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**Worship. Connect.  
Serve. Devote.**

JOIN US on Sunday morning at church or via live stream as we worship the Lord with gladness:

**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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

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



# Connections

**FPC**  
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

February 19-25, 2023



## Way of the Week #15: Welcome Change

**15. WELCOME CHANGE.** Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

**Ideas for Action:** This is a simple one to try. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

## Lenten Book Study

⇒ **Book: "Why Jesus Crossed the Road" by Dr. Bruce Main**

Sign up online, at church (Commons Lobby) or right from your Church Center app

## Adult Spiritual Formation

**9:45-10:45 am Sundays**

Sunday mornings we are offering two intriguing options for adult studies. Sign up from the Church Center app on your phone, at church or our Events Pages:

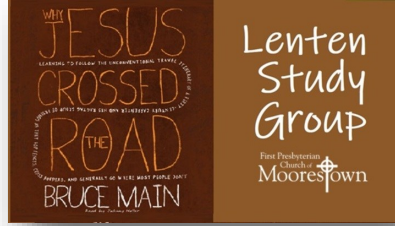
- ◆ How We Love - This 9-week couples' study (**Feb. 5-Apr. 2**) is designed to strengthen your marriage. "How We Love" explores the five broken Love Styles preventing intimacy and effective communication in relationships. Books are \$16, and the workbooks are \$12. See our event page. **Hayes Room**
- ◆ The Book of Acts - Acts chronicles some of the most important events in Christian history: the sending of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the early Church, and the scattering of Jesus' disciples across the world. This 12-week study (**Feb. 5-Apr. 30**) will help you understand these historic events and provide the tools and resources for daily application in the 21st century. The class will be team taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Rev. Wes Allen. SIGN UP ONLINE or through the Church Center app *Signups tab*. 9:45 am in **Fellowship Hall A**.

### Wednesday Worship During Lent

Our pastors will lead an in-person Wednesday evening worship at **6:30 pm** on the Wednesdays during Lent: **March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**. Theme: "Light in the Darkness"

### Praying the Bible with Stuart Spencer

Thursdays in Lent, Stuart Spencer leads a Zoom *Lectio Divina* from 6:30-7:00 pm on **March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**. No sign up needed. Learn more at <https://pray-as-you-go.org> and watch for the Zoom link. Praying the Bible or *Lectio Divina*, is an ancient form of contemplative prayer. *Lectio Divina* or sacred reading is a way to pray by using the worlds of the Bible.



### Lent Book Study

During Lent, we will be reading Dr. Bruce Main's book, "Why Jesus Crossed the Road." Our hope is that the book will challenge us to get out of our comfort zone and go to the people and places Jesus went. [SIGN UP](#) for a Small Group through your Church Center app, in the Commons Lobby, [online](#) or with the church office. Groups begin meeting the week of February 26 and options are available to meet in person and via Zoom. Books are available for purchase at the church (\$11) or [online](#).

*Our kitchen is in need of new or gently used hot pads. Drop by the church office.*

### High School Bible Study

Starting **Sunday, February 19**, John Roberts leads a high school Bible Study on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm at the Trzeciak's. The curriculum is patterned after the AlphaUSA series and creates a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions. Contact John Roberts at [johnjpsg@gmail.com](mailto:johnjpsg@gmail.com) or cell (724) 967-1646 to register. Grades 9-12. [See event page](#).

### Taste of Greece Lunch

The Mission Committee invites you to a Taste of Greece, **Sunday, March 5 at 12 noon** in Fellowship Hall. Sample authentic Greek cuisine and hear about the Mission Team Greece's November trip to visit FPC Moorestown missionary Nadia Ayoub. The meal is complimentary. A free will offering will be available for Nadia's work with Ukrainian refugees in Katerini, Greece.

### Ash Wednesday Worship February 22, 2023

We begin the Journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday **February 22nd**. New this year is a 12 noon Ash Wednesday worship, for those who prefer not to come out in the evening. The evening worship will be at 7:00 pm. Both services will feature prayer, the Lord's Supper, the imposition of ashes and a meaningful message by Rev. Wes Allen.



### NEW! High School Bible Study Group Sundays 1:30-3:00 pm

Starting **Sunday, Feb. 19**, interim youth director John Roberts leads a new high school youth Bible Study on Sunday afternoons at the Trzeciak's home or in the 3rd Floor youth room. The curriculum is patterned after the AlphaUSA series and creates a space for honest conversation around some of life's biggest questions. There is no cost to join and all are welcome — those with a strong faith and those who may have questions. Bring a friend! To register contact John Roberts at cell/text (724) 967-1646 or [johnjpsg@gmail.com](mailto:johnjpsg@gmail.com). Grades 9-12.



### [New: Lenten Devotional](#)

As a beautiful companion piece to the Lenten study, *Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions from Ash Wednesday through Easter. Purchase copies online with Amazon, [any Christian bookseller](#) or through the church office, which has a limited quantity for \$4.

### [Per Capita](#)

Information has been mailed regarding our annual [Per Capita giving](#). As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This annual assessment is a contribution of \$38.75 per member that each church pays to the larger church to support the General Assembly, Synod and our Presbytery. **Please help by paying your share by Feb. 28 to offset these significant costs for the church.** Giving online? See drop down for [electronic giving](#).



### [How Can You Serve Your Church This Year?](#)

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking individuals to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. Please pray about where God may be calling you. You may nominate yourself or someone else you feel would be a good fit for these positions. [Fill out an online nominations form](#) or contact Gil Warren, chair of Nominations.

### [NEW: Lent Resource Guide](#)

*For a complete listing of Lent and Easter devotionals, activities, worship and giving opportunities, pick up a copy of our 2023 Lent Resource Guide at church or [download a copy from the website or eblast](#).*

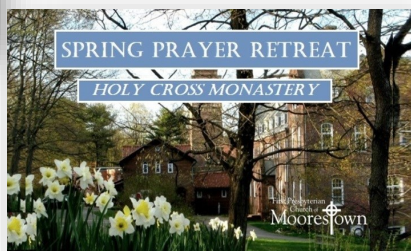
### [Flower Deliverers](#)

On the third Sunday of the month, our deacons deliver flowers from worship to two individuals needing a lift from their church. Deliverers are needed. Can you help? Upcoming dates are **Feb. 19, March 19, April 16 and May 21**. Contact Jo-Ann Reynik at 856.495.1337 or [sewcrafty225@yahoo.com](mailto:sewcrafty225@yahoo.com).

### [Spring Prayer Retreat](#)

**May 2-5, 2023**

Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopal Benedictine monastery, for the Spring Prayer Retreat. Pastor Stuart Spencer leads this study of prayer and meditative practices using our study book, *God of All Things*. See our brochure, [Event Page](#) or website to register.



### [Sunday Hospitality](#)

Sunday morning volunteers are needed to help out with hospitality with Chelsea Margerum to prepare coffee, set out bagels and snacks, and clean up. Please consider serving on this team. Contact [Jan Martin](#) if interested.

### [Winter Inquirers Class](#)

During worship on March 5, we will welcome new members from the Inquirers Class who would like to join our congregation.

### [Easter Flowers](#)

On Easter, congregation members may remember loved ones by purchasing Easter flowers (\$15) to be placed in our worship spaces on Easter April 9. [Order forms](#) will be available in *Connections* on **March 5, 12 and 19th** and are available online. Please mail your payment or drop in the offering plate. **Orders are DUE by Sunday, March 19.**

### [Floral Guild Invitation](#)

Please join our Floral Guild as they host the Haddonfield UMC Floral Guild on **Saturday, March 18**. Rev. David E. VanSciver, Director of HUMC Floral Arts, will present an entertaining [presentation](#) at 11:00 am followed by a potluck luncheon. Come early for conversation! Sign up with Fran Green at 856-905-3075 or [fegreen@verizon.net](mailto:fegreen@verizon.net). FREE

### [Check In On Sundays](#)

Please register 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, and can be easily done from your phone. [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, take a few seconds to **check in** to note participation.



# FAMILY MINISTRY

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks are coming

## Ash Wednesday Reminder

There will be NO Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner on Ash Wednesday **February 22** so that children may worship with their family. Worship is at 7:00 pm. We will see you on **Wednesday, March 1!**



Kids Matter to Jesus

**Middle School Youth Group**  
Wednesday evenings  
6:30-8:00 pm  
Grades 7, 8

On **February 22**, middle school youth group will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. then attending the Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.



**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:** contact John Roberts, interim director

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

*Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will share a meal together as friends.*  
(Rev 3: 20)

For Families and Children:  
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Middle School and High School:  
**John Roberts interim director**  
724-967-1646 cell  
[jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jroberts@fpcmoorestown.org)

## Family Lent in a Box

Beginning **Sunday, February 19**, families with children 10 and under can pick up their own personal "Lent in a Box" in the Commons Lobby! This box includes tangible activities, (supplies provided!) devotionals/scriptures, and hands-on prayer exercises each week for families to journey through Lent. Families may also pick up on Wednesday nights during Fellowship Groups. For more information contact Holly Ascitutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org). ONE per family please.



## Easter Egg Hunt Donations by March 15

We are looking for donations of candy and small toys for our 2023 Easter egg hunt! The Easter egg hunt is on **Saturday, April 1** from 10:30-11:30 am on the church grounds.

DONATE candies that are fun size, nut-free and individually wrapped, small toys, stickers or tattoos that will fit in a standard size plastic egg. **Please do not prefill eggs as the items are sorted by age.** Drop off candy and toys at the church office. Please contact [Holly Ascitutto](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or [Angie Slane](mailto:angie@fpcmoorestown.org) with any questions (856.235.1688). **Donations needed by March 15.**