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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](#).



Connections **FPC** Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

June 2-16, 2024 (2-wk)

Way of the Week 7: Celebrate our Unity, Savor our Diversity (June 2-8, 2024)

CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.



Way of the Week 8: Jump In (June 9-15, 2024)

JUMP IN. Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.



Wills Emphasis Sunday **Live Forward. Give Forward.**

Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday is a stewardship invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. These critical donations benefit our programs, services, ministries, 23-acre grounds and property, and make an enduring statement of faith for God's work here on earth.

Legacy Giving Sunday *Sunday, June 2*



Our goal is to keep our church caring and working here after our lifetime. Our church offers many resources to begin this conversation. A legacy speaks not about how we died, but how we lived. It speaks about the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us.

For questions contact Stewardship Chairperson Ginny Weber, or visit our Legacy Giving webpage at <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/legacy-giving/>.

Come lend a hand at Strawberry Festival!

BIG NEED: 3rd shift volunteers for the cake room and missions food tent, to serve and clean up. [Sign Ups OPEN online](#) and throughout the church building for volunteer opportunities. Pick out the place you'd like to help. **We need all hands on deck and have openings.**

WANTED: Lawn games for the Strawberry Festival. You may drop off at church on Sunday (please put in Miller Commons storage), bring with you to hulling on Thursday 6/6, or drop off during the day on Friday 6/7 (please drop off on the lawn/by preschool doors). Label yours please!

Donations to help defray cake and event expenses are welcome and may be submitted via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or in the offering plate or mail (mark Strawberry Festival in memo line please). **See today's insert for where help is PARTICULARLY NEEDED!**

Spring Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Inquirers' Class, starting **June 19**. The Inquirers' Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The three-part series is designed to work with today's busy schedules. We're looking forward to learning more about you! The Class will meet at the following times in Room 8:

- **Wed. June 19** (6:30-7:30 pm)
- **Sat. June 22** (8:30-11:30 am)
- **Sun. June 23** (12:15-1:30 pm with Session, received into membership, lunch provided)

[Sign up online today](#) or reach out to [Pastor Wes Allen](#) at 856-235-1688, x 101.

Election Day Tuesday, June 4 (Miller Commons)

Our Cupboard is Bare

Help fill the Blessing Box. We desperately need:

Cereal, Breakfast bars, Juice/ juice boxes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups with meat, Canned Chicken/Tuna

UPCOMING: VBS Mission Class
We will be celebrating Christmas in almost July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place donations in box in Miller Commons:

- ◆ Wash cloths
- ◆ Tooth brushes
- ◆ Soccer balls and pumps
- ◆ Matchbox cars
- ◆ Crayons and pencils
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Sharpener
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Small pads of paper
- ◆ Shower puffs
- ◆ Small stuffed animals
- ◆ Barbie Dolls

Spiritual Gifts Survey

On May 26 we began our sermon series "Fan the Flames" which will highlight the work of the Holy Spirit in equipping men and women of faith with spiritual gifts suited for growing God's Kingdom. In preparation, our pastors have asked everyone to take the spiritual gifts survey at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/?id=902651> (see Friday eblast, website, event page for a letter from Pastor Allen).

USE YOUR spiritual gifts inventory to explore new ways to serve God's Kingdom and **visit the table** in the Commons Lobby between services to learn about critical volunteer opportunities at FPC Moorestown.

PW Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering on **Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm** in Miller Commons.

Sample sweet treats from a coffee and dessert bar and connect with fellow sisters in Christ. Be inspired by a panel presentation, "Inspired By Her." Is there a woman who has made an impact on you? Mother, grandmother, teacher, coach, pastor, friend, co-worker or mentor? Did she teach you about faith and prayer? Perseverance? Perspective? Have you let her know?

If possible, invite her to join you! [REGISTER online.](#)

Congregational Meeting Called for June 16

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, June 16, 2024** following the 9:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders, Deacons and Trustees to a term of office beginning immediately. The meeting will be available to view via live stream; however, votes can only be cast in-person.



**Adults and Teens:
Sign up to volunteer with
Vacation Bible School.
Fpcmoorestown.org/vbs
Can't wait to have you
on our team**

Summer Schedules

Summer worship times remain the same as during the year; 9:00 am traditional and 11:00 am contemporary, and begin Sunday, **June 2**. There is no summer children's Sunday School. Adult Spiritual Formation meets 10:15-11:15 am in the Lounge. *Connections* prints bi-weekly in the summer.

A Presbytery Invitation

On **Tuesday, June 18** our church will host an evening Presbytery meeting, dinner and installation of incoming Presbytery Moderator Becca Neindorff. All are invited. Watch for details soon.

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. If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggins at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggins@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 Jan Martin in the church office to sign up to help. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve*

Learn how to remember the church in your will on Legacy Giving Sunday June 2

Dear FPC Family,

Thank you so much for swaddling us in blessings by providing delicious meals while we adjust to not having help at home for Will. Now that Jack is home from college for the summer we are doing better, since Will responds well to his "bro-pair"! We covet your continued prayers for a residential placement to open for Will, hopefully before September when my teaching responsibilities resume. As Bruce Main says, if God doesn't show up, we're in trouble!

*With gratitude,
Jenny and Jeff Legath and boys*

**Honduras Mission Trip
July 9-14, 2024
Donations accepted**

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.

Prayer on the Porch

This popular prayer time gathering returns for the summer on the second and fourth Thursdays beginning June 13.

**Joshi Baroque Recital
Saturday, June 22 (5:30 pm)
West Jersey Chamber
Music Society**

Need a Stephen Minister?

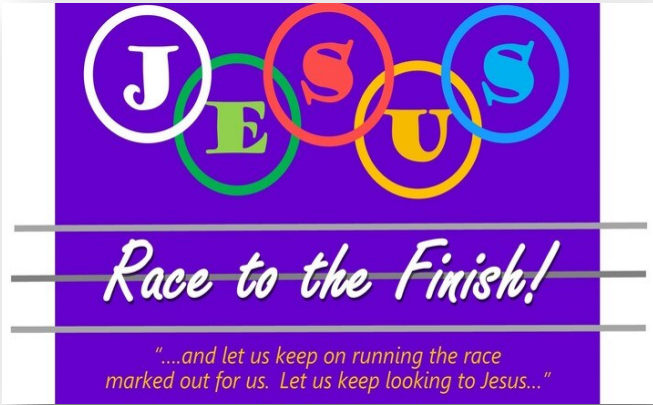
At FPC Moorestown, we currently have 18 active Stephen Ministers. A Stephen Minister will listen to your problems and help you get through the tough times with God's guidance. We're here for you. Ask for help. We're ready.

Summer Giving

During summer months when you may be attending church less frequently, please remember to stay current with your pledge through electronic giving, plate offerings or by mailing your check to the office. For summer gifts of stock, please call the church office. Thank you for your generous spirit.



Youth Summer Hang-outs Begin June 26th (grades 7-12)



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Vacation Bible School 2024

June 24-28, 2024

Race to the Finish

Entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade

Find us at www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs

NOTE: Room assignments during VBS week June 24-28 and setup week June 17-21 may shift

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: *"This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1: 6-7)*

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Grades 7-12: Hang out with our Youth Groups (Find us on Instagram)

Check out our summer hang-outs on Wednesday nights this summer beginning **June 26**. Middle school and high school students are invited to hang out from 7-9 pm. We'll have food, crazy fun and get to know each other. Friends are always welcome. What's on your mind?

On your mark, get set ... GO!!! [Race to the Finish](#) and run the Race of Faith at VBS 2024. Each of the five Olympic rings represents a different continent, and each class of VBS has a color for one of those rings/continents. During the five days of VBS, students will "travel" to a different continent and learn about that place's culture, people, and practices and how Jesus has influenced their lives.

- **June 24-28 from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon**
- Children entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade (FALL 2024).
- Please enter your child's CURRENT grade for 2023-24.
- Cost: \$25 per child; \$20 for each additional child
- There will be Bible class, crafts, snacks, missions, and music. During recreation time, classes compete in our own mini Olympics with Olympic-type games and "medals."
- **Deadline to Register: June 21, 2024**
- Adult volunteers and teens 7th grade and older needed
- REGISTER for attendees, adult volunteers and student leaders at www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs