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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

l I:00 a.m. 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.

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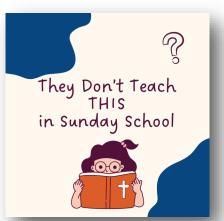
Way of the Week 8: Jump In (May 25-31, 2025)

8. 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.

Ideas for Action: Practice one of the actions listed in this week's description: Write a note, call or visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.







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 caring and working here after their lifetime. Attend a roundtable event June 1 to learn several ways you can include the church in your planned giving.

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It's an Ice Cream "Sunday" Sunday, May 25

You're invited to a <u>Membership</u> <u>Ice Cream Social</u> Sunday, May 25; after 9:30 am worship honoring recent Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmands and 50+ Year Members. All attending are asked to <u>RSVP online</u> so we can estimate our dessert needs. Worship will be ONE combined 9:30 a.m. service for the holiday weekend.

2025 Strawberry Festival Friday, June 6 (6-9 PM) Sign up sheets are OPEN

Come Pray With Your Sisters in Christ

Saturday, May 31 (8:00 AM) Women's Morning Prayer Event Experience the joy and wonder of spending special time alone with God as we gratefully seek His intent for our lives. Please come for a special time of prayer. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, hot tea, and water will be provided.

Strawberry Festival

Please sign up for volunteer spots online and at church! Peek at the Sign Up Genius spreadsheet and see where you can help. We have openings at several times for greeters, cake room, cakes, hulling (Thursday, June 5; 3-9 PM), beverages, grill, clean up, serving berries, parking and MORE.



The Prayer & Discipleship Committee has developed a 'Save The Date' postcard for members to share with friends as a "soft discipling tool" and reminder of this event. Please take several and distribute. *NOTE: These are NOT a ticket.* For Festival details, visit fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry.

DONATIONS WELCOME!





Couples Retreat Rescheduled for Fall

Attention couples! Join us for an engaging retreat in Cape May, NJ October 17-19. Cost of \$450 per couple includes breakfast, two nights at the Dorner 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 <u>event page</u>.

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) concludes 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 (<u>see event page</u>) or by check/cash. Game Time: 6:00 p.m. Questions, contact Alison or Wes in the church office.

Church closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

May Food Drive

The Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry is in dire need of food for distribution to hungry families in our area this month. The Ministerium supports 40-50 identified families in need in the Moorestown, Mt. Laurel, Maple Shade, Delran, Medford areas. Throughout May, we are hosting a food drive for the Moorestown Ministerium. Please bring nonperishable foods that include proteins. <u>Please see our event page</u> for details and suggested items.



Baby Bottle Campaign May 11-June 22. Take a baby bottle, fill with your change, check or bills and return to the church to support <u>Op-</u> tions for <u>Her</u> (estim. Mother's Day to Father's Day). <u>New Officer Training</u> Examination by Session Tuesday, May 27 (7-8 pm)

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 <u>see our event page</u>. We have room for 30 volunteers.

Grace Boutique

Mission Committee volunteers are staffing this ministry and more hands are needed. Public hours are: 2nd Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm and 3rd Wed: Noon-2:30 pm. Can you help? Contact Debby at missions@fpcmoorestown.org. Monetary donations encouraged so we can buy in bulk and continue to stock our shelves. Demand is HIGH. Please give via Venmo or check and note it is for "Grace Boutique." The store provides items unavailable through assistance programs such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, toiletries, tissue boxes and more.



Sunday, June 8 Wear Red Ordination & Installation of New Officers; Full Communion <u>NOTE:</u> No communion June 1



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.

Pictorial Directory

The Membership Committee is exploring publication of an updated Pictorial Membership Directory, but is in need of a volunteer coordinator(s). If interested please contact Joyce Wenzke at joycewenzke@gmail.com.

Anthony's 20% Coal Fired Pizza



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Summer Schedule

Connections prints every two weeks in the summer months beginning **Sunday, June 1**.

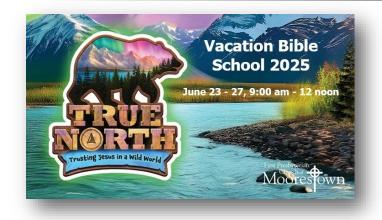
Adult Spiritual Formation Summer Series

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

Church closed Monday, June 16 for Juneteenth Observance



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 856-235-1688, x116 hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

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

Check out these summer family events

- ⇒ Youth Groups Picnic (Grades 7-12): Sunday, June 1 (6:00 p.m., church grounds). Please SIGN UP so we can plan accordingly. For questions, contact Cheryl Gaskill at call/text 856-904-3056.
- ⇒ 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 Cheryl Gaskill at call/text 856-904-3056.
- ⇒ Family Water Fun Night (Grounds) Wednesday, July 16th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- \Rightarrow **Bike Rally Night** (Parking Lot) **Wednesday, Aug. 27**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. (tentative)

Vacation Bible School

- June 23-27 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. 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>).