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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
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

The Service is also posted
later in the week
to our website.

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every two weeks in the summer.
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Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast with announce-
ments, Connections, and
upcoming events? If not,
contact the [church office](#).



Connections

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May 28-June 3, 2023



Way of the Week 4: Always Encourage & Celebrate

(May 28-June 3, 2023)

4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE. Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

Ideas for Action: Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.

Strawberry Festival is one week away!



The 'berry' best day of the year is almost here! Strawberry Festival is **Friday, June 2 from 6-9 pm**. There will be two bands, tours of our new Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden, inflatables and games for the kids, a photo booth, strawberries, ice cream and cake! Suggested donation \$8 adults, \$4 children. This year Venmo will be available too!

See our [online event page](#) or www.fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry for everything you need to know, and ways to sign up to volunteer or donate cakes or \$\$ **We need you**. If you can't bake or buy, you can donate towards the 200 cakes we need or help defray our expenses. Donate via Venmo ([@fpcmoorestown](#)), cash or check.

In response to feedback, hulling starts earlier this year: **10:30 am on Thursday, June 1!**

SIGN UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054cacae28aaf3-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](#) please or contact Jane Murphy at 856-630-4904.

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

Legacy Giving Sunday Sunday, June 4



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How to remember the church in your family's estate planning and charitable giving

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 **11:45 am** to share brunch and hear speakers from Options. Visit <https://optionsnj.org/>. *Note time change due to summer hours.*

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>.

Thank you outgoing Elders, Deacons and Trustees for your leadership and service. Incoming officers begin their terms June 1.

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

Worship Survey

Check your email for a 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 or Paul Booker if you didn't receive the eblast.



Summer Worship Schedule

Summer worship hours will begin on **Sunday, June 4**. Worship times shift to **9:00 am** Traditional and **10:30 am** Contemporary. There is no children's Sunday School in the summer. Beginning **June 4**, Adult Spiritual Formation offers a casual drop-in series discussing the sermon text from 10:00-10:45 am in the Lounge. Stop in for whatever time you can.



**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. 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 current garden happenings and new weekend times to harvest, water, and weed.

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.

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

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation **10:00-10:45 am Sundays**

Beginning **June 4**, Adult Spiritual Formation offers a casual summer drop-in series in the Lounge, discussing the sermon text. Stay for whatever time you can. Thank you to our leaders.



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.



Donations for Strawberry Festival now via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown).
Hamburger stand is cash only please.



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.



Church office closed 1:00 pm Friday,
May 26 and Monday, May 29.

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).



FAMILY MINISTRY

Blast off to Vacation Bible School for an out-of-this-world adventure



The Middle School Youth Group (grades 7, 8) is helping at the Strawberry Festival Friday, June 2. **Parents: Please text Liz Greene at (856) 220-0750 if you or your student can help.**

And watch your email for a schedule of fun summer get-togethers for rising 7th and 8th graders.

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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John Roberts-interim director
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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.

Sunday School

Sunday School ended on **Sunday, May 21** with Teacher Appreciation Sunday. **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.

Teaching
IS A
WORK OF
HEART



Yes, registration is OPEN for [Vacation Bible School: "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light"](#). It's going to be an unforgettable week.