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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](#) 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:

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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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**Feb. 26-March 4, 2023**



## Way of the Week #16: Give Cheerfully

16. **GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

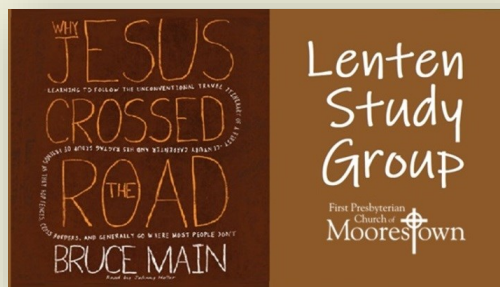
**Ideas for Action:** Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?

## 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.

Most 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](#).

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



### Wednesday Worship During Lent

Our Pastors will lead an in-person 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* (sacred reading) is a way to pray by using the words of the Bible.



### Adult Spiritual Formation 9:45-10:45 am Sundays

Sunday mornings we offer two intriguing 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 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 Events 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 will help you understand these historic events and pro-

vide 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*. **Fellowship Hall A.**

***Our kitchen is in need of new or gently-used hot pads. Drop off at 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 Trzeciaks. 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 [johnipsg@gmail.com](mailto:johnipsg@gmail.com) or cell (724) 967-1646 to register. Grades 9-12. [See Events page](#).

### Upcoming Sermon Series: Crossing the Road with Jesus

In the season of Lent, Pastors Spencer and Allen preach a series of Lenten sermons called, "Crossing the Road with Jesus." The inspiration for this sermon series is the book, *Why Did Jesus Cross the Road* by Dr. Bruce Main, our Lenten book study.

Bruce writes, "What do [Jesus' stops] say about His interests, concerns, faith, mission, commitments and purpose? Each of his destinations and interactions with various people groups represented something for Jesus; and where He went and what transpired there provide us with a deeper glimpse into His mission and purpose on earth."

### Lent Devotional: "Water and Spirit" (\$4)

As a beautiful companion piece to the Lenten study, *Water and Spirit* provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.



You can purchase your copy online with Amazon, [any Christian bookseller](#) or through the church office, which has a limited quantity for \$4.00. Please reach out to [Alison Mackey](#) at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113.

### Lent Resource Guide

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

### 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 February 28 to offset these significant costs for the church.** Giving online? See dropdown 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.

**We will welcome New Members on Sunday, March 5.**

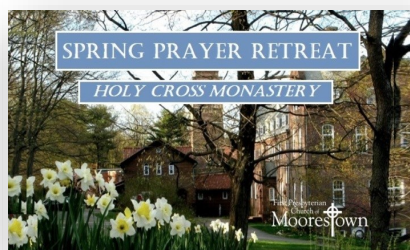
### Flower Deliverers

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 JoAnn 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, [Events Page](#), or website to register. Registration is OPEN.



### 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.

### 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 19** 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

### Holy Week Schedule

**April 6: Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 pm, Miller Commons

**April 7: Good Friday Tenebrae**  
7:30 pm, Sanctuary

**April 9: Easter Sunday**  
6:30 am Sunrise Service;  
8:30 am Traditional Worship;  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship  
(No Children's Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation, or Nursery)

### Sunday Hospitality

Sunday morning volunteers are needed to help out 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.



# FAMILY MINISTRY

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks are coming!

**Family Dinner Menu**  
**Wednesday, March 1**  
**6:00-7:00 pm, \$5 per person please**

Shepherd's Pie  
Chicken Fingers  
Mac & Cheese  
Salads  
Rolls & Butter  
Beverages

**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 Asciutto 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 Asciutto or Angie Slane with any questions (856.235.1688). **Donations needed by March 15.**