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Worship. Connect.
Serve. Devote.

Worship the Lord with glad-
ness; come into his presence
with singing - Psalm 100:2

9:00 am Traditional
11:00 am Contemporary
9:30 am 5th Sunday
Blended Worship

10:15-11:15 am
Education Hour

Worship streams live from
each worship space. Log
on from any device to
www.fpcmoorestown.org
or [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

Services are also posted
later in the week to our
website.

"Connections" is published
weekly for Sunday worship and
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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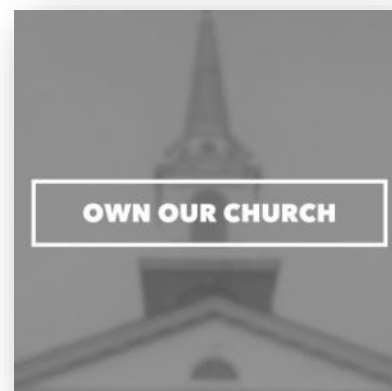
First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

January 14-20, 2024

Way of the Week 12: Own Our Church (January 14-20, 2024)

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!

Ideas for Action: Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!



January 14, 2024: MLK Worship Event and Day of Service

The Moorestown Ministerium, an ecumenical leadership of area pastors, warmly invites you to a Celebration and Worship Service on **Sunday, January 14** at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, honoring the legacy and ministry of Dr. King. Following worship, we will enjoy desserts and work on six service projects in Miller Commons. [See event page for details](#) and a listing of the service projects. All ages welcome!

Volunteers are needed to make or donate desserts, set up, make coffee, man the tables, and clean up. If you can assist, please email Linda Jagiela at misions@fpcmoorestown.org and let her know how you can help.

Moorestown Ministerium

Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration and Worship Service

SUNDAY
JANUARY 14
AT 3:00 P.M.

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PW Winter Gathering

All women of the church are invited to the PW Winter Gathering on **Tuesday, January 16** at 10:00 AM hosted by Presbyterian Women. **Where We Have Served:** the program will feature members of FPC Moorestown sharing different ways they serve the community, both locally and globally.

Come listen and enjoy a soup luncheon. Warm your soul and your body, and please bring white **cotton socks** to warm the feet of clients at the Christian Caring Center. Please [register your attendance](#) on the Church Center event page or app.



Warm Up This January with Blanket Sunday

January 28, 2024 is Blanket Sunday, an offering sponsored by our Deacons. Your contributions to Church World Service enable CWS to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement, and rebuild viable, sustainable lives and communities. Just \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless. Look for Blanket Sunday envelopes in the pews and at both services. Give securely online at www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving - choose the Blanket Sunday option in the drop down list. Visit www.cwsglobal.org.



Friday, January 26
11:00 am—4:00 pm
Miller Commons

Let your gift giving continue in the New Year and give this precious Gift of Life. Our country is facing a critical blood shortage. Sign up with Debbie Heller at dheller374@comcast.net or 856-273-6838 or visit online redcrossblood.org/give to select an appointment time.



Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14th

Annual Report, Meeting

Ministry area leaders are asked to provide a report summarizing their area's highlights, events and activities of 2023 for the Annual Report. Please email reports to Jan Martin at jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org by **Friday, January 12**.

Per our Bylaws, copies of the 2023 *Annual Report* will be available **Sunday, Jan. 28, 2024** online and in hard copies at the church.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held **Sunday, February 4, 2024** in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy fellowship with a delicious [Covered Dish Lunch](#) before the meeting. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name.

Two Garden Fundraisers OPEN

- ♦ The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden hosts a [Painting Party Fundraiser](#) **Sunday, January 28th** from 2:00-4:30 pm. All supplies provided. Artist Alex Wilkie will lead up to 10 people in painting a still life or scene from our church grounds. Cost: \$50 per person. Sign up with Leslie Spencer at spencer@rowan.edu or call/text (215) 584-7659 by **Jan. 25** to reserve your spot. *Reservations required, space is limited.*
- ♦ **NEW: Become a shareholder** of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden; only 5 shares available. Visit online at <https://registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/2098356/details>.

Lenten Study; Looking for Group Hosts

As we prepare for Lent we invite you to participate in a small group study entitled "Meeting Jesus at the Table." This 8-week study begins the week of **February 11th**, and will be a meaningful and enriching journey exploring profound connections between Jesus and the act of sharing meals. **Right now we are looking for hosts**; please visit the *Signups* tab in the Church Center app and complete our [Host Form](#) by **Wednesday, Jan. 24** if you are able to host a group. Watch for sign ups for specific Lenten groups soon!



Grow The Kingdom

At the start of 2024, Pastors Spencer and Allen preach a series of sermons called "Grow the Kingdom." The Kingdom of God was the main topic of Jesus' teaching. FPC Moorestown is called to grow the Kingdom of God. For additional information on how we can grow the Kingdom visit: <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/grow-the-kingdom/>



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**Church office closed January
15 for MLK Holiday**

Join the Hospitality Team

Members of our new hospitality team and greeters will be strategically placed around our campus to welcome everyone and direct visitors on Sundays. If you feel the Spirit leading you to join this team, please reach out to Ann McBride at amcbride323@gmail.com.

Adult Spiritual Formation: I Corinthians Begins Sunday, January 14

NEW: Women's Half Day of Prayer: **Sat. January 20 from 8:00 am-noon.** Experience the joy and wonder of spending special time alone with God as we seek His intent for our lives. Women high school age or older and friends. Facilitators: Arlita Winston & Joyce Peacock. [Online registration OPEN.](#)

NEW: Men's Half Day of Prayer: **Sat. January 27, 2024, 8:30 am-noon.** -- The men of FPC Moorestown gather for morning of prayer, breakfast, worship and sharing. If praying is a new or unfamiliar spiritual practice, join Pastors Allen and Spencer and begin your prayer journey. Sons of high school age or older and friends. [Online registration OPEN.](#)

Sight and Sound trip to see "Daniel" Thursday, April 11

Year-End Statements

Need a year-end update on your 2023 giving? It's available 24/7 in the Church Center app. Touch "Give" and "My Giving" for a full history. Financial statements will be mailed in January for tax purposes.

Note from Nominations

The Nominating Committee has begun its work to find nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Please pray about where you or someone you know may best fit. [Sign up online](#) or contact any member of the committee.

Grief Support: When Life's Hurts Won't Stop **January 15-February 19** **Mondays 12:15-1:15 pm**

Mount Laurel YMCA (59 Centerton Road) ~ Free grief series led by Dr. Jonathan Miller. Sign up with Jonathan at call/text 609.417.3344 or jonathanmiller0323@gmail.com.

Early Bird Registration for 2024 Couples Retreat

Invest in your marriage. Join us **April 26-28, 2024** for FPC Moorestown's Couples' Retreat at the Dormer House B&B in Cape May. Cost: \$450/couple, includes breakfast, 2 nights, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner Saturday. Early Bird Registration of \$400 available through January 31, 2024. *Secure your spot with a \$100 deposit. Must be paid in full by April 19, 2024.* [Online registration is OPEN.](#)

Notice someone missing from church? Give them a call

Sunday Morning Check Ins

Please check in and register your attendance each time you attend in person and/or watch on your device. This records important data for the staff and Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in. Friendship Pads have returned to the pews and to Miller Commons. **Please sign in.**

FAMILY MINISTRY

High School Students: HS Mid-Term Exam Study Session

Fellowship Groups and Family Dinner on Winter Break; Return in February

Our [children's and youth groups](#) are on Winter Break and will return soon — we're excited. **Please make sure you are [registered](#) so we have current info.**

- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 7:** Middle School YG (gr. 7,8, 6:30-8:00 pm)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 7:** Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, 4:45-5:45 pm)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 7:** Family Dinner (All, 6-7 pm, \$7.00 each)
- ♦ **Wed. Feb. 7:** Crossing Zone (gr. 4-6, 6:30-7:30 pm)
- ♦ **Sun. Feb. 11:** Senior High YG (gr. 9-12, 6:30-8:30 pm, various sites)

NEW: HS Mid-Term Exam Study Session

On **Sunday, January 21st**, we are hosting our first ever **High School Mid Term Exam Study Session!** From 2-4 pm, we're turning the church into the perfect place for students grades 9-12 to study for their mid-term exams. We will offer quiet study spaces, group study rooms, and areas for brain breaks (food, games, even the NFL game on the big screen!). Some MHS teachers will also stop by to help out. If you are looking for a good place to get some serious studying done, try FPC Moorestown on Sunday, January 21st.

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: Grades 9-12,
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

Sermon Series Memory Verse

**"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field."
(Matthew 13: 44)**

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Would you like to be an acolyte?

Share in the worship experience. Contact Holly Asciutto at hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org or 856.235.1688, x116.



Ash Wednesday Schedule

There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner on **Wednesday, Feb. 14** so that families may attend that evening's Ash Wednesday worship service together. Middle School Youth Group will meet and will attend the Ash Wednesday service.

Lent Activity for Families

Coming: Watch for information on a family Lent activity. The first Sunday in Lent is **February 18**.