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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 I I: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 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 856-235-1688, Ext. 133

Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections, and upcoming events? If not, contact the church office.

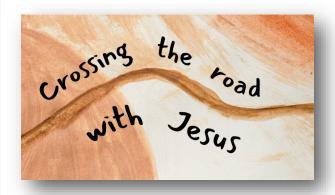


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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 2-8, 2023





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 (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday) 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.

Easter Flower Deliverers Needed

The Deacons are looking for volunteers from our congregation to help deliver Easter Flower on Easter Sunday, **April 9th**. This is a wonderful way to show our love to some of our less mobile members and brighten their Easter Day. If you can help with deliveries, please contact Deacon Vicki Terry (vickiterry633@gmail.com), Deacon Rachel Long (rchumney@gmail.com) or Jan Martin in the church office (856) 235-1611.

Palm Sunday Concert

Sunday, April 2 (7:30 pm)

Haydn's "Theresa" Mass

West Jersey Chamber Symphony Chorale and FPC Moorestown Adult Choir

TICKETS \$28, Seniors \$20, 18 and under free Purchase at www.wjcms.org or at the door.

INFO: Joann Nawrocki 609-417-2873. See our event page for information



Holy Week Schedule

April 6: Maundy Thursday
Special Drama "From the Table
to the Cross"

7:30 pm, Miller Commons Communion served



April 7: Good Friday Interfaith 12 Noon, FPC Courtyard Community worship service

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





April 9: Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11 am Contemporary Worship

Nursery care will be provided. There is no Children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation on Easter.

Easter Gift

Easter offerings may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given securely online at fpcmoorestown.org/giving. Thank you for your generosity.



NEW: Ice Cream Social

Friday, April 14

6:00-8:00 pm (FHall)

Come and enjoy ice cream and learn about GTi Hope's ministry in India and Linda Jagiela and Debbie Heller's recent trip. Free will offering to support women's literacy programs in India. Host: Mission Committee



NEW: Spaghetti Dinner Friday, April 21

6:30-8:00 pm (Miller Commons)

Dinner includes spaghetti, dinner salad, roll, dessert and beverage. A free will offering will be taken to benefit programs of Haiti Outreach Ministries. Keynote speaker will be Pastor Leon Dorleans, founder of Haiti Outreach Ministries.



As is our tradition, children have received a Lenten **Fish Box** for "One Great Hour of Sharing" as a means of charitable giving during Lent. Completed fish boxes will be collected during both Palm Sunday services on **April 2nd.** For online giving use the One Great Hour of Sharing drop down.

Deacon 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*. Would you like to help? Families welcome. Upcoming 3rd Sunday delivery dates are:

- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16

Please contact Deacon JoAnn Reynik at <u>sew-crafty225@yahoo.com</u> or 856.495.1337 cell if you can serve as a driver on these 3rd Sundays or as a Delivery Arranger (make the 2 smaller arrangements).

How Can You Serve Your Church This Year?

The Nominations Committee is currently seeking men and women of all ages to staff the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. <u>Fill out an online nominations form</u> or contact Gil Warren, chair.

Couples Retreat

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Dormer House B&B ~ Cape May May 19-21, 2023

Register on our <u>event page</u> or through the Church Center app



Spring Break

Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Middle School Youth Group and Family Dinner will be OFF for Spring Break Wednesday, **April 5 & 12**.

We're Thinking Camp!

Sign ups are OPEN for Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp July 16-21, grades 2nd-12th. Check out this incredible "Sacred Place, Open Space." See our event page.



Youth Choir Retreat
April 28-30

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

SIGN UP from the Church Center app on your phone, or our online Events Pages:

- How We Love This 9-week couples' study ends April 2.
- NEW: You and Me Forever study will meet April 16-June 11. Marriage is great, but it's not forever. It's until death do us part. Then come eternal rewards or regrets depending on how we spent our lives. The

\$25 registration includes one copy of the book and workbook.



Should you need addi-

tional copies of either the work-book or book you may add them during registration. Register online or through the Church Center app. Hayes Room

★ The Book of Acts study will explore some of the most important events in Christian history and apply them to the 21st century. Class is team-taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Wes Allen. FH A, ends May 21; No class April 9.

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 so this ministry can continue. Contact Jan Martin if interested.

Spring Prayer Retreat May 2-5, 2023

Join a group of friends from a number of churches at Holy Cross Monastery, an Episcopalian Benedictine monastery, for the Spring Prayer Retreat. Pastor Stuart leads this study of prayer and meditative practices using our study book, "God of All Things." See our brochure, Events Page, app or website to register. Deadline: April 2.

Spring Inquirers Class April 19, 22 & 23

NEW: Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Team would love to meet you! You are invited to attend the Spring Inquirers Class April 19, 22 & 23. See our event page or the Church Center app for more information, or call the church office at 856.235.1688.

2023 Graduates

Do you know of a 2023 graduate? Please fill out a <u>brief form</u> to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to <u>Jan Martin</u> in the church office.



Spring into action BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, May 12 1:00-6:00 pm Miller Commons

Vacation Bible School June 26-June 30



RETURN One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks April 2

REMINDER

Spring Break Schedule: OFF Wednesday, April 5 & April 12

Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner and Middle School Youth Group are on break!





Our middle school youth group had a BLAST at Funplex on March 22. SO much fun! REMINDER we are OFF April 5th and 12th for Spring Break. Youth group will end for the year on Wednesday, April 26. (sad face)

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

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at his tax collection booth. Come, be my disciple!" Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

- Luke 5: 27, 28

For Families and Children:

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Children's Easter Egg Hunt April I

The Children's Easter Celebration will be **Saturday, April 1** from 10:30-11:00 am, and OUTSIDE (weather permitting). Celebrate the joy of Easter with an Egg hunt for children ages 0-10! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. If it rains, we will move indoors. *Don't forget your basket!*

NEW: End of Year Inflatable Parties Wednesday, April 26

SIGN UP by April 19 for our End of Year Parties for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone. We will close out the year in style for K-6th. Register online or right through the Church Center app:

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd); 4:45-5:45 pm See event page/sign up for Kingdom Kids

Crossing Zone (4th-6th); 6:15-7:30 pm (NOTE TIME)

See event page/sign up for Crossing Zone



One Great Hour of Sharing

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Sunday School

There is NO Sunday School on April 9, Easter.