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**Worship. Connect.  
Serve. Devote.**

JOIN US on Sunday morn-  
ing 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)  
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e-blast with announce-  
ments, *Connections*, and  
upcoming events? If not,  
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# Connections

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**May 21-27, 2023**



## **Way of the Week 3: Listen Generously**

(May 21-27, 2023)

**3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

**Ideas for Action (try to do by 12 noon Tuesday):** Put aside phones and laptops. Turn off the TV or computer and face someone you love. Focus on what the other is saying; not on what you want to say. Be careful that you're not interrupting because you're not listening to them.

## **Strawberry Festival is two weeks away!**



The 'berry' best day of the year is quickly approaching: Strawberry Festival! There are MANY opportunities to enjoy the evening as well as volunteer to make it another huge success!

The festival will be held on **Friday, June 2 from 6:00-9:00 pm**. There will be two bands, tours of our new Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden, inflatables and games for the kids, a photo booth, and of course: strawberries, ice cream and cake! Free will offering (suggested \$8 adults, \$4 children). This year Venmo will be available too! See our [online event page](#) or [www.fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry) for everything you need to know and ways to sign up to volunteer or donate cakes or \$\$ **We need you.**

**SIGN UP:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054cacae28aafe3-strawberry#/>



## **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](#) for the event please

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

## **CREDO Confirmation Class**

New members from our CREDO class were 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).

## **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 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Thank you outgoing Elders, Deacons and Trustees**

## **Legacy Giving Sunday Sunday, June 4**

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

## **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>.

Are you receiving the Friday eblast? Contact Jan Martin in the church office.

## **Worship Survey**

Check your email for a brief survey from the Worship Committee, soliciting feedback on worship styles and worship times. [Please fill it out online](#) (hard copies will be available). Contact the church office if you didn't receive the eblast, or contact Worship Committee co-chair [Paul Booker](#).



## **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.



**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!



## 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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

## Thank You from Earl

*Dear FPC Moorestown Family,  
I want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards, flowers and heartfelt support following the death of my wife Randi. She was an amazing, strong woman and your encouragement and love has been sustaining for me. My family and I are so thankful for this community of faith and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

- Earl Gage

## 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](mailto: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 28**. FH A.

## Legacy Giving Sunday

Sunday, June 4



Live Forward.  
Give Forward.



## 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.



**Remember to please wear your nametags to worship**

## Funeral Committee

Our ministry to grieving families is an important part of our church. Several volunteers are needed to help set up, serve, and clean up after the funeral receptions, which are usually held in Fellowship Hall. Are you interested? We'd love to have you on our team! Contact leader Winnie Lyall at 856-305-4969 [wlyall43@gmail.com](mailto:wlyall43@gmail.com).

## 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**





# 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.