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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.

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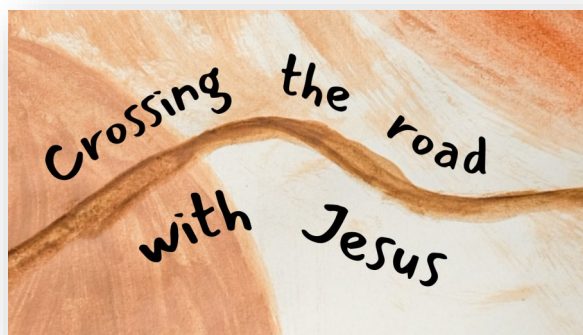


# Connections

**FPC**  
Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**March 26-April 1, 2023**



## **Way of the Week #20: Find Strength in Belonging**

**20. FIND STRENGTH IN BELONGING.** At FPC Moorestown, you're loved and valued. Claim us as your family. Rather than withdrawing, allow struggles and disappointments to deepen your sense of belonging. Pray for chances to bring healing to relationships. Please be patient! God isn't yet finished with us or with you.

**Ideas for Action (try to do by 12 noon Tuesday):** Is there a disappointment you've been carrying about the church? In prayer, offer it to the Lord and ask for His help in releasing it. If you've been sitting on the sidelines at home, get back in the game by returning to worship and joining a small group, a class or a committee. We need you, and you need us.

## **Wednesday Worship During Lent**

A special in-person Lenten worship at **6:30 pm** Wednesdays, marked by personal testimony. Ends: **March 29 (Jess Zorn)**. 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 — an ancient form of contemplative prayer using the words of the Bible. [Zoom link found on event page or in Lent Resource Guide](#). Ends **March 30**.

## **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](mailto:vickiterry633@gmail.com)), Deacon Rachel Long ([rchumney@gmail.com](mailto:rchumney@gmail.com)) or Jan Martin in the church office (856) 235-1611.

## Holy Week Schedule

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

7:30 pm, Miller Commons  
Communion



### **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

So families may be together, there is no Children's Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation, or Nursery Care on Easter.

### **Hearing Assist Devices**

The hearing assist devices in the sanctuary have been recalibrated, thanks to the work of Charles Plymale and Barbara Duffy. If you need one of these receivers, please see an usher.

### **Easter Gift**

Please remember the church in your holiday Easter giving.

## Palm Sunday Concert

### **Sunday, April 2**

*Haydn's "Theresa" Mass*  
West Jersey Chamber Symphony Chorale and Adult Choir  
TICKETS \$28, Seniors \$20, 18 and under free

Purchase at [www.wjcms.org](http://www.wjcms.org) or at the door. INFO: Joann Nawrocki 609-417-2873. [See our event page](#) for information

### **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



One Great Hour of Sharing — April 2 Palm Sunday

## 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?

Upcoming dates are **March 19, April 16** and **May 21**. Please contact Deacon JoAnn Reznick at [sew-crafty225@yahoo.com](mailto:sew-crafty225@yahoo.com) or 856.495.1337 if you can serve as a driver on these 3rd Sundays.

*Thank you to the Floral Arts Guild of Haddonfield UMC who shared ways to adorn our altar with flowers and shared their designs with our Floral Guild at a workshop on Saturday, March 18. We all learn from each other's successes and failures!*

## 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. [Fill out an online nominations form](#) or contact Gil Warren, chair.

## Couples Retreat

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Dormer House B&B ~ Cape May

**May 19-21, 2023**

Register on our [event page](#) 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](#).

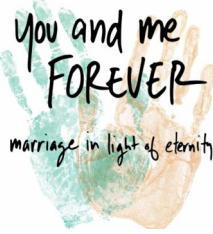


**Youth Choir Retreat**  
**April 28-30**

## 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 additional copies of either the workbook 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 [brief form](#) to submit names of those high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) 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**



# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Return One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks April 2

### Family Dinner Wednesday, March 29 6:00-7:00 pm ~ \$5.00 per person

Join us for Family Dinner this week—the menu is yummy!  
Only \$5 per person and \$20 for a family of four or more.  
Open to the whole congregation. Hope to see you there!

Penne Alfredo with Chicken  
Roast Pork (sandwich style)  
Baked Penne  
Mixed Vegetables  
Tossed Green Salads  
Rolls & Butter, Beverages



*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

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### Children's Easter Celebration April 1

The Children's Easter Celebration will be **Saturday, April 1** from 10:30-11:00 am, and will be OUTSIDE so dress accordingly. 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!



### End of Year Parties Wednesday, April 26

SAVE THE DATE for our End of Year Inflatable Parties! We will close out the year in style for K-6th. Register online or through the Church Center app:

- ♦ [See event page for Kingdom Kids](#)
- ♦ [See event page for Crossing Zone](#)



### One Great Hour of Sharing

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**. There is **NO Sunday School or Nursery on April 9, Easter**.

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and Middle School Youth Group are OFF