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**I Will Pray, Invite,
Serve, Give.**

*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
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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 FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 21-27, 2024

Way of the Week I: Be Third

(April 21-27, 2024)

1. **BE THIRD.** God is first, others are second, and you're third. Don't just think about your own interests, be interested in others. Don't think less of yourself, just think of yourself less and others more.

Ideas for Action: Ask God, "Whom can I serve today?" Look for an opportunity to be last ... in line, the last to speak, or last to be served.

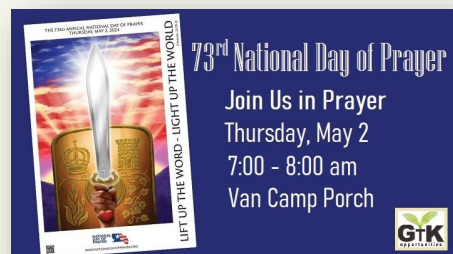


73rd Annual National Day of Prayer is May 2

The Prayer Committee will be presenting a Prayer Breakfast in recognition of the National Day of Prayer Thursday, **May 2** (7-8 am, join us before starting your day). The theme this year is "Lift Up the Word—Light Up the World."

JOIN OUR 12-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL: Sign up to pray for our church and the church at large, our country and the world. We hope to fill each 30-minute time slot with at least two names. [Please sign up here...](#)

You may also call the church office at 856.235.1688 to leave a message for Pam Engle to participate. [See our event page](#) or our website's [Prayer Page](#). *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*



Graduate Recognition Sunday May 5

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) by May 2 to submit names of high school, college or post-grad graduates to [Jan Martin](#) in the church office. We will honor high school and college graduates during worship **Sunday, May 5** with a bulletin insert in both services.

NEW Centering Prayer Group Begins April 17

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays beginning, April 17: Pastor Stuart Spencer team-leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The Centering Prayer Group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive May 20
(Miller Commons)**

Youth Choir Concert Sunday, May 5 (7:00 pm)

Come support our young choir members as Junior Choir, Choristers, and Chapel Choir perform sacred selections from this year including Pergolesi "Magnificat." They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.

[Read online about ways to help our Garden this year](#)

Office Volunteers

Come see your church at work. We would love to add you to our fun office team! We are looking for office volunteers for Thursday morning and for the first and third Tuesday afternoon. Contact Jan Martin at 856-235-1688, x133. *GTK: I Will Serve*



SCAN ME to link to our giving page or give an offering

WEST JERSEY MUSIC ACADEMY'S
LITTLE BEATS Summer MUSIC CAMP
July 8th through July 19th, 2024
1st through 5th grades

2- week half or full Day Camp with flexible payment plan
8:30a to 12noon \$330 p/wk
8:30a to 3:30p \$400 p/wk
Extended Day 3:30p to 5p \$25 p/wk
ACT NOW! Registration closes on June 1st

WEST JERSEY MUSIC ACADEMY
101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown, NJ

Register at

A beginners music camp where students can learn to play the keyboard, violin, drums, or recorder in a group setting, along with other fun indoor and outdoor activities

www.westjerseymusicacademy.org | Call Us 856-205-8699
Registration link - <https://bx747rja2s.typeform.com/to/yrsGfScs>

West Jersey Music Acad. Little Beats Music Camp July 8-19, 2024

Camp J-Burg

The summer camp countdown has begun! When planning your family's summer, be sure to check out Camp Johnsonburg, a Christian and PCUSA camp and retreat center. Pick up literature at church. Registration opens soon. Visit www.campjburg.org.

Coffee Hospitality Seeks Helpers, Bagel Pick-Up on Sunday Morning

Volunteer teams are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee service. Our property staff is able to assist periodically. If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically serve this ministry.

Drivers are also needed to pick up the bagels at Manhattan Bagel Sunday AM and bring to the kitchen. Men and women welcome. Contact Amy Mace at amy.mace@gmail.com to sign up to help. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve*



The Engagement Project

The Engagement Project is a 10-week small group video teaching program which will meet on Wednesday or Sunday. No book required and there's no homework; videos are led by Dr. Del Tackett.

[The Engagement Project-Wednesday](#) has reached capacity, but spaces remain in [The Engagement Project-Sunday](#) which will meet 10:15-11:45 am after 9:00 am worship, from **April 14-June 16** in Room 2. Class size is limited to 12; preregistration required (no fee). **Facilitators:** Paul Grossmann, Jean Kunkel & Sue Piper.



Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is working hard to fill opportunities for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church and a few openings remain. YES, you can still nominate someone else or yourself for board positions. Please do. What are your special gifts? Help Grow God's Kingdom through leadership. [Sign up online](#) or contact chair Gil Warren. *GTK: I Will Serve*

Spring Prayer Retreat May 21-24

Join friends from several churches for a spring retreat at Holy Cross Monastery. Step away from the demands of life and enjoy this place of rest and welcome. Pastor Stuart leads a study of prayer and meditative practices using the book, *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer*. [Sign up online](#) (registration due **April 14**).



Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 4 (8:30 am)

The men of FPC Moorestown gather for a full and hearty breakfast followed by a presentation on building a prayer life by Rev. John Doll. Rev. Doll is the Pastor of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Cinnaminson. Breakfast and coffee begin at 8:30 a.m. We'll depart by 10:00 a.m. *GTK: I Will Pray*

Capital Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Capital Fund. See our website and event pages for [an update letter](#) from property chair Rich Corbin about several critical projects being planned. *GTK: I Will Give*

Sunday Morning Check Ins

Please check in to register your attendance each time you attend in person or watch on your device.

This records critical data for the staff & Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in quickly on your cell. Share Friendship Pads in the pews and Miller Commons to greet those who are seated near you. Remember to **date** the page. New to our live stream? Please sign in on the **Get Connected** form on the live stream page on the website.

Couples Retreat

April 26-28 in Cape May

\$450 per couple

Speaker: Dr. Paul Booker

Registration due April 19

Adult Spiritual Formation **10:15-11:15 am Sundays** **Fellowship Hall**

Church Directory Update

Copies of an updated Church Directory listing are available in the church office (run April 2, 2024) and includes the Winter 2024 New Member class.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

Summer Worship Hours

The Worship Committee has recommended to Session to retain the current worship times of 9:00 am traditional and 11:00 am contemporary for "summer hours," beginning Sunday, **June 2**. Sunday School ends **May 19**. There is no children's Sunday School during the summer. There may be Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer.

College Care Packages

Over 50 care packages were sent to FPC Moorestown students as well as seniors affiliated with our church from youth group and choirs from our Discipling Children and Youth Committee. Donations to defray the cost of items and shipping are welcomed. Give electronically via our **Venmo** account @fpcmoorestown or via check with "College Care Packages" in the memo line.



Last Family Dinner **Wednesday, May 1**

Need a Stephen Minister?

In our church, many lay people have answered the call to become a Stephen Minister, completing the 50-hour training program. We currently have 18 active Stephen Ministers including five active Stephen Leaders who have received extra training to help administer the program. A Stephen Minister will meet with you for about one hour each week. He or she will listen to your problems and help you get through the tough times with God's guidance. Stephen Ministry provides a safe place to ask for help. This confidential program only works when caregivers are paired with care receivers. The difficult part of this ministry is getting those who need help to ask for it. Sometimes a friend or family member will suggest you ask for a Stephen Minister. Remember none of us can go it alone. Ask for help.



Do you know a 2024 Graduate? May 5 is Graduate Recognition Sunday

Egg Hunt Moved to End of Year Event

OUR EGG HUNT was rained out on March 23. But not to worry! We will incorporate the egg hunt into our end of year party for Kingdom Kids on **Wednesday, April 24th** (Pre-K-3rd grade; 4:45-5:45 pm). This will allow us to continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and remember all that Jesus has done for us as we enter our summer break.



Come hang out with Youth Group (Find us on Instagram)

Middle School Youth Group (grades 7-8)
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm (3rd Floor)
⇒ **Last Meeting: Wednesday, May 29**

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)
Sundays from 6:30-8:30 pm (3rd Floor)
⇒ **Last Meeting: Sunday, May 26**

Year-End Youth Groups Cookout: Sunday, June 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: Grades 9-12,
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

Sermon Series Memory Verse

Memory Verse: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

For Families and Children:
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Middle School and High School:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 call/text
dfauvell52@gmail.com

End of Year Events

We will close out the year in style for grades K-6th with our end of the year events.



KINGDOM KIDS (Pre-K-3rd)
Ends Wednesday, April 24
4:45-5:45 pm

CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)
Wednesday, May 1 regular times

CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)
End of Year Party Wednesday, May 8 off-site
6:00-8:00 pm at Funplex

[REGISTER for the Crossing Zone End of Year Party online.](#)

Last Family Dinner
Wednesday, May 1
\$7.00 per person



IT'S COMING
Vacation Bible School 2024

June 24-28, 2024

Race to the Finish

Entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade

Watch for registration information coming soon