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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](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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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

May 12-18, 2024

## Way of the Week 4: Always Encourage and

### Celebrate

(May 12-18, 2024)

**4. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE AND CELEBRATE.** Show gratitude and appreciation by regularly acknowledging the good works you see everywhere. Look for signs of spiritual growth and maturity among our members and staff. When you see it, point it out and rejoice. Pass on good reports that you hear about others.

**Ideas for Action:** Write a text or a note to someone close to you who just did something wonderful or important. With many details, tell them why you're grateful or delighted by them.



- ◆ So many delicious cakes!
- ◆ So many strawberries!
- ◆ Missions Food Stand
- ◆ Inflatables for the kids
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Family fun to kick start summer
- ◆ Free event, suggested donation \$8.00 per person

YES, [sign ups are NOW 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.

Donations to help defray event expenses are welcome and may be submitted via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or in the offering plate (mark Strawberry Festival in memo line please).

### Welcome New Officers

Thank you to the men and women who have answered the call and stepped up to serve for the coming terms as elders, deacons or trustees. "I Will Serve" is one of the tenets of our Grow The Kingdom emphasis. Officer training will be:

- ◆ **Wednesday, May 15** (6:30-8:00 pm, Hayes Room)
- ◆ **Saturday, May 18** (9-11 am, Room 8)
- ◆ Officer examination will be at the **May 28** Session meeting. Installation and Ordination will be on **Sunday, June 9** during worship (both services)

For questions please contact Pastor Spencer or Gil Warren at [gbkwarren@verizon.net](mailto:gbkwarren@verizon.net).

*Several officer positions remain and the Nominations Committee continues to look for individuals to fill these needs.*

### 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.

**Pentecost May 19**  
**Wear Red**

### Meal Train for the Legath Family

The Deacons are coordinating a Meal Train for Jeff and Jenny Legath and family. The Legaths are facing a lapse in coverage for their home health care worker for son Will and meals or dining cards would be appreciated to assist them during this transition. For information or to sign up visit: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0m1mqv>.

### Centering Prayer

**Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays:** 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 prayer group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:amy.mace@gmail.com) to sign up to help. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve*



### ⇒ [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#)

On **May 26**, we begin our new 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, we are asking everyone to participate in three critical ways: (1) Take the spiritual gifts survey at your earliest convenience at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/?id=902651> (see **Friday eblast, website, event page for a letter from Pastor Allen**) ... (2) Use your spiritual gift inventory to explore new ways to serve God's Kingdom by identifying volunteer opportunities at FPC Moorestown ... (3) Worship regularly, in person or online, this summer and welcome the Spirit's guidance and movement.

### Thank you Teachers!

We will honor our teachers and leaders on **May 19** for Teacher Appreciation. Be sure to watch for the bulletin inserts and **thank** all these gifted individuals who have led our education events for children, youth and adults this year.

### Summer Schedules

Session has approved a Worship Committee recommendation to retain 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 in the summer. There may be Adult Spiritual Formation in the summer. *Connections* also prints biweekly in the summer.

### Sign up to volunteer with Vacation Bible School

### **NEW: Women's Half Day of Prayer Event** **Saturday, June 1, 2024** **8:00 a.m. to 12 noon**

Please come for a special time of prayer with an introduction and guidance led by Arlita Winston. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. [Sign up online.](#)

### Church Directory Updated

Copies of an updated Church Directory listing are available in the church office (dated April 2, 2024). Call the church office for your copy.

### **Adult Spiritual Formation** **10:15-11:15 am Sundays** **Fellowship Hall, ends May 19**

### 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.

### **Learn how to remember the church in your will on [Legacy Giving Sunday June 2](#)**

### Upcoming Series

From May 26-June 30, our sermon series "Fan the Flames" will spotlight Spiritual Gifts. These sermons support our Grow the Kingdom commitment, I Will Serve. Members will also have an opportunity to discover their top spiritual gifts by completing an [online survey.](#)

### Camp Johnsonburg

Parents: 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. Visit [www.campjburg.org.](#)

### West Jersey Music Academy **Little Beats Music Camp** **July 8-19, 2024** [Westjerseymusicacademy.org](#)

### Check Requests

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

### Donate and Save a Life: ARC Blood Drive

- **Monday, May 20, 2024**
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Miller Commons

Please sign up for this spring blood drive and save a life. Contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or [dheller374@comcast.net](mailto:dheller374@comcast.net) to schedule an appointment or visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Thank you for considering a donation that truly makes a difference!

### Need a Stephen Minister?

In our church, we currently have 18 active Stephen Ministers including five active Stephen Leaders who have received extra training to help administer this program. A Stephen Minister will listen to your problems and help you get through the tough times with God's guidance. He or she will meet with you for about one hour each week. 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.

### **Save The Date:** **PW Spring Gathering** **Monday, June 10** **(7:00 p.m.)**

### Capital Fund

Thank you for your continued 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*



## Teacher Appreciation Sunday May 19th — Last day of Sunday School

### Grades 7-12: Hang out with our Youth Groups (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**



**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

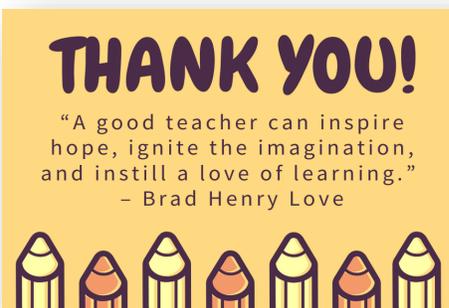
**Memory Verse:** *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

For Families and Children:  
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### Thank You to our Teachers

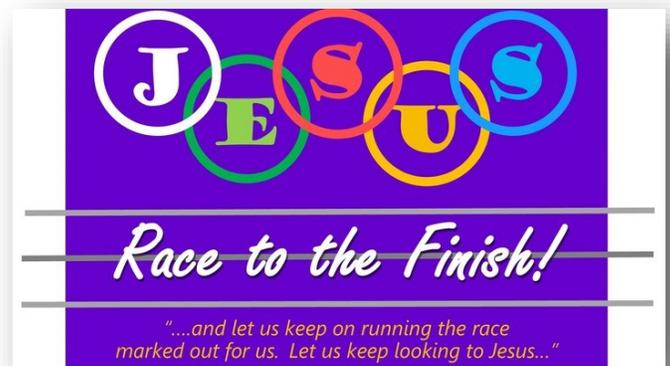
Teacher & Leader Appreciation Sunday is **May 19** (last day of Sunday School). We are grateful for your ministry. Think about being a Sunday School teacher next year!



### Closing out our 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 was **Wednesday, May 1** and our party at Funplex was **May 8**



### 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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs)

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