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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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

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

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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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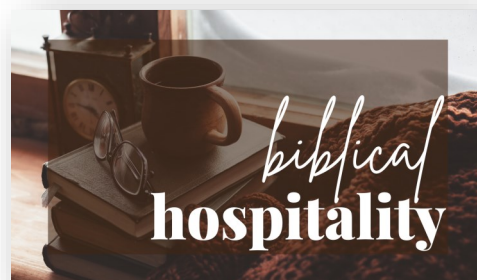
**September 10-16, 2023**

## Way of the Week 19: Accept and Don't Cast

Stones  
(Sept. 10-16, 2023)

ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES. God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

**Ideas for Action:** Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.



## Welcome Back Sunday ~ September 10, 2023

WE WILL KICK OFF our 2023-24 program year on **Sunday, September 10** with *Welcome Back Sunday*, a **9:30 a.m. COMBINED** worship in the sanctuary. Reconnect with friends from the summer and hear about the coming year, as we worship together as one church family.

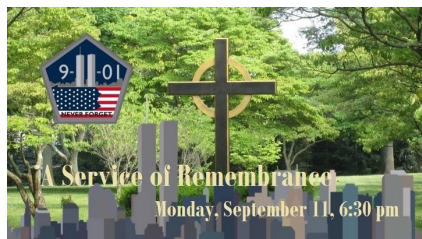
After worship, we'll have a Covered Dish Church Picnic Brunch. We can enjoy a delicious spread, visit in the comfort of Fellowship Hall, and enjoy lively conversation and a kids craft. Be sure and check out the Kickball Game on the back lawn! **Please bring to share: Last Name A-J:** Casserole or Egg Dish; **Last Name K-P:** Side Dish or Salad; **Last Name Q-S:** Bread or Rolls; **Last Name T-Z:** Dessert.

## Sunday, September 10, 2023

- ◆ Senior High Dinners begin; grades 9-12 (6:30-8:30 pm); sites to be determined

## Sunday, September 17, 2023

- ◆ Worship Times: 9:00 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary begin
- ◆ Bible Sunday for our third graders (see page 4)
- ◆ Education classes begin (Sunday School, Adult Spiritual Formation)
- ◆ Commissioning of our 2023-24 teachers
- ◆ [Crud Wars youth group kickoff](#), 1-3 pm, grades 7-12; [sign up online](#)
- ◆ Pew envelopes for September 12 Fund are available in September



### **September 11 Service**

On **Monday, September 11** at 6:30 p.m. we will gather at the cemetery cross for a service of remembrance, prayer and resurrection as we commemorate the 22nd anniversary of the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. This will be a solemn time for reflection, prayer, scripture reading, and song as we remember the 2,977 lives tragically taken from this world and the 20-year war that ensued. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair.

### **Thursday Prayer Service**

Our Thursday Prayer Service is set to return on **September 14** at 7:00 pm. *This service is live stream only.* If you have a prayer request, please forward to the church office by 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays.

### **September 12th Fund**

**Happy 135th Birthday First Presbyterian Church!**  
Wow, that's a lot of candles.

In honor of our church's founding on September 12th, members can donate to the future of our church by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown was founded on September 12, 1888.



Look for special pew envelopes and a mailing from Pastor Stuart; place gifts in the offering or [give securely online.](#)

### **Adult Spiritual Formation Begins with Sermon on the Mount Study**

For many, the Sermon on the Mount is the centerpiece of Jesus' teachings. In his sermon, as recorded by Matthew in chapters 5-7 of his Gospel, Jesus reveals the principles of what true discipleship looks like. If you desire to enhance your knowledge of scripture and grow closer to the Lord, you are invited to join Lissa Herman and Lorenzo Eagles as they lead this Fall study each Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall. [Please register to attend via Church Center](#) or on the church website. There are no books required and you are guaranteed to learn a lot, even if you can only attend a few sessions.

Class will begin **Sunday, Sept. 17** and conclude **Nov. 19**. There is no class on Oct. 15 for Consecration Sunday or Oct. 29 for Church Has Left the Building (combined 9:30 am worship services).

### **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering**

PW invites women of the church to its Fall Gathering on **Monday, Sept. 18 at 7:00 pm** in Miller Commons. There will be a brief business meeting and update of bylaws, and Arlita Winston will introduce the new study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. Presbyterian Women at FPC Moorestown have options for **serving** and **learning**. In addition to Bible study, PW decorates the Christmon Tree at Christmas, and participates in service projects to support organizations that meet the needs of women and children in crisis. Come for some **dessert** and visiting prior to the program. You don't need to be a member of a circle to come, but if the study interests you, you will meet the Circle leaders and hear about the options for meeting times and places.

### **Fall Inquirers Class:** **Learn More About FPC Moorestown**

Are you interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee extends an invitation to you to attend its Fall Inquirers Class in October. The Inquirers Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown, and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. [Read more and sign up on our event page and website.](#)

The three-part series will be held Wednesday, Oct. 18, Saturday, Oct. 21, and Sunday, Oct. 22, and new members will be welcomed Sunday, Nov. 5.

## Fellowship Groups Return

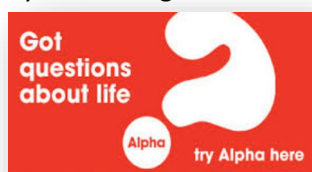
We're back! PARENTS: Please sign up for Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (Gr. 4-6), Middle School Youth Group and High School Youth Group for 2023-24 so we can update our rosters with accurate information. We're going to have an incredible year. [See the event page in Church Center.](#) (see page 4)

## Choir Rehearsals Begin

Opportunities are available for all ages and abilities in our music ministry. Come try it this year. Rehearsals begin the week of Sept. 11 for **Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Primary Choir** (Grades K-1), **Junior Choir** (Grades 2-4), **Choristers** (Grades 5-8) and **Chapel Choir** (Grades 9-12). Choirs are open to members of the local community. Contact Joel Krott at [jkrott@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jkrott@fpcmoorestown.org).

## Introducing: ALPHA

ALPHA is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation, particularly with those newer to church. ALPHA is run across the globe, and everyone is welcome, particularly newcomers. A new series of Wednesday evening sessions began **Wednesday, Sept. 6.** [Sign up online](#) or through the Church Center app. Wednesday meals with Family Dinner begin October 4th.



*Upcoming Sermon Series Sept. 10*

## Consecration Sunday

Our stewardship series begins **Sunday, Sept. 24** with Stewardship Moments, and leads us into a special combined worship event on Sunday on **October 15 at 9:30 a.m.** Make plans to attend worship and dedicate your financial gift for 2024. This year's theme is "Our House, God's House" and celebrates the 100th anniversary of our church's home in the Collins mansion (1923). Church leaders are planning, budgeting and preparing for our coming year in ministry and your 2024 Estimates of Giving are critical to this planning process. More information soon. We can't wait to share it with you.

- Your Stewardship Team



## 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.

## Prayer on the Porch

Join the Prayer Committee for the final Prayer on the Porch **Sept. 21 at 7:00 pm** to pray for our church family. Van Camp Porch.

**Stephen Ministry training class begins October 2. Contact Wes Allen if interested**

## Church Has Left The Building

The dates for Church Has Left The Building are Saturday, October 28, 2023 and Sunday, October 29, 2023. **Please mark your calendars and plan to be involved in some capacity.** This year we will be tending to a few items at "our house" at FPC Moorestown and Carol's House. On Sunday, we will begin with an abbreviated worship at **9:30 a.m.** (5th Sunday) and then split up for the various Sunday projects. Luke Maxted will be our guest preacher. Looking forward to another great Church Has Left The Building! Watch for sign ups in our event pages, through the Church Center app, or contact Wes Allen at [wallen@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:wallen@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856-235-1688, Ext. 101.



**Beginning September 17th**

**Middle School Youth Group** begins **Wednesday, Sept. 13 (6:30-8:00 pm)**



# FAMILY MINISTRY

**We're ready for a fun-filled year. See you soon!**

## Register for Fellowship Groups

Registration is OPEN for 2023-24 Kingdom Kids (K-3rd), Crossing Zone (4th-6th), Middle School Youth Group (7th-8th) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th). [Sign up online](#), and watch for news from group leaders as well as the Friday eblast. We're getting ready! (See dates below)

## Sunday School Corner

Children's Sunday School returns on **Sunday, Sept. 17** from **10:15-11:15 am** (note new time). Come meet your teachers. We will commission our teachers on Sept. 17 too.

## Youth Group Kickoff

IT'S CRUD WARS! Join us for Crud Wars **Sunday, September 17th** from 1-3 p.m. for an incredibly cruddy and messy set of games! Students grades 7th-12th are welcome. Wear clothes you don't care about! Contact Youth Director [Dave Fauvell](#) for info and [sign up online](#).



## Sermon Series Memory Verse

**Memory Verse:** Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! (Hebrews 13: 2)

**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 Dave Fauvell, youth director

For Families and Children:

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Middle School and High School:

**Dave Fauvell**

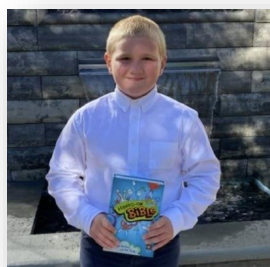
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## Bible Sunday September 17th

On Sunday, September 17th, children entering third grade will receive their Bibles during worship as a gift from their church. Bible Sunday is a special day in the life of our young people. Bibles will be presented at both worship services.

If you would like your student to receive a Bible, please [sign up online](#), through the Church Center app (Signups) or contact Holly Asciutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org). You may also call the church office at 856.235.1688. Please indicate (1) Child's name as you would like it to appear in their Bible, and (2) Which worship service you will be attending.



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**Bible Sunday**  
for 3rd graders  
**September 17**

## Kids and Youth Groups Return

A new year of Youth Groups and Kids Groups is coming up fast. Our groups look forward to another year of activities and growing as God's people. Here are the start dates:

- ⇒ Middle School Youth Group (grades 7-8) on **Wednesday, Sept. 13th** (6:30-8:00 pm)
- ⇒ [Crud Wars](#) (gr. 7-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 17th** (1-3 pm)
- ⇒ High School Youth Group dinners (grades 9-12) on **Sunday, Sept. 17th** (6:30-8:30 pm); see [Dave Fauvell](#)
- ⇒ Family Dinner (all) on **Wednesday, October 4th** (6:00-7:00 pm), Miller Commons, \$7.00 per person
- ⇒ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd) on **Wednesday, October 4th** (4:45-5:45 pm)
- ⇒ Crossing Zone (grades 4-6) on **Wednesday, October 4th** (6:30-7:30 pm)