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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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May 14-20, 2023



Way of the Week 2: Speak the Truth with Love

(May 14-20, 2023)

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Read: Ephesians 4: 29; Ephesians 4: 31; Ephesians 4: 15

Ideas for Action (try to complete by 12 noon Tuesday): Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

Strawberry Festival is three weeks away!



The 'berry' best day of the year is quickly approaching: Strawberry Festival! We'd like to keep everyone in the loop and pass along some announcements so you have every opportunity to enjoy the evening as well as volunteer to make it another huge success!

The event will be held on **Friday, June 2 from 6:00-9:00 pm**. There will be two bands, tours of our newly planted Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden, inflatables and games for the kids, a photo booth, and of course: strawberries, ice cream and cake!

See our [online event page](#) or www.fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry for everything you need to know and ways to sign up to volunteer. We need you.

In May We Remember Mothers

In May, we are celebrating mothers and mothers to be. Join us in collecting change for [Options for Women](#) to help them provide free Ultra Sounds to women. Pick up a baby bottle and save your change through the month of May. Bring them to church on **Sunday, June 11th** and join us for a baby shower at **11:30 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options. Visit <https://optionsnj.org/>. *Note time change due to summer hours.*

Youth Choir Concert

Did you miss the youth choir concert on Sunday, May 7? It was lovely. Watch it on our website at www.fpcmoorestown.org/live-stream and scroll through the recent video list.



CREDO Confirmation Class

New members from our CREDO class will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, May 14. Congratulations to **Carson Cristella** (11:00, mentor Jonathan Schramm), **Will Gaskill** (8:30, mentor Rich Corbin), **Avery LaMonica** (TBD, mentor Dave Fauvell), and **Alex Perkowski** (8:30, mentor Steve Connlain).

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20th and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. Look for pew envelopes on **Sunday, June 25** for donations to the ministry of our missionary Nadia Ayoub who is working with Ukrainian refugees in Greece. For information visit <https://www.unhcr.org/world-refugee-day>.



PW Spring Gathering

Thursday, June 8

6:00 pm ~ Miller Commons

Three engaging speakers:

Jen Allen, Rev. Debby Brincivalli,

Dr. Leslie Spencer

"What's a Christian Woman to do?"

Boxed dinner available \$15 (see order form on [event page](#); **dinner orders due by May 25**); an event of the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey PW; [sign up online or on website](#)

Connections prints every two weeks beginning with summer hours June 4, 2023.

Summer Worship Schedule

The Worship Committee has announced that summer worship hours will begin on **Sunday, June 4**, and will conclude Sunday, Sept. 3. Worship times will shift to 9:00 am Traditional and 10:30 am Contemporary. There is no children's Sunday School or Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer.

Worship Survey

PLEASE WATCH for an upcoming survey distributed by the Worship Committee, soliciting feedback as to worship styles and worship times. It's a brief survey easily filled out online. Please do so. Hard copies will also be available if needed. Questions please contact Worship Committee co-chair [Paul Booker](#).



Sunday, May 28 — Wear red
Ordination and Installation of Officers
Regular worship hours

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. - Acts 2:1

Garden Dedication

Join us for the Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. We will celebrate the official opening of the garden on **Monday, June 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm** by the garden. We will be joined by Moorestown Mayor Nicole Gillespie, members of the town council and the Ritter family who have graciously funded the initial construction of the garden. Please join us as Pastor Spencer dedicates the garden, Mayor Gillespie offers her support and the Ritter family cuts the ribbon to commemorate the start of this new ministry to the Moorestown community. See our event page and website for all the current garden happenings!

Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday, June 4

Remembering the church in your family's estate planning and charitable giving

2023 Strawberry Festival

Friday, June 2, 2023

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Free will offering

(suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children)

[Sign up online or at church](#)



Check out our Podcasts

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 our website www.fpcmoorestown.org.

Spring Inquirers Class

Last week we welcomed seven members to our congregation: Lisa Heisler, Robert & Susan Hill, Daniel Macbride, Tim & Ginny Powell, Sam Speers. Be sure to introduce yourself to our newest members.

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 sewcrafty225@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).

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

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

- ♦ [You and Me Forever](#) marriage study meets in the Hayes Room. Ends **June 11**.
- ♦ [Book of Acts](#) study explores some of the most important events in Christian history. Ends **May 21**. FH A.

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.

Last day of Sunday School & Teacher Appreciation May 21

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.

Thank You from Jean

I wanted to thank each of you for your prayers and your cards during my recent left hip surgery; they have been a means of such encouragement. I thank you for the meals, shared lunches, rides to physical therapy, safety checks, and visits, each one was special. I have never felt "the Body of Christ" so clearly defined to me before. So very thankful for the love that you have poured out upon me.

- Jean Kunkel

Remember to please wear your nametags to worship

AED Defibrillators

Did you know ... that there is a defibrillator in the ushers closet in the narthex and in the Main Kitchen. Ushers have been trained in its application. With its ease of use and real-time, step-by-step voice prompts the automated external defibrillator (AED) is designed to help ordinary people respond in an extraordinary moment.



FAMILY MINISTRY

May 21: Teacher Appreciation & Last Day of Children's Sunday School

Teaching
IS A
WORK OF
HEART

THANK YOU to our 2022-2023 teachers for Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation, Discovery Bible Study, Lenten study groups, middle school youth group, high school youth group, nursery care, Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Vacation Bible School and small group leaders!



220-0750 if you can help. Stay tuned for our schedule of fun summer get-togethers!

CHECK IT OUT! Middle school youth group (grades 7, 8) will be helping at the Strawberry Festival Friday, June 2. Please text Liz Greene at (856)

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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Sunday School

Sunday School will end on **Sunday, May 21** with Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Thank you to our teachers, helpers and group leaders for another meaningful year sharing the Word with our children. See the insert in worship guides.



Yes, registration is OPEN for [Vacation Bible School: "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light"!](#)

Vacation Bible School 2023 June 26-June 30 (9:00 am-Noon)

- **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 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.

**Adult and teen volunteers (7th grade and older):
we need you!**

[Sign up on our event page](#) or on the Church Center app.