First Presbyterian Church

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Grow The Kingdom: I Will Pray, Invite, Serve, Give.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing - Psalm 100:2

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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Contemporary Worship

10:15-11:00 a.m. Education Classes

Worship streams live from each worship space. Log on from any device to www.fpcmoorestown.org or YouTube or Facebook. Services are also posted 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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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

June 1-14, 2025

Way of the Week 9: Pray First and Pray Again

(June 1-7, 2025)

9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN. Ask *first* for God's guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God's will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God's love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.





Way of the Week 10: Ioin Hands

(June 8-14, 2025)

10. JOIN HANDS. Work as a team. Collaborate with each other, our professional staff, our lay leaders, and our congregants to find the best solutions. Collaboration lightens the load, generates better ideas than individuals working alone, and unleashes the gifts God has given us all.





Legacy Giving Roundtable

Sunday, June 1 ~ Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday 10:15 a.m. roundtable (replaces adult spiritual formation)

Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday, observed in the PC(USA), is an invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. Over the years, special gifts and bequests, large and small, have allowed our church to "live forward" and provide for our future as we do the work of the Lord. Many opportunities were only realized in recent years because church members made a plan to "give forward" from their estates and keep our church working after their lifetime. Attend a roundtable event June 1 to learn several new ways you can include the church in your planned giving.



Strawberry Festival

Please sign up for volunteer spots online and at church! Check out the Sign Up Genius spreadsheet and see where you can help. We have vacancies for greeters, cake set up, all cakes (need 100+ more), hulling (Thursday, June 5; 3-9 PM), beverages, grill, clean up, serving berries, parking and MORE. This event takes everyone. Visit fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry.



Winnie Lyall and Donna Leatherman welcome Festival guests & volunteers



Pick up Festival T-Shirts

Pick up your Strawberry Festival T-shirt orders **June 1-6** at church. Didn't get to reserve yours online? No problem. We have several dozen available, \$20 each (youth sage and women's pink Sold Out). Contact Ginny Weber at <u>stewardship@fpcmoorestown.org</u> or the church office. Purchase easily via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or checks payable to the Church. Pick up in Room 2; <u>please note SF</u> Shirts in the memo field.

Hulling

Stop by Hulling Central (Room 8) on **Thursday**, **June 5** to prepare the beautiful berries. Remember your small knife and cutting board.

Can't attend this year?
Financial donations are welcomed. Venmo, cash, checks gratefully accepted



Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, NJ, has called a special meeting of the congregation. This meeting will be held Sunday, June 15, 2025 following the 9:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary (approx. start time: 10:00 AM). 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 inperson. No other business may be brought before the congregation other than the preceding item.

Kathryn Eagles, Clerk of Session

PW "Baby Shower" Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering on Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Miller Commons. Sample sweet treats from a coffee and dessert bar and connect with fellow sisters in Christ.

- Speakers: Women from <u>Good Counsel</u> with their children, share their stories. Good Counsel houses homeless pregnant women and toddlers and provides life skills, budgeting, interviewing and critical support services.
- It's a baby shower! Drop off items in the box in the Commons Lobby (diapers ALL sizes, wipes, toys, onesies, bath items, first aid, creams, lovies, blankets, bibs, toddler utensils).

Summer Prayer Opportunities

- ⇒ The **Thursday Evening Prayer service** (live stream) concluded May 21 and will be on summer hiatus returning in September.
- ⇒ This summer, join the Prayer Committee for a time of fellowship and prayer for **Thursday Evening Prayer on the Porch.** Come pray on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:00 pm. on the Van Camp Porch. In case of inclement or too-hot weather, we will meet comfortably in the Lounge. Contact Pam Engle.



- ♦ June 12 & June 26
- ♦ July 10 & July 24
- August 14 & August 28

Trenton Thunder Faith & Family Night Baseball

Grab your people and head out to the Trenton Thunder ballpark for a summer church outing on **Saturday**, **July 19** to cheer on our own MLB Draft League team. Tickets just \$10 each; pay online (see event page) or by check/cash. Game Time: 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Alison or Wes in the church office. Deadline for orders: **June 25**.

Church office closed Monday, June 16 for Juneteenth Observance

Family Mission Trip

The Missions Committee is coordinating a multi-generational Mission Trip to help those who continue to recover from powerful hurricanes that ravaged North Carolina in September 2024. A team will be traveling to New Bern, NC Aug. 10 -17. Estimated cost per person: \$850, min. age 14. Contact: Steve Engle or see our event page. We have room for 30 volunteers.

Summer Schedules

- Connections prints every two weeks in the summer months beginning Sunday, June 1.
- There is no Session meeting in July. New officers will attend the August 26th Session meeting.
- Worship hours remain 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in the summer. Children's Sunday School and the Thursday Prayer Service are on hiatus until September.

<u>Joel Krott Plans</u> <u>Summer Retirement</u>

Couples Retreat Rescheduled for Fall

Attention couples! Come to an engaging retreat in Cape May, NJ October 17-19. Cost of \$450 per couple includes breakfast, two nights at the Dormer House B&B, group sessions with Dr. Paul Booker, and dinner Saturday. Take advantage of our Early-Bird Special of \$400/couple by June 30. See event page.

Grace Boutique

Mission Committee volunteers are needed to help staff the public hours of 2nd Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm and 3rd Wed: Noon-2:30 pm. Please contact Debby G. at missions@fpcmoorestown.org. Monetary donations encouraged so we can buy in bulk and restock shelves each week. Demand is HIGH. The store provides items unavailable through assistance such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, toiletries, tissue boxes and more. Please give via Venmo or check and note "Grace Boutique" in the memo field.



Sunday, June 8

Wear Red

Ordination & Installation of New Officers; Full Communion NOTE: No communion June 1

ALPHA Holy Spirit Weekend June 13-14

Anthony's 20% Coal Fired Pizza

Monday, June 16 11:00 am - 9:00 pm





Sunday Morning Check Ins

Each time you attend in person or watch on your device, **please check** in to register your attendance using the Church Center app or pew pads.

Thank You

A big Thank You to all who helped honor our newest, youngest and 50+ Year members at the Ice Cream Social, especially the Membership Committee and Deacons. A special scoop of thanks to coordinators Mary Christensen, Sherrell Fitts, and Jan Martin.

Adult Sunday Series

Drop In and Discuss begins June 8
Sundays 10:10-11:00 am-ish
Lounge (summer location)

Baby Bottle Campaign May 11 -June 22. Take a baby bottle, fill with change, check or bills and return to support Options for Her (Mother's Day to Father's Day). Checks payable to FPC; note in memo field.

2025-2026 Rooms & Dates

Staff is meeting July 16 to review the church calendar for the first six

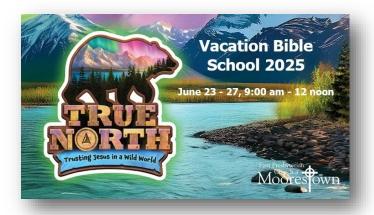


months of the year. Please submit any dates for concerts, committee meetings, events, and building room requests

to the church office by July 10.



Thanks for a great year in Sunday School. Thank you teachers!





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

"Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." — Hebrews 4:12 (NRSV)

For Families and Children:

Holly Asciutto

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Middle School and High School: Cheryl Gaskill 856-904-3056 call/text mybaseballboys@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School

- June 23-27, 2025 from 9:00 am 12:00 noon
- Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (FALL 2025).
- When registering, please enter child's CURRENT grade for 2024-25.
- Cost: \$25 per child ~ \$20 each additional child
- Deadline to Register: Friday, June 20, 2025

GET READY for an exciting adventure at *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Join us as we guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan journey, where the northern lights shimmer over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. We will point kids to Jesus, our faithful friend whom we can always trust — He's our *True North!*

Volunteers 7th grade and older are needed for every aspect of the journey. Adults, we need you. <u>Sign up online</u>. For questions contact the church office at 856-235-1688 or Holly Asciutto (Ext. 116; <u>hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org</u>).

Youth Group News

- ⇒ Youth Groups Picnic (Grades 7-12): Sunday, June 1 (6:00-8:30 p.m., church grounds). Please SIGN UP online so we can plan food accordingly.
- ⇒ Summer Youth Group Hangouts Rising middle schoolers (grade 7-8) through high school (grades 9-12) are invited to Summer Hangouts again this year. Come chill at the church Wednesdays from July 9-August 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet up with your friends and make new acquaintances. Questions contact leader Cheryl Gaskill at call/text 856-904-3056.

Summer Family Fun!

- ⇒ Family Water Fun Night (Grounds) Wednesday, July 16th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Bike Rally Night** (Parking Lot) **Wednesday, Aug. 27**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (tentative)