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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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**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**

**April 16-22, 2023**



## Way of the Week #23: Worship With Your Whole Heart

**23. WORSHIP WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART.** Your life is meant to be an act of worship. Every breath, action, and thought flows from God and can bring him glory. Praise God everywhere and embrace the opportunities to regularly worship with your church family.

**Read:** Romans 12: 1, 2; Psalm 150: 6; Mark 12: 30

**Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday):** Every morning this week, recite the Jesus Creed: *"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mark 12: 29-31)

## Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted by:  
The Mission Committee  
First Presbyterian Church Moorestown

**Friday, April 21, 2023**  
**From 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:**  
Pastor Leon Dorleans  
Founder  
Haiti Outreach Ministries



## 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.

Pastor Leon will also be our guest preacher for both worship services on **Sunday, April 23rd**. Come hear an update from our mission partner. [See the Spring "Missions Connections" for more news.](#)

### **Fifth Sunday April 30 for Cathedral Kitchen**

Our April Fifth Sunday combined worship will be held at **9:30 a.m.** on April 30 and we have something special planned -- a churchwide service project for Cathedral Kitchen immediately following worship! Cathedral Kitchen is the largest emergency food provider in Camden, NJ, serving over 100,000 nutritious meals to homeless and food insecure people each year. Our Deacons will lead us in making sandwiches, decorating placemats and designing centerpieces for the tables at CK. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome! **Sign-up Genius link coming soon!**



Spring into action  
[BLOOD DRIVE](#)  
**Friday, May 12**  
1:00-6:00 pm  
Miller Commons  
*Give the gift of life*

### **Easter Gift**

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



**Save The Date**  
**62nd Strawberry Festival**  
**Friday, June 2, 2023**

### **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. Graduate Recognition Sunday is **May 7**.

### **National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4**

The Prayer Committee will be presenting a Prayer Vigil in recognition of the National Day of Prayer **May 4**. Watch for a Sign Up Genius and see more information and resources [on our website](#). This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much."

### **CREDO Class**

Members from our CREDO confirmation class will meet with Session **April 25** to provide their Statements of Faith. Those wishing to become members will be welcomed during worship on **Sunday, May 14**.

### **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:

- **May 21**
- **June 18**
- **July 16**

Please contact Deacon JoAnn Reynik at [sew-crafty225@yahoo.com](mailto:sew-crafty225@yahoo.com) or 856.495.1337 cell if you can serve as a driver on these 3rd Sundays or as a Delivery Arranger (assemble the two smaller arrangements).

### **Congregational Meeting**

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, New Jersey, has called a special meeting of the congregation.

This meeting will be held **Sunday, April 30, 2023**, immediately following the 9:30 AM blended worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023.

No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.

## 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](#) and Church Center app for more information, or call the church office at 856.235.1688.



## Camp J-Burg

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](#) and pick up literature at church.

## Garden News

**Sundays, April 16 & April 23 at 12:30 p.m.** We will plant beets, carrots, lettuce and radishes in the garden beds. Strawberries too. You may want to bring a trowel and gardening gloves. Toni will bring the seeds and some seedlings that she has started at home to share with our garden. [See our event page.](#)

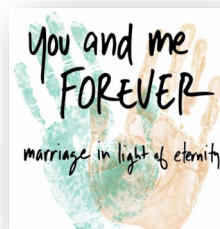


**Youth Choir Retreat  
April 28-30  
Youth Concert May 7th**

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

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

- ♦ **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 Rm.

- ♦ **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 taught by Lorenzo Eagles, Lissa Herman, and Wes Allen. **FH A, ends May 21.**

## 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 please contact Gil Warren, chair. A Congregational Meeting will be held April 30 to elect officers, and officer training will be held in May.

## Vacation Bible School

- **June 26- June 30, 2023**
- 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2023).
- Please enter your child's CURRENT grade for 2022-23.
- Cost: \$25 per child (\$20 for additional child)
- **Registration Deadline: June 14**

At *Stellar* VBS we will launch a cosmic quest and have a blast shining Jesus' light into the world. Kids will take off on an out-of-this-world adventure that is light years of faith-building fun. (See page 4)

**Adult and teen volunteers: we need you!** Sign up on our event page or on the Church Center app.

## 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

## 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.

**Pentecost Sunday May 28**  
**Wear Red**



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**Sign up by April 19 for the End of the Year Parties (K-6th)**

**Family Dinner Menu  
Wednesday, April 20  
6:00-7:00 pm ~ \$5.00 per person**

Chicken Cacciatore (GF)  
Potatoes and Green Beans (GF)  
Sausage, Peppers and Onions (GF)  
Chicken Fingers  
Tossed Salad, Mesculin Salad (GF), Dressings (GF)  
Rolls & Butter  
Beverages  
(GF) = gluten free



The last meeting for the Middle School Youth Group (grades 7, 8) will be **Wednesday, April 26**.

**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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## **SIGN UP: End of Year Inflation Parties Wednesday, April 26**

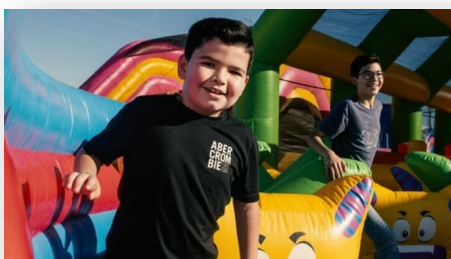
**SIGN UP by April 19** for our End of Year Parties for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone. We will close out the year in style for grades K-6th. Register online or right through the Church Center app:

**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](#)



## **Fifth Sunday is April 30**

On the Fifth Sunday April 30 (combined worship), children's Sunday School will meet at **9:30 am during worship**. Nursery care will be available in Room 12.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School will end on **Sunday, May 21**. Thank you to our teachers and leaders for another meaningful year.

## **SIGN UPS ARE OPEN: VBS 2023 June 26-June 30 (9:00 am-Noon)**

Registration is OPEN for [Vacation Bible School: "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light"](#) for children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2023). When registering, please enter your child's **CURRENT** 2022-2023 grade. Cost: \$25 per child (\$20 for additional child). **Registration deadline: June 14, 2023**

