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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](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

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](mailto:church.office@fpcmoorestown.org).

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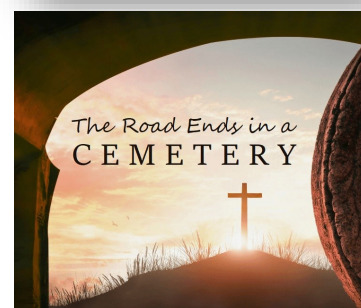
First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

April 7-13, 2024

Way of the Week 24: Tell Your Story (April 7-13, 2024)

24. TELL YOUR STORY. God has done and is doing something unique in your life. Has God answered a prayer, provided help, or blessed you? Share it. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith in Christ by words and deeds.

Ideas for Action: At the start of each morning this week, think about one thing you're grateful to God for from the previous 24 hours. Got it? Now share it with someone else in the course of today.



Support our ministries — and get dinner in the process!

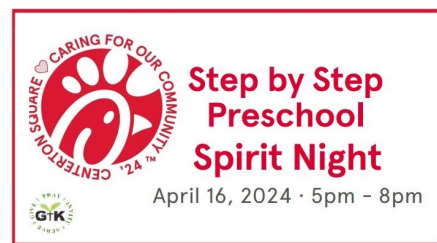
This month there are two fun Dine and Donate opportunities — mark them on your calendar and see our Church Center event pages. Meet up with friends at:

April 15: Iron Hill Brewery

Save the date for a Dine and Donate on **Monday, April 15** at Iron Hill Brewery to support mission events. Iron Hill is located at 124 E. Kings Highway in Maple Shade. Dine in, take out or order to go. Visit ironhillbrewery.com for the varied menu.

April 16: Chick Fil A

You've earned it! It's a busy night with activities and school events as families juggle endless carpools, so swing through the Centerton Square Chick-Fil A to support our Step by Step Christian Preschool. Up to 25% of the night's sales will be donated accordingly. Use mobile order, dine in, drive-through or take out. [See flyer](#)



Easter Gift

He lives! Easter offerings may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given securely online at fpcmoorestown.org/giving. Thank you for your support.



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



Commissioning Stephen Ministers April 14

Couples Retreat

April 26-28 in Cape May

\$450 per couple

Speaker: Dr. Paul Booker

Registration due April 19

NEW Centering Prayer Group Begins April 17

NEW: Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays beginning, April 17: Pastor Stuart Spencer 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*

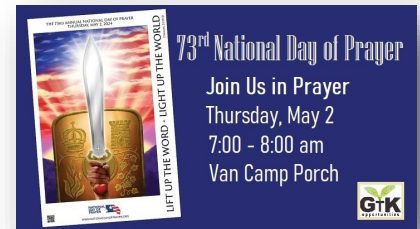
Camp J-Burg

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!

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 work or starting your day). We invite you to join us to pray together! The theme this year is "Lift Up the Word—Light Up the World."

See our event page or our website's [Prayer Page](#). *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*



Save The Date: American Red Cross Blood Drive May 20 (Miller Commons)

College Care Packages are being assembled

On **Saturday, April 13th** at 9:00 am, we will be assembling care packages to send to our college students! Help us send some cheer to our young people as they study for finals and write research papers. Our students love hearing from their church.

Sign up to participate in assembly at Church Center. If you can't make it that day, donations to defray the cost of the care package items and shipping are encouraged. Give electronically via our Venmo account @fpcmoorestown or via check with "College Care Packages" in the memo line. [Sign up online.](#)



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

Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee hour, as Chelsea Margerum has moved to the nursery. Our property staff is able to help but is often elsewhere in the building.

If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggins at (267) 496-0450 or icwiggins@gmail.com to offer to periodically assist with this ministry. Our goal is to compile several teams so the obligation is just about a week a month. Thank you Carol for stepping in to support this hospitality ministry. *Grow the Kingdom opportunity: I Will Serve*



Graduate Recognition

Sunday May 5

Do you know of a 2024 graduate? Please fill out a [brief form](#) to submit names of those 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.

Note from Nominations

Your Nominating Committee is hard at work finding nominees for Elders, Deacons and Trustees to serve our church. Yes, you can still nominate someone else or yourself for board positions. Please do. What are your special gifts? Help us Grow God's Kingdom through leadership. [Sign up online](#) or contact chair Gil Warren.



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 our study book, *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer*. [Sign up online](#) (registration is OPEN) or pick up a brochure in the church office.

Deadline: April 14

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. Contact Jan at 856-235-1688, x133.

The Engagement Project

The Engagement Project is a 10-week 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. God has entrusted the primary work of the Kingdom to the common, everyday Christian. He just may have placed an individual near you so you can cultivate a relationship with them and invite them to Jesus. Sign up online for this adventure! Friends from other churches welcome.

- ◆ [The Engagement Project-Wednesday](#) will meet Wed. evenings **April 10-June 12** in Room 3-4. Join us for Family Dinner from 6-7 pm (\$7.00 per person) in Miller Commons too (Family Dinner concludes **May 1**.) **Facilitators:** Jim Cole and Gayle Payne
- ◆ [The Engagement Project-Sunday](#) will meet 10:15-11:45 am after Traditional 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.

Have you remembered the church in your will?



Adult Spiritual Formation
10:15-11:15 am Sundays

Capital Fund

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

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.

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

Church Directory Update

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



Welcoming New Members
Sunday, April 14

One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your generosity to One Great Hour of Sharing. We contributed **\$2,519** to PCUSA.



We're having a blast at Youth Group!

Egg Hunt Moves to End of Year Parties

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) and on **Wednesday, April 17th** for Crossing Zone (grades 4-6; 6:30-7:30 pm) which all children are invited to attend. 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. We are grateful for all in our church family who donated candy and toys for our eggs and for Girl Scout Troop 30575 that filled the eggs.

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: "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends."
(Revelation 3: 20)**

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End of Year Parties

We will close out the year in style for grades K-6th with our End of the Year parties. REGISTER online or right through the Church Center app. Crossing Zone moved to **May 8**.



CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6)
Wednesday, April 17
6:30-7:30 pm

Easter Egg Hunt (all children invited to attend)

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

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

End of Year Party Wednesday, May 8 off-site
6:00-8:00 pm onsite



Save The Date
June 24-28, 2024

Entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade

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