

**First Presbyterian Church**  
101 Bridgeboro Road  
**MAIL: PO Box 868**  
Moorestown, NJ 08057  
[fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org)  
856.235.1688

**Rev. Stuart Spencer**  
Pastor/Head of Staff  
[sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:sspencer@fpcmoorestown.org)

**Rev. Wes Allen**  
Associate Pastor  
[wallen@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:wallen@fpcmoorestown.org)

**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  
later in the week  
to our website.

*"Connections" is published  
weekly for Sunday worship and  
every two weeks in the summer.  
Please submit information by  
noon Tuesdays to:*  
Editor Jan Martin  
[jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org)  
856-235-1688, Ext. 133

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



# Connections

**FPC**   
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**January 1-7, 2023**

## New Year's Day Worship

9:30 AM

### Way of the Week #8: Jump In

8. **JUMP IN.** Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.

**Read:** Micah 6: 8; James 2: 14 –17; 1 John 3: 18

**Ideas for Action:** Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: Write a note, call or visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

### Year End Giving

THANK YOU for remembering the church in your year-end giving. As Church leadership continues to prayerfully struggle with projected shortfalls for 2022 and 2023, your year-end gift can make a difference.

Gifts over and above your pledge may include stocks, *Christmas Green* offering, and General Budget Help. **Online donations must be received by midnight December 31, 2022 and checks postmarked by December 31, 2022. Checks may be received in the offering plate up to January 1, 2023 with a date of December 31 on the check.**

For important details, see our [event page](#) for 2022 opportunities, [our website](#) for giving information, or contact the church office at 856.235.1688.

## Epiphany Concert January 8, 2023

Save the date for the Epiphany Concert featuring the Choristers (grades 5-8), Chapel Choir (grades 9-12), Junior Choir (grades 2-4), and Adult Choir.

This year the Epiphany Concert will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 **during** the 8:30 am Traditional Worship Service.



**Please wear your nametag and warmly welcome visitors and guests**

## Kids and Youth Groups

Following winter break, our fellowship groups will return on the following dates:

- ⇒ High School: Jan. 15
- ⇒ Middle School: Jan. 18
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids: Feb. 1
- ⇒ Crossing Zone: Feb. 1
- ⇒ Family Dinner: Feb. 1

## Budget Update

Watch a presentation from president of the Board of Trustees Jeff Legath, during worship on November 6, 2022 with a budget update for the church. Visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org/budget-shortfall/](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/budget-shortfall/).



**Sunday, January 29th (9:30 am)**

## Friday Nighters

December 22, 2023

*It is with a heavy heart that I report the dissolution of the Friday Nighters organization. The effect of the COVID pandemic, our inability to meet, has been for the board to determine that we are no longer a viable group. The board also felt that our treasury should go to the church, to help with the budget shortfall. I have enclosed a check for \$1,031.45 for that purpose. This brings to an end a organization that has entertained and enriched the lives of our members.*

Sincerely,  
Jane Murphy, Treasurer



## January Event Notes:

### The Lord's Supper

**Sunday, January 1, 2023** (moved from 1/8/23)

### 2023 Offering Envelopes

2023 offering envelopes were mailed at the end of December. If you DO want envelopes for 2023, contact Angie Slane at [aslane@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:aslane@fpcmoorestown.org) or call at 856.235.1688, Ext. 124. *Please note that envelope numbers have been consolidated and may have changed this year.*

### PW Winter Gathering

**Monday, January 23, 2023**

Speaker: Dawn's Place

## Annual Meeting / 2022 Reports

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held **Sunday, February 5, 2023** in Fellowship Hall. Committee chairs are asked to please provide a report summarizing events of 2021-2022 to Jan Martin by (lucky) **Friday, January 13**. Please email reports to [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org).

Copies of the 2022 *Annual Report* will be available January 29, 2022 at church and online through our eblast, website and online Events page.



### Church Leadership Retreat

Church leaders from Session, the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees will gather for a Church Leadership Retreat on **Saturday, January 28** from 8:30 am - 11 am in Fellowship Hall.

Watch your email for an invitation from Wes Allen, and sign up online on the event page in early-mid-January.

*The church campus will be CLOSED on Monday, January 14 for Martin Luther King Birthday Observance.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**PW Winter Gathering**  
**Monday, January 23**  
**Speaker: Dawn's Place**

### 2022 Financial Statements

If you need a copy of your 2022 giving statement to see where you are with your pledge, contact the church office at 856.235.1688. Thank you for completing 2022 pledges before **December 31**.

**January Session Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 24**  
**7:00 pm**

**Happy  
New Year  
2023**

### 2023 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, reserve one or two vases. Please contact Rumi Sinunu at [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com) or 856.266.4047 to reserve your dates.

### Preschool Open House

Step by Step Christian Preschool will be having its Open House at the preschool on **Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023** from 6:00-7:30 pm. Adults only please. Come in and see the school and sign up for fall classes.



### Yes, I'm Here or Watching

THANK YOU for registering your attendance each Sunday you're here. Our simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and member care. Download the Church Center app on your phone to easily check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer. **REMINDER:** When watching the live stream at home or attending in person, **check in** on your smart phone to note participation.

**Contact the church office to give a one-time gift electronically or set up recurring automatic withdrawal at any time**

### Blanket Sunday Offering

**January 29** is Blanket Sunday, an offering sponsored by our Deacons. Your contributions to Church World Service enables CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, while helping to rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless. Look for Blanket Sunday envelopes in the pews and at both services. You may also give online at [www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving) - just choose the Blanket Sunday option in the dropdown list. And thank you!



### Christmas Photos

The church office would welcome any and all photos people may have taken from our Christmas Eve, Christmas Eve, or Christmas Day services and/or Christmas brunch. Please email any photos to me at [jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) or Barbara Duffy at [bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:bduffy@fpcmoorestown.org).





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 8th



### High School Youth Group

Resumes from Winter Break on **Sunday, January 15!**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

Grades 9-12

For questions reach out to John Roberts or Dave Fauvell



#### 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

**"So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom."  
(Luke 12: 32)**

For Families and Children:

**Holly Asciutto**

856-235-1688, x116

[hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org)

Middle School and High School:

**John Roberts interim director**

724-967-1646 cell

[jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org)

### Wednesday Groups & Family Dinner Winter Break

Wednesday night groups and Family Dinner concluded December 14 and will be on hiatus for our Winter Break.

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) and Family Dinner will resume on **Wednesday, February 1, 2023.**



Moorestown Ministerium

## Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Worship Service



Featuring the  
Urban Promise  
International Choir



Guest Speaker is  
Moorestown High School  
Vice Principal  
Don Williams



4PM Mission  
experience in the  
Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY  
JANUARY 15  
AT 3:00 P.M.**

First UMC Moorestown  
446 E Camden Ave,  
Moorestown, NJ 08057