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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 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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April 23-29, 2023



Way of the Week 24: Tell Your Story

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.

Read: Luke 8: 39; Psalm 107: 2; Acts 1: 8

National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 4

Pray fervently in
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"The Effective, Fervent Prayer of a righteous man avails much." - James 5: 16B

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4

In recognition of the National Day of Prayer, the Prayer Committee will be presenting a Prayer Vigil and 3-hour Prayer Zoom (come when you can, stay how you can). See our website and events page for a Sign Up Genius for the vigil and MUCH more information. This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness and Avail Much."

Visit our website at: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/day-of-prayer/>

Fifth Sunday April 30 for Cathedral Kitchen

Our April Fifth Sunday combined worship will be held in *Miller Commons* at **9:30 a.m.** on April 30 and afterwards we have a churchwide service project for Cathedral Kitchen! 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 250 turkey and cheese sandwiches, decorating placemats and designing centerpieces for the tables at CK. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome!

[See our event page to SIGN UP and watch a video about CK.](#)



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

*Dear FPC Family,
Pastor Spencer shared such a beautiful Easter message about the community of believers. Gary and I have been blessed to be a part of one such community here at FPC Moorestown. The well wishes, prayers and hundreds of cards we received and read together helped to carry us through the last 8 months, always with the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ firmly planted in our hearts. Thank you.*

- Nancy Bender

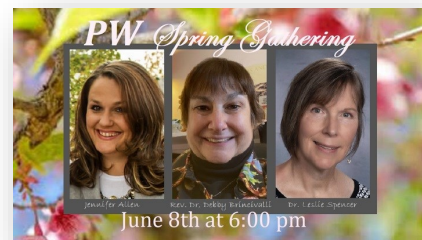
2023 Graduates

Do you know of a 2023 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. Graduate Recognition Sunday will be **May 7**.



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. Please contact Deacon JoAnn Reynik at 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).

Sunday, May 28

Ordination and Installation of Officers
Pentecost Sunday (wear red)
Regular worship hours

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 Miller Commons. 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.

Camp J-Burg

Sign ups are OPEN for Camp John-sonburg 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

Sunday, April 23rd 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. See our event page and website for all the current happenings with our venture!



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 CUR-RENT grade for 2022-23.*
- Cost: \$25 per child (\$20 for additional child)
- **Registration Due: 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.

**Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis
Sunday, June 4**

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 meets **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.**

Couples Retreat

Yes, there's still room! Registration is open for the Couples Retreat at the Dormer House B&B in Cape May **May 19-21**. Register on our [event page](#) or through the Church Center app. Registration deadline: **May 12.**

Spring Inquirers Class **April 19, 22 & 23**

Individuals interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown met April 19 & 22 and will meet with Session April 23 to provide their Statement of Faith. Those who wish to become members will be welcomed in worship on April 30.

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.

Youth Choir Retreat **April 28-30**

Youth Concert May 7th

2023 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 2, 2023

6:00-9:00 p.m.

OUTSIDE on church grounds

Check out our Podcasts

NEW! Stay up to date with FPC Moorestown's sermon series by subscribing to our weekly sermon podcast now available on Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, Google Podcasts, Spotify and Anchor. Full worship services continue to be available with video on YouTube and Facebook or by visiting www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Summer Worship Schedule (Sunday, June 4 through Sunday, Sept. 3)

**9:00 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary**





FAMILY MINISTRY

April 30th Sunday School: 9:30 am during worship (5th Sunday)

Family Dinner Menu

Wednesday, April 26 (last of the year)
6:00-7:00 pm ~ \$5.00 per person

Chicken and Rice Paella (GF)
 Beef Meatballs in Red Sauce (sandwiches)
 Macaroni and Cheese
 Mescaline Salad (GF)
 Caesar Salad
 All salad dressings are gluten free (GF)
 Rolls and Garlic Butter



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

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

SIGN UP for our End of Year Parties for Kingdom Kids AND Crossing Zone. We will close out the year in style for grades K-6th. Pizza will be served for dinner. 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**

