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

*Worship the Lord with gladness; 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](http://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. Please submit information by noon Tuesdays to:*  
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# Connections

**FPC**   
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**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**January 7-13, 2024**

## Way of the Week II: Make Others at Home Here

(January 7-13, 2024)

### **11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE.**

Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.

**Ideas for Action:** Look for someone you don't know very well. Invite that person for coffee, a walk or a meal and get to know them. Keep your eyes peeled for the guest or visitor at our church and offer your name with a smile of welcome. Stay open to adding a new friend.



## **January 7, 2024:** **Moravian Love Feast Concert**

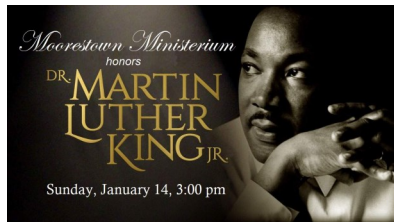
Save the date for this holiday performance of carols, songs and anthems of the season in the context of historical Moravian tradition.

The evening includes corporate sharing of singing, Christmas cookies, and fellowship as we celebrate the Epiphany. The concert features the Choristers (grades 5-8), Chapel Choir (grades 9-12), and Adult Choirs.



### [MLK Worship Event and Service Opportunity](#)

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., honoring the legacy and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King. Following worship, there will be several hands-on mission opportunities in Miller Commons. [See event page for details.](#)



### [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. Offering envelopes for 2024 will be mailed to households.

### [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. There will be a speaker followed by a soup lunch. 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.



**Save The Date:  
Ash Wednesday February 14**

**Lenten Book Study:  
"Meeting Jesus at the Table"  
starts in February**

### [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](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org) by **Friday, January 12**. Per our By-laws, 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 Covered Dish Lunch too.

### [Grief Support: When Life's Hurts Won't Stop](#)

**January 15-February 19  
Mondays 12:15-1:15 pm**  
Mount Laurel YMCA (59 Center-ton Road) ~ Free grief series led by Dr. Jonathan Miller. Sign up with Jonathan at call/text 609.417.3344 or [jonathanmiller0323@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanmiller0323@gmail.com).

### [Sunday Morning Check Ins](#)

Please check in and register your attendance each time you attend in person and/or watch on your device. This simple check-in records important data for the staff and Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in. If you need help, please see the volunteer.

Friendship Pads have returned to the pews and to Miller Commons. *Members should still use online check-in but are encouraged to use the Friendship Pads to see the names of those with whom they are worshipping.* Guests are invited to leave their contact information so a hospitality team member may contact them. Please remember to DATE the page on the Friendship Pad.



### [American Red Cross Blood Drive](#)

**Friday, January 26** from 1-6 pm  
Miller Commons

Let your gift giving continue in the New Year and give this precious Gift of Life. Sign up with Debbie Heller at [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net) or 856-273-6838 or visit online [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give) to select a

## 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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/giving) - choose the Blanket Sunday option in the drop down list. Visit [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).



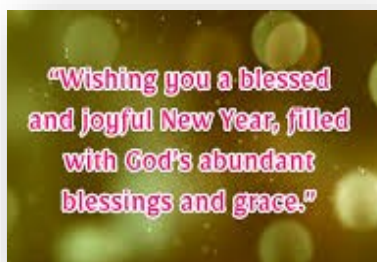
## Church office closed January 15 for MLK Holiday



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to our giving page

## Education Notes

Adult Spiritual Formation and Children's Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024.



## Painting Party Fundraiser

The Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden hosts a 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 is \$50 per person. Sign up directly with Leslie Spencer at [spencer@rowan.edu](mailto:spencer@rowan.edu) or call/text (215) 584-7659 by **January 25th** to reserve your spot. *Reservations are required, space is limited.*

## Upcoming Sermon Series

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. God's Kingdom means the rule of God. The Kingdom of God is the restoration of God's rule over all things. These sermons will invite our members and friends to doing some much bigger than ourselves—Grow the Kingdom!



As we commit to growing God's Kingdom, every member and friend of FPC Moorestown is invited into a covenant with four commitments:

1. I will pray.
2. I will invite.
3. I will serve.
4. I will give.

Each commitment has a first and second step. Learn more in the coming weeks.

## Men's and Women's Prayer Events Kick off New Year

### 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 gratefully enter the New Year to seek His intent for our lives. Women high school age or older and friends are most welcome. Sign up online; facilitated by Arlita Winston and Joyce Peacock. Overview and guides will be provided in advance. Location: FPC campus. [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 featuring breakfast, worship, sharing and prayer. 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 are most welcome. [Sign up online.](#) Location: FPC Moorestown campus. [Online registration OPEN.](#)

## Early Bird Registration for 2024 Couples Retreat

Invest in your marriage! Join us **April 26-28, 2024** for FPC Moorestown's Couples' Retreat to Cape May, NJ. We will stay at The Dormer House, a quaint B&B in historic Cape May. Cost: \$450 per couple, includes breakfast, two 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.](#)



**Sunday School returns January 7th, 10:15-11:15 am**

**Fellowship Groups and Family Dinner on Winter Break**

Our children's and youth groups are on Winter Break and will return next month — we can't wait to see you. *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, 6:00-7:00 pm, \$7 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)



**We Love Youth Group!**

- 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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**MLK Worship & Hands-On Service Fair**

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**Thank You Young Artists**

Thank you to all the young artists who submitted artwork for our Christmas Eve worship guide covers this year: **Sofia de la Cruz, Helena Drzaszcz, Sam Long and Sofia Rubcich**. This year, children created artwork that was angel-themed. The Angels played a big part in announcing the birth of Christ. They were full of light and the Glory of the Lord.



**Would you like to be an acolyte?**

Share in the worship experience. Contact Holly Asciutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856.235.1688, x116.

