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

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 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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Are you receiving our Friday e-blast with announcements, Connections, and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



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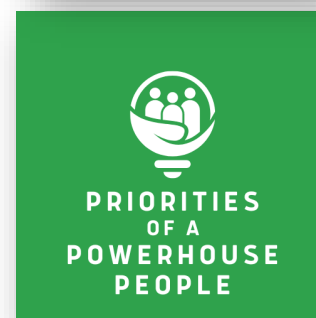
April 28-May 4, 2024

Way of the Week 2: Speak the Truth with Love

(April 28-May 4, 2024)

2. SPEAK THE TRUTH WITH LOVE. Speak honestly and directly in a way that clearly reflects love and support for one another. Be courageous enough to say what needs to be said, even when it's difficult. Address issues directly with those who are involved or affected; speak to, not about, others.

Ideas for Action: Is there a difficult conversation you've been delaying? Is there someone you've been talking about instead of being direct? Pray for courage and grace to have the conversation, in person, if possible.

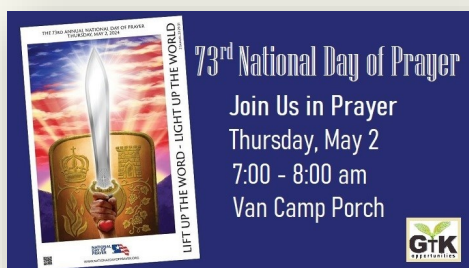


73rd Annual National Day of Prayer is May 2

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 to start 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 is 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 2024 graduates during worship **Sunday, May 5** with a bulletin insert in both services listing their schools and next steps. We extend a heartfelt invitation to all our graduates to join us that Sunday in worship, as schedules permit, to allow us the joy of congratulating them in person.

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*

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’s “Magnificat.” They will be accompanied by the West Jersey Chamber Symphony. Free will offering. The Concert will also air via live stream.



Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 5, 2024

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, May 5, 2024 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

The meeting may also be viewed via live stream. Note votes may not be cast via live stream.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning June 1, 2024. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.

Ann McBride, Clerk of Session

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

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*



NEW: Stephen Ministry Pew Cards

Stephen Ministry provides a safe place to ask for help. We have placed cards explaining care by Stephen Ministers in the pew racks and in Miller Commons. Please take them and pass them along to those who could use a Stephen Minister. Sometimes a friend or family member will suggest you ask for a Stephen Minister. They can call the church office at 856-235-1688 or Stephen Leader Doris Kahley at 609-261-8474. Remember none of us can go it alone. Ask for help.

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

Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is working hard to fill remaining opportunities for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church and a few openings remain. YES, you can still nominate 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*

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*



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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*

Summer Worship Hours

Session has approved the Worship Committee recommendation 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.

**Sign up to volunteer with
Vacation Bible School**

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.

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

Church Directory Updated

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

**Prayers for a meaningful
Couples Retreat this weekend
in Cape May, NJ**

College Care Packages

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

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive Monday, May 20
(Miller Commons)
[Sign up online](#)**

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. Remember none of us can go it alone. Ask for help.

Check Requests

A reminder that checks are written weekly on Thursdays unless previous arrangements have been made.

Camp Johnsonburg

Parents: 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 or visit www.campjburg.org.

**West Jersey Music Academy
Little Beats Music Camp
July 8-19, 2024
Westjerseymusicacademy.org**



Friday,
June 7
(6-9 pm)

FAMILY MINISTRY

Celebrating our 2024 Graduates ~ May 5 is Graduate Recognition Sunday



Last family dinner May 1 ~ \$7.00 per person
Thanks for a great year

Spring into action with Youth Group fun
(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:
Holly Ascitutto
856-235-1688, x116 (W)
hascitutto@fpcmoorestown.org

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

Closing out a Fun Year for K-6th

KINGDOM KIDS (Pre-K-3rd)

- Last regular meeting and End of the Year Party was **Wednesday, April 24**

CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)

- Last regular meeting is **Wed. May 1** (6:30-7:30 pm)
- Crossing Zone End of the Year Party is **Wednesday, May 8** at Funplex (6:00-8:00 pm): [REGISTER online](#) by **April 24**, \$20 per person. All students entering 4th grade in the fall of 2024 and currently in 4th-6th grades are invited! We will gather and enjoy indoor and outdoor fun games and attractions, pizza, and special treats. This is a great event to bring a friend to see what Crossing Zone is all about!

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**



Race to the Finish!

"....and let us keep on running the race marked out for us. Let us keep looking to Jesus..."

IT'S COMING

Vacation Bible School 2024

June 24-28, 2024

Race to the Finish

Entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade

[Registration is OPEN! Sign up online](#)