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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). Services are also posted to our website.

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# Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

February 1-7, 2026

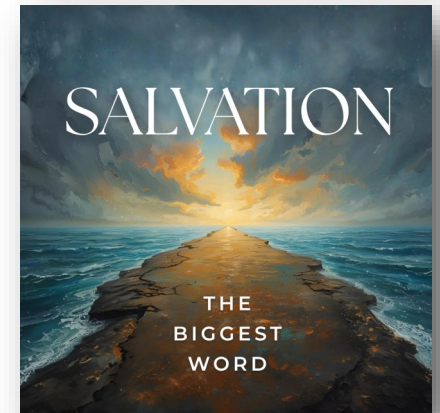
## Way of the Week 19: Accept and Don't Cast Stones (February 1-7, 2026)

**19. ACCEPT AND DON'T CAST STONES.** God's love opens the doors of our church to all people. Just as Jesus did, welcome people as they are. It's not up to us to judge. Love unconditionally, and as Christ has received you, receive others.

**Ideas for Action:** Approach someone you normally avoid at church for whatever reason. Make a point to speak to them this week.

**Ways Reflection:** Eric Davis

**Sunday, February 8 (both services)**  
Guest Preacher: Dr. Bruce Main,  
from UrbanPromise with  
UrbanPromise International Fellows



## Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 1

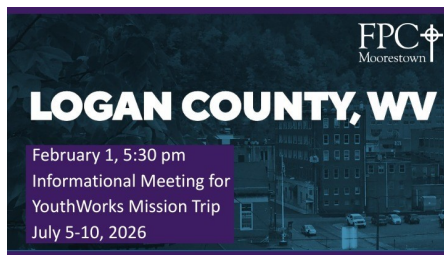
We will gather as a church family for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** immediately following the 11:00 am Contemporary Service. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to hear committee reports, receive the 2026 Church Budget, and approve the 2026 Pastors' Terms of Call. No other business may be brought before the congregation. The Annual Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall (covered dish lunch in Commons Lobby). The meeting will also be available via Zoom. No votes will be registered via Zoom. Zoom broadcast begins at 12:30 p.m. See Church Center event page for the Zoom link and *Official Notice*.

[Copies of the 2025 Annual Report](#) are available online, on our website, at the church office, and in limited hard copies at the church.

### Winter Adult Education

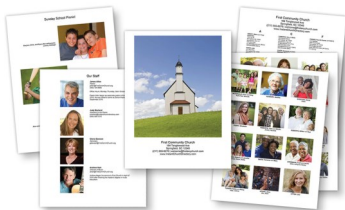
- ◆ NEW: Six-week Sunday morning series on the Book of Psalms; meets from **January 4-February 8** and led by a team of teachers.
- ◆ Sunday morning Lenten Study will begin **Feb. 15**, the week of Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18)

**Informational Meeting:**  
**February 1, 2026 (5:30 pm)**  
**for July Youth Mission Trip**  
**(moved from Jan. 25)**



### Church Directory

Members of the church staff are currently finalizing an updated pictorial Church Directory. It is anticipated to be printed and available for pick up in February.



### Preschool Registration

Registration is OPEN for Step by Step Preschool, a ministry of FPC Moorestown. We currently have space in all classes for the 2026-27 school year. Early registration for church members and current enrollees was Jan. 5-15. Open registration for all others began on Jan. 20.

### Grace Boutique

For the month of February the Grace Boutique needs the following items to restock its shelves. If you can, please donate any of these items (place them in baskets by the Grace Boutique door): Baby Diapers (size 4 or 5 please); Men's Deodorant; Dishwashing Liquid 30 oz.; Laundry Detergent 42 oz.; Toothbrush (adult).

### 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.

### Stephen Ministers Can Help

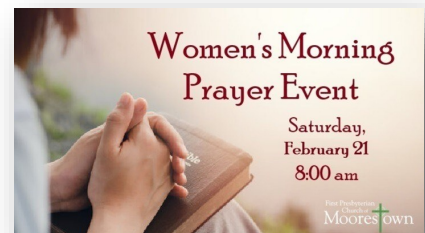
A Stephen Minister provides a 'safe place' to talk, when your world has crashed, when your head is spinning with the demands of life or you struggle to evaluate options before you. Our Stephen Ministers are passionate about caring for, listening to, and praying for you. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a difficult time such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation, contact Wes Allen, or Stephen Leaders Doris Kahley at 609.220.8163 or Peg Pierce at 609.330.0623.

### Presbytery Staff News

Churches in the Presbytery For Southern New Jersey have received notice that, as of January 25, 2026, Transitional Executive Presbyter Rev. Kathleen Dain is on leave through the dissolution of her call. On February 7, the joint Leadership Council/Strategic Task Force will be meeting to discern upcoming responsibilities and the scope of transitions in leadership.

### Women's Morning Prayer Event Feb. 21

The Prayer and Discipleship Committee invites women high school and older to a Morning Prayer Event on **Saturday, February 21** from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Participants will gather in the Lounge for a morning of reflection, renewal, and connection with God. This special event offers women the opportunity to step away from daily demands and experience the joy and wonder of spending focused time alone with God — an inspiring way to enter the Lent and Easter season with gratitude and spiritual intention. Sign up online at our [Church Center Event page](#). Coffee, tea and bottled water will be provided.



### Sight and Sound Bus Trip to see "Joshua" in May

Watch the Bible come alive! Join us for a Sight & Sound Bus Trip on **Thursday, May 7** to see "Joshua." Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their newfound freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. Cost is \$150 per person, and includes bus transportation, lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard, show ticket and driver gratuity. *No refunds or exchanges.* See our Church Center event page for details and [online registration](#). Payment is due **by Friday, March 27**. Only 48 tickets are available!

### Annual Meeting Potluck

Thank you to our Deacons, who again will coordinate a potluck for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 1 If you would, kindly bring:

- ⇒ **Last Name A-F:** Side Dish or Salad
- ⇒ **Last Name G:** Rolls or Bread
- ⇒ **Last Name H-M:** Desserts
- ⇒ **Last Name N-T:** Main Dish or Entrée
- ⇒ **Last Name U-Z:** 8 oz. pony bottles of water

### Second Saturday Prayer Breakfast

**February 14 at 9:00-10:30 AM**

**Room 3-4**

*Happy Valentine's Day*



### 2025 Giving Statements

Need to access your 2025 giving record? Giving history, pledge and statements may be viewed 24/7 from "Give" on the Church Center app. Statements are also available by contacting the church office. Copies of 2025 year-end statements will be e-mailed to members in January for tax purposes.

### Stocking the Blessing Box

Drop any donations for the [Blessing Box](#) on the shelves in the Commons Lobby. The box is being used by visitors in need every week by those facing food insecurity.

### Lenten Study

**NEW: Lenten Church-Wide Study, Sermon Series and Mini Retreat: *The J-Curve* by Paul Miller.**

Inconveniences, disappointments, and trials often leave us confused, cynical, even bitter. The apostle Paul traces a pattern of dying and rising with Jesus which, like the letter "J", goes down into death and then up into resurrection. Continually reenacting Jesus' life—the J-Curve®—drains the energy from our cynicism as it resets our expectations for the normal Christian life. The J-Curve is so encouraging, so liberating, that once you see it, you can't unsee it! You'll find yourself joyfully dying and rising with Jesus in everyday life. Learn more! Contact [Wes Allen](#) for small group sign up opportunities.

#### MINI RETREAT

The study will culminate in a **Mini Retreat** to be **March 13-14** at our church.

### What will you give up or take on for Lent?

#### Help out with a Meal Train

In challenging times, friends often ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help with a meal. MealTrain.com is a free meal calendar tool our Deacons utilize that makes planning meal deliveries easy. Log on to the [Church Center event page](#) to sign up to be included on the [notification list](#) of Meal Trains needed, or contact Alison Mackey or Deacon Bobbi Voglesong.

### Per Capita

February is Per Capita season. The Stewardship Committee reminds each member on the rolls to please cover his or her annual share of \$40.00. Watch your mail for information. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. Literally meaning "per member," this contribution above one's pledge supports the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Our church is obligated to pay this. If you do not wish the church to pay your Per Capita from its operating budget, you must submit an [opt-out request](#) every year (can do online). *Note: Not responding is NOT the same as opting out.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 18, 2026**  
**7:00 PM Communion and**  
**imposition of ashes**



### Join the Tech Team

**DID YOU KNOW ...** we live stream both worship services into homes every week? We have a critical need for audio and live stream operators and encourage high school students and adults to join our live stream tech team. We provide full training and support for this paid position. Contact Steve Drzaszcz at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com) or the church office at 856-235-1688. We want to continue providing this ministry.

**See you at Family Dinner!**  
**\$8.00 per person**

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Snow days are perfect days to curl up with your Bible

### Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone

- ◆ Family Dinner (5:45 pm)
- ◆ Kingdom Kids (K-3rd, 4:45-5:45 pm)
- ◆ Crossing Zone (grades 4-6, 6:30-7:30 pm)



### Middle School and High School Youth Groups

- ⇒ The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday **February 18**. Middle School Youth Group will meet and attend the service together.
- ⇒ High School Youth Group (grades 9-12) meets Sundays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a friend to youth group!

For information contact Youth coordinator  
Evan Dempster at 215.264.3448.

**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

**“The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.” (Exodus 15: 2)**

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### Ash Wednesday February 18

The Season of Lent begins with a meaningful Ash Wednesday worship service **February 18, 2026**. There will be no Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner that evening. Primary Choir and Choristers will meet as scheduled. Middle School Youth Group will meet and attend the service together. The first Sunday in Lent is **February 22**.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks

One Great Hour of Sharing's fish-shaped coin banks will be distributed in children's Sunday School during Lent and collected on **Palm Sunday March 29**. Typically received during Lent each year, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.



### Fun Stuff Coming Up

- ⇒ Church Has Left The Building ..... April 18-19
- ⇒ Strawberry Festival ..... Friday, June 5
- ⇒ Vacation Bible School ..... June 29-July 3