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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:

9:00 am Traditional
10:30 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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July 16-29, 2023

WHAT AN AMAZING WEEK AT VBS! We welcomed children from many different communities and shared each day, "When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light." John 8:12 reminds us, "Jesus...said, 'I am the light of the world.'" We could NOT have had such a successful VBS without the help and support of a great group of volunteers. They helped in many different ways to support our children and community! This year the children did one service project each day for local ministries. We can't wait to see what Jesus does next year!

5-Year Olds: Helen Dominy, Sarah Wood, Kaylee Shaw, Ava Zink, Marc Trabulsi, Patrick Begely, Natalie Olsen

6-Year Olds: Melody Ransom, Marc Trabulsi, Sawyer McNabb, Andrew Krott, Madison Goolcharan, Katie Donahue

6-7 Year Olds: Alison Mackey, Lola Rogers, Mae Murphy, Michael Trabulsi, Quinn Wenzke-Lundgren, Lila Zink

8-9 Year Olds: Karin Miller, Will McNeil, Juliana Georgetti, Olivia Zink, Addison LaMonica, Lydia Walker

9-11 Year Olds: Carol Clark, Lisa Heisler, Jonathan Nawrocki, Meghan Hock, Tess Murphy, Andrew Boyle, Naia Gomes

Recreation: Steve Shaffer, Max Chiang, Alex Perkowski, Will Gaskill

Missions: Linda Jagiela, Jean Kunkel, Susan Kenuk, Maclean Onsewa

Devotions: Holly Asciutto

Bible: All Teachers, Wes Allen

Snacks: Rumi Sinunu, Lissa Herman, Bob Plant, Rita Plant, Sherrell Fitts, Karen Molloy, Joe Molloy, Debbie Heller

Crafts: Marina Olsen, Kacie Walton, Rebecca Avallone, Kyle Perkowski, Brooke Howe, Liz Greene

Music: Alivia Nawrocki, Vivian Allen, Lydia Avallone

Registration: Rebecca Neindorff, Kristen Perkowski, Angie Slane, Joann Nawrocki, Susan Kershaw, Cheryl Gaskill

Decorations: Holly Asciutto, Rebecca Neindorff, Sawyer McNab, Alivia Nawrocki, Will Gaskill, Vivian Allen, Katie Donahue, Emma McNab, Jonathan Nawrocki, Cheryl Gaskill, Susan Kenuk, Sam Caraballo, Bryan Gaskill, Steve Margerum, Earl Gage

VBS Director: Holly Asciutto



5th Sunday Ice Cream Social & Meet & Greet

After our 9:30 am Fifth Sunday worship on **July 30 (Miller Commons)** we're having a party: a church-wide ice cream social and Recent Member Reception, coordinated by the Membership Committee and Deacons. JOIN US in Fellowship Hall for our Meet and Greet and a cool treat as we celebrate everyone



who joined our church family since 2020. Four years of Inquirers' classes will be welcomed at this special event. These members joined when church activities were reduced due to the pandemic, so we are inviting the congregation to meet and get to know these folks. Come and say hello; introduce yourself and extend an invitation to a group or church activity that you enjoy. [Please RSVP so we can determine a headcount.](#)

A Note from Your Stewardship Team

Church operations continue year-round, and your Stewardship Committee reminds you that the traditional drop in giving during the summer months greatly affects the health of our church as well as those who rely on our support. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Consider taking advantage of [online giving](#) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Log onto fpcmoorestown.org/giving to get started and set up your preferences.



Trek Malawi July 7-18

From July 7-18, Pastor Spencer and Jim Dugan are pedaling a 300-mile bicycle trek through Malawi, Africa to raise \$50,000 to fund summer camps for 3,000 children with UrbanPromise camps. **Follow along with the team and pray with a daily [Prayer Guide](#).** On Sunday, July 23 Stuart will share his adventures with us during worship.



[PLEASE RSVP](#) for the July 30 Ice Cream Social online, in 'Signups' on the Church Center app or by calling the church office 856-235-1688

Special Meeting of the Congregation

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, July 30, 2023**, immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service in the sanctuary.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect two Deacons and one Trustee to a term of office beginning June 1, 2023.

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

Ann McBride, Clerk of Session

Mission House Help

The Millers will return to Carol's House on **July 20** and will spend a year with us while they plan their retirement from the mission field. The property needs some TLC. If you are available to weed, blow out flower beds and trim bushes anytime before the Millers arrive, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please call Linda Jagiela at 267-275-7582.

Lunch for VBS Students

On **Thursday, July 27**, volunteers are needed to make and take lunch for 25 VBS students from Bridge of Peace Church in Camden. If you can assist by making cookies in advance, donating watermelon, or coming and serving at Atsion Lake please let Linda Jagiela know by emailing missions@FPCMoorestown or texting 267-275-7582.

Sunday Check Ins

Please take a few seconds to check in and register your attendance each time you attend in person and/or watch on your device. This simple automated check-in replaces the Friendship sign-in pads and records important data used by the Membership Team, staff and pastors, and is quickly done from your phone. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.

2023-24 Events

Please submit 2023-24 event dates, room requests, planning dates, activities and meeting schedules to the church office by **August 1**.

Discipleship Zoom Prayer

Thursdays from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 863 2847 9075

Passcode: 960168

Stephen Ministries

In our church, many lay people have answered the call to become a Stephen Minister, completing a 50-hour training program. We currently have 14 Stephen Ministers including five Stephen Leaders who have received extra training to help administer the program. Do you need help? Someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister will meet with you for about one hour each week, listen to your problems and help you get through tough times with God's guidance. Call [Doris Kahley](#) at (609) 261-8474 or [Wes Allen](#) at the church office (856) 235-1688 to ask for a Stephen Minister or if you're interested in our fall class to become a Stephen minister. [See our event page on Church Center app.](#)



Prayer on the Porch/ Thursday Prayer Service

For July and August, our Thursday Prayer Service is on hiatus. This summer all are encouraged to join the Prayer Committee in Prayer on the Porch on the first and third Thursdays from 7:00-7:30 pm on the Van Camp Porch. **REMAINING DATES: July 20, Aug. 3, Aug. 17, Sept. TBD.** In case of rain or excessive heat we will pray in the Lounge. Contact Pam Engle at pam@pamengle.com or cell 609.332.7513.

Garden Dedication

The Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden will be **Monday, July 24th at 6:00 pm**. Special guests will be Moorestown Mayor Nicole Gillespie, members of the town council and the Ritter family who has graciously funded the initial construction of the garden.

NEW: If you have home produce, you can now donate that to the garden as well. We can accept it only when we have folks harvesting, which is every Thursday and Saturday morning from 9-9:40 am. Anyone wishing to donate produce can bring it to us at the garden or Our Lady of Good Counsel Heritage House (Main Street, back door, 9:45 am).

Our garden is producing more crops! We have lettuce, beets, string beans, small bell peppers, peas and summer squash. We deliver produce on the first and third Monday of the month to the Ministerium Food Pantry at St. Matthew's. *Donations to defray expenses and support this ongoing ministry are gratefully accepted. You may give cash, checks or [online](#) (see drop down for the Garden) at any time.*

It's a Day at the Beach

Come help out at the [Children's Fresh Air Home on Thursday, August 17](#) from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from UrbanPromise and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with their day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267.275.7582 cell/text.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School is on summer break — see you in September

You Are Invited



August 28-September 1
5:30-7:30 pm
Vacation Bible School
First Methodist Church
446 E. Camden Avenue
Moorestown, NJ
(856) 235-0450 office

To learn more visit: www.fmcmoorestown.com/



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

"Oh, how can I give you up, Israel? How can I let you go?"

- Hosea 11: 8

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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Middle School and High School:

John Roberts-interim director

724-967-1646 cell

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NEW: White Water Rafting Trip

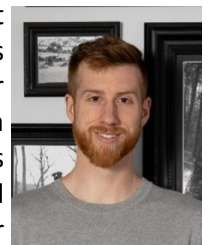
JOIN FPC MOORESTOWN FAMILIES for an exhilarating adventure down the Pocono Mountains' Lehigh River on **Saturday, August 5th**. Feel the adrenaline rush as we navigate thrilling rapids and explore the beautiful river scenery on this dam release weekend! This is the perfect opportunity to bond with loved ones and create core family memories. No prior experience is necessary; we'll be led by experienced guides who will ensure a safe and enjoyable trip for everyone. Minimum age to participate is 8 years old. Bring the whole family and invite your friends and their families for an unforgettable experience. [Sign up and pay online](#) on our events page.



To learn more visit the Whitewater Challengers FAQ page: <https://whitewaterchallengers.com/lehigh-faq/>

Dave Fauvell Hired as Youth Director

At its June meeting, Session approved the hiring of Dave Fauvell as our Youth Director. This is a part-time, 20-hour a week position, but it is permanent. Dave has served and loved our young people for more than ten years as a youth leader. After Dan Wonneberger's departure in 2020, Dave capably stepped in and did a marvelous job keeping our youth ministry going during the pandemic.



Says Dave, "As the youth director, my aim is to help equip and enable the members of FPC Moorestown to disciple the youth of our area. The idea is to prepare older believers then create opportunities for them to engage and love our youth. Many hands make light work and it also means that many people will experience the growth of God's kingdom first hand."

This year watch and listen for new ways to be involved with our Youth Ministry and Family Ministries area.