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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

**FPC**  
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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 5-11, 2023



## Way of the Week #17: Show Who You Really Are

**17. SHOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.** Our church is for "real" people. Bring your true self, including your joys, your sorrows, your fears, your strengths, and your weaknesses. God loves you as you are. Don't hide your struggles, failures or problems.

**Ideas for Action:** This week, sit down with or talk to another member by phone and share one area of struggle, failure or a fear you have.

## Taste of Greece Lunch

**TODAY:** 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.

## 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.

### 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



*Palm Sunday April 2*

### 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, 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 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*. **Meets in Room 3-4 on March 5 due to Greek Luncheon.**

*Have you remembered the church in your will?*

### Floral Guild Invitation **March 18 Potluck**

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

### **Preschool Dine and Donate** **Tuesday, March 14**

OUR PRESCHOOL is having a Dine and Donate event at Passariello's in Moorestown on **Tuesday, March 14**. It is all day, lunch and dinner! Order and mention Step by Step Christian Preschool and we receive a portion of the proceeds. Yes, take out too!

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

IN THIS 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.

### **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 and offer unique quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers. 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.

***Pastor Spencer will be away March 7-13 on vacation. For pastoral care concerns please contact the church office or Pastor Wes Allen.***

## Per Capita (due Feb. 28)

Yes, you can still submit your annual [Per Capita giving](#) if you have not done so. Members paying this share of \$38.75 per member helps defray significant costs for our church. 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 Presbytery. Giving online? See dropdown for Per Capita.



## 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. 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.

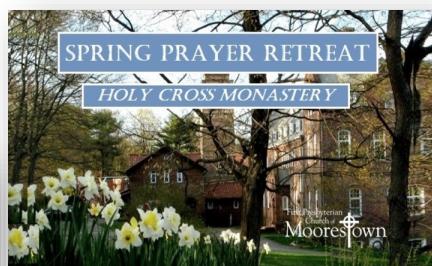
## Deacon Flower Deliverers

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**. Contact Deacon JoAnn Reynik at [sewcrafty225@yahoo.com](mailto:sewcrafty225@yahoo.com) or 856.495.1337.

## 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.*

**We will welcome 7 New Members on Sunday, March 5.**



## 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](#), or website to register. **Deadline: April 2.**

## Easter Flowers

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

**Couples Retreat in Cape May**  
May 19-21, 2023  
**Register on our event page**

## Sunday Check Ins

Please take a few seconds to register your attendance each Sunday you're here and/or are watching on your device. Our simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and provides accurate records for the Membership Committee, staff and pastors, and can be easily done from your phone. [Download the Church Center app](#) to easily check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.



## 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 so this can continue. Contact [Jan Martin](#) if interested.

**Watch for information about**  
**Camp Johnsonburg Summer Camp**  
**July 16-21!**



**One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks are coming! Palm Sunday offering**

**Family Dinner Menu  
Wednesday, March 8  
6:00-7:00 pm, \$5 per person please**

- Chicken Cacciatore
- Beef Meatballs in Red Sauce
- Cheese Tortellini in Alfredo Sauce
- Potatoes and Green Beans
- Salads
- Rolls & Butter
- Beverages

**Middle School Youth Group (grades 7, 8)  
Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Come hang out with the youth group for an outing to Funplex on **Wednesday, March 22!** We'll have a blast! Look for RSVP information soon. We will meet there at 6:00 pm. Funplex is located at 3320-24 NJ-38 in Mount Laurel.



For info contact [John Roberts](#) or [Liz Greene](#).

**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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**John Roberts-interim director**  
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**Family Lent in a Box**

**Have you picked up your Lent in a Box?** 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](#) or [Angie Slane](#) with any questions (856.235.1688). **Donations needed by March 15.**

