifts**. Nursery care will be provided. *NOTE: Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. during worship.*
- After worship, gather outside for a special **tailgating cookout**! Volunteers will be grilling, and members can bring their favorite side, salad or dessert. We'll have outdoor family games too! If you want, come to worship in your favorite team jersey. [RSVP for the tailgate online BY OCT. 11](#), or with an RSVP postcard in worship on Oct. 9. VISIT our website at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/consecration-sunday-2022/>

## Urban Promise Night of Promise

Make reservations to join our FPC Moorestown table(s) at the Urban Promise 'Night of Promise' fundraiser on **Thursday, Oct. 27**. Tickets are \$50 each. [Purchase online on our event page](#). Contact Linda J. at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

## Mission Trip to Greece November 4-12, 2022

Middle and high schoolers and all members. Contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:missions@fpcmoorestown.org).

## 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

## Church is "Leaving The Building"

On **October 30**, a 5th Sunday, we will gather at **9:30 a.m.** for combined worship in Miller Commons for Church Has Left The Building. Visit our [event page](#) and learn about innovative projects for this church-wide service mission where members and families go into the community for hands-on service. This year, CHLTB is being coordinated by our Board of Deacons and local benevolence.



**NEW!** This year we're expanding to TWO days to allow for greater flexibility. Look for engaging projects offered on **Saturday, Oct. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 30**. Opportunities to serve are plentiful. [Sign up online](#) and at church for projects that fit your schedule and interests. Visit us on the website! Contact [Wes Allen](#), [Kourtney de la Cruz](#) or any Deacon.

## Prayer on the Porch

**Prayer on the Porch** resumes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. We do have heaters so it will be warm and cozy! Bring a blanket! Next meeting: **Wednesday, Oct. 12**.

## Give to Live Blood Drive

FPC Moorestown and the American Red Cross will host a blood drive in Miller Commons on **Tuesday, Nov. 1 (1-6 pm)** "Give to Live." Take advantage of this opportunity to donate your blood to someone in desperate need for this life-giving donation. Let this be a start to this ongoing gift of yours—straight from the heart! [See our event page to sign up online](#). Contact [Debbie Heller](#) for questions at 856.206.2897.



## NEW: Couples Night Out Friday, October 21, 2022 ~ 6:00-9:00 p.m.

This fall join us for an enjoyable evening out with your spouse and other couples from FPC Moorestown and the community. After sharing a meal with one another, we will enjoy a conversation with Ruth Wright, a marriage and family therapist in Moorestown. Whether your last marital dispute was about the toilet seat being left up or how to discipline your children, you will leave with some foundational tools designed to make you and your spouse a united front.

Cost per couple is \$20. [Register online on our event page](#) or through the Church Center app.

## 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.

## Consecration Sunday

Our stewardship series began Sept. 28, and leads us into Consecration Sunday on **October 16 at 9:30 a.m.** Worship has been highlighted by personal stories from three church members about exactly how your gifts make a critical and impactful difference. The Bible reminds us that we must be stewards of all that we are and everything we have, and recognize that everything comes from God. Make plans to attend worship on **October 16** and dedicate your financial estimate for 2023. *A Giving Packet was mailed to all members last week.* Church leaders are budgeting and preparing for our coming year in ministry and these Estimates of Giving are critical to the process. **FUN STUFF:** Stay for a church-wide tailgate after worship! [RSVP online](#) by **Oct. 11** for the tailgate so we can accurately determine food needs. Bring your favorite tailgate side or dessert, AND come to church in your favorite team jersey as we celebrate Team FPC! Visit <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/consecration-sunday-2022/>.



## Hello, My Name Is ...

Please check the boards in the Narthex and Commons Lobby for your nametag so you can wear it Sunday mornings. If you need a replacement, jot your name down on the pad provided.

## Pastor and Program Staff

### Appreciation Sunday

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is celebrated annually on the second Sunday in October. On **October 9**, help us celebrate Rev. Stuart, Rev. Wes, and our program staff by sending them a note of appreciation sharing your gratitude and kind words of appreciation. You may bring a card to either service, or there will also be blank thank you cards available in the Commons Lobby to write a note. Kids: they'd love to receive artwork or a picture from you too!

### Organ Recital by Jim Roman

**Sunday, October 9**

7:30 p.m.

Free will offering

Special Events Series

Held in the church sanctuary  
(live streamed)

### Prayer Vigil October 15

The Prayer Committee will hold a 12-Hour Prayer Vigil on **Saturday, October 15th** to provide our church family an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship emphasis for Consecration Sunday, October 16th: "Live To Give." We will also focus on prayer for "The Church Has Left the Building" Sunday, October 30th. Please [SIGN UP online](#) for a 30-minute time between 5:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. See Pam Engle for questions.



**Sunday, October 30**

## CREDO Class Starting

CREDO confirmation class for high school students interested in exploring what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church (USA), will start **Sunday, Nov. 6**. CREDO meets on Sundays from 12:15-2:00 pm in the Hayes Room. [Sign up online.](#)

**What time do you like to pray?  
Sign up for the Prayer Vigil**

## Meet our New Members

On **October 23**, we will welcome three individuals who joined the church from the Fall Inquirers Class, giving their Statement of Faith to Session on Sept. 25: **Cara Dempster, Evan Dempster, and Winnie Jiang**. Please greet these new members and their beautiful families.

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

## Worship Flowers

Reservations are being taken for 2023 to provide Sunday flowers in our worship spaces. Honor special dates in your life and those you love with flowers crafted by our talented Flower Guild. Each vase is \$40 and you may reserve one or two vases. Call the church office today to reserve your meaningful dates and submit payment.



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Welcome Back! Fellowship Groups start Wednesday, October 12th

### Sunday School

Sunday School meets each Sunday from **9:45-10:45 a.m.** We look forward to seeing you! This year we have new classes for middle school and high school which is very exciting.

- ♦ **Nursery:** Room 12 (Amy Coombe)
- ♦ **Grades K-2:** Room 13 (Jenny Legath & Karen Alecxih)
- ♦ **Grades 3-5:** Room TBD (Tamara Trzeciak & Lori Bell)
- ♦ **Grades 6-8:** 3rd Floor (Leslie Spencer & Philip Jagiela)
- ♦ **High School:** Hayes Rm (Sami Fauvell & Denise Conner)

### High School Winter Retreat

*High schoolers grades 9-12: be sure to save the date for our Winter Retreat.* We will be going to Lake Champion **December 2-4** and have a fantastic weekend in store. Watch for more information.

Have you signed up for this year? Visit our [event page or website](#) (and this page).



**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

***“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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### 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 going to have an incredible year. Come be a part of it.

### Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is upon us and our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. [And Family Dinner is back!](#)

#### ⇒ **STARTING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12**

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

High School Youth Group started **Sept. 18** (6:30-8:30 pm). Make us your Sunday night stop. Friends always welcome.

### For Wee Little Ones

Nursery care is available in Room 12 throughout the morning on Sundays. Amy Coombe is our adult caregiver.

### Family Dinner

Family Dinner returns this year and starts **Wednesday, October 12** as well. Dinner is from 6-7 p.m. in Miller Commons. Donations of \$5.00 per person are requested. Families may also conveniently pre-pay for \$125 per family. [Sign up online](#) on the event page or mail a check to the office.

We also need volunteers to help set up and clean up. Contact Holly at 856.235.1688, Ext. 116 or [Holly Asciutto](#).



Chapel time! Thank you to Pastor Allen for reading us “God’s Very Colorful Creation” and leading us in a fun version of “Father Abraham.” Step by Step Christian Preschool is awesome.