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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**

**11:00 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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)  
or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).  
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e-blast with announcements, Con-  
nections, and upcoming events? If  
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# Connections **FPC** Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**May 4-10, 2025**

## **Way of the Week 5:** **Assume Positive Intent** (May 4-10, 2025)

**5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

**Ideas for Action:** Take a "criticism inventory." Just how critical are you, really? Ask someone you love and trust to tell you how you're doing in this area. Try a 24-hour fast from all forms of criticism. No complaining or criticism for an entire day.



## **Honoring our CREDO Class, 2025 Graduates, Dave Fauvell** **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

On Sunday, May 4, we will honor our CREDO confirmands and 2025 Graduates. We will also recognize Dave Fauvell, who is stepping down from his role as youth director. We are so grateful to Dave and his wife Sami for many years of hands-on ministry with our middle school and high school youth groups grades 7-12. Help us recognize Dave by sharing a note of appreciation with your gratitude and words of appreciation. Cards may be left in the Commons Lobby.

### Critical Need for Blood Donors

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### Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 7  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Give blood May 1-18 for a \$20 e-gift card to merchant of choice! Visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: First Presbyterian Moorestown

### Come Pray With Your Sisters in Christ Saturday, May 31

### 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.

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis**

### Strawberry Festival Cards

NEW: The Prayer and Discipleship Committee has provided Strawberry Festival "Save The Date" postcards for members to hand out to neighbors and friends as a "soft discipling tool" and reminder of this fun event. Please take several and distribute. Thanks to Barbara Duffy for designing. Strawberry Festival is **Friday, June 6** from 6-9 p.m. Visit [fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry](https://fpcmoorestown.org/strawberry).

### Adult Spiritual Formation

Series ends **May 18**

Sundays 10:10-11:00 am-ish

"Parables: The Stories of Jesus"

Fellowship Hall

### 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](mailto:joycewenzke@gmail.com).



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Hurricane Relief Mission Trip  
August 10-17

### Multigenerational Family Mission Trip

In September 2024, powerful hurricanes completely ravaged areas of North Carolina. The Missions Committee is coordinating a multi-generational Mission Trip to help those who continue to recover from this natural disaster. A team will be traveling to New Bern, NC **August 10-17**. Estimated cost per person: \$850, minimum age 14. Contact: Steve Engle or [see our event page](#). We have room for 30 volunteers. Can we save you a seat?

**Last Day of Sunday School,  
Teacher Appreciation  
Sunday, May 18**

### Grace Boutique Needs

Members of the Mission Committee and their volunteers are being scheduled to staff this ministry and more help is needed when the store is open. Public hours are: **2<sup>nd</sup> Tues: 11:30 am-2:00 pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed: Noon-2:30 pm**. Can you help serve as a host? Contact Debby Gerhardt at [misions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org).

Monetary donations encouraged so we can buy in bulk and continue to stock our shelves. Demand is HIGH. Please give via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) 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.

### Pastor Spencer Sabbatical Leave

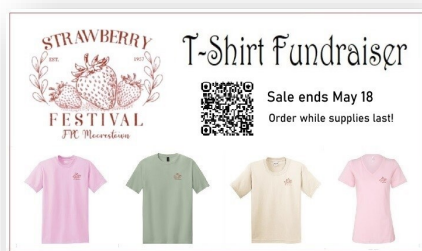
**May 12-August 20 (16 weeks)**

Pastor Stuart Spencer will be away for an extended Sabbatical Leave this summer. Sabbatical Leave for pastors and church educators is a planned time of spiritual enhancement for ministry and mission. Sabbatical Leave is an extension of the Biblical concept of a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year for renewal.

Read about what Stuart has planned for his time away on the [Church Center event page](#). Elder Becca Neindorff will confer a blessing upon Stuart during the May 11 worship service. God's blessings to Stuart during this important time of renewal.

## **Strawberry Festival T-Shirts Available!**

NEW THIS YEAR: Celebrate the **66th Strawberry Festival** June 6th in style with a vintage-inspired Strawberry Festival T-shirt! Show your support for the church and back the berries with a commemorative shirt, available for purchase online. Sizes Youth-5XL, Presented by the Stewardship Team. [See event page/webstore](#). **Sale ends May 18.**



## **66th Strawberry Festival**

**Friday, June 6  
6:00-9:00 pm**

## **Alpha is Underway**

ALPHA, an 11-week Wednesday evening adult series, began **April 30**. [Sign up online](#) or with Jim Cole.

## **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. [Please see our event page](#) for details and suggested items.

**Combined Worship  
Sunday, May 25 (9:30 AM)**



## **Spring Cleaning**

Sami Fauvell, who works in the ER at Pennsylvania Hospital, is collecting clothing for their donation room that provides items to those in need. The hospital is in desperate need of clothing. As you shift your clothing for the warmer weather, please put aside items for this clothing drive. Leave items outside the Youth Director's office. Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets, sweatshirts, sneakers and shoes.

## **Ice Cream "Sunday"**

Save The Date: [Membership Ice Cream Social](#) Sunday, May 25; combined 9:30 am worship; honoring recent Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmants and 50+ Year Members; [RSVP online](#) please.



## **Help at Cathedral Kitchen**

"I was hungry and you gave me food." If you are interested in joining the FPC Moorestown team in serving dinner at Cathedral Kitchen to our friends who are food insecure, please contact Karin Miller at [karinbmiller49@gmail.com](mailto:karinbmiller49@gmail.com) or (856) 298-3522 for further information.

## **Do You Know?**

### **A Collection of Presbyterian Tidbits**

Do you know that we are confessional? The Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church contain historical statements of what we as a church believe. As a community of believers we are linked with others through these faith statements. They include the Nicene Creed (AD 325), Apostle's Creed (AD 340), Scots Confession (1560), Heidelberg Catechism (1563), Westminster Confession of Faith (1647), Second Helvetic Confession (1562), Shorter Catechism (1647), Larger Catechism (1647), Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), and the Confession of Belhar (1982). All represent the understanding of Scripture in the Reformed tradition. The Book of Confessions can be accessed on our PCUSA website.

## **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.



**Please submit 2025-26 dates/  
events/room requests for Staff  
Summer Planning Meeting to  
church office**





# FAMILY MINISTRY

**May 18: Last day of Children's Sunday School, Teacher Appreciation**



**Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 4th**  
*Bring cards and notes for Dave Fauvell send-off*

**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:  
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## Congratulations to the CREDO Confirmation Class

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

CREDO confirmands presented their Statements of Faith to Session for membership in the First Presbyterian Church:

**Vivian Allen** (mentor Mindy Holman); **Freh Budka** (Kristen Perkowski); **Matthew Connor** (Paul Grossmann); **Naomi Gandy** (Jess Zorn); **Jamie Grant** (Kevin Fauvell); **Megan Hock** (Tamara Trzeciak); **Addison LaMonica** (Kelly Eagles); **Avery LaMonica** (Dave Fauvell); **Brayden LaMonica** (Brian Perkowski); **Rebecca Mann** (Adrienne Barr); **Ian Nicklas** (Stuart Spencer); **Ryan Omlor** (Lorenzo Eagles); **Kyle Perkowski** (Philip Jagiela); **Karina Rotter** (Ann McBride); **Evan Schad** (Carol Clark)

## End of Year Celebrations

- ⇒ **Crossing Zone Party (4th-6th): Wednesday, May 7**
- ⇒ **Youth Groups Picnic (Grades 7-12): Sunday, June 1**  
(6:00 p.m., church grounds)



**Registration is OPEN for Vacation Bible School**

**June 23-27, 2025**

"True North"

[Register online today!](https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs)

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