

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## One Great Hour of Sharing “Fish Banks” are coming soon!

### No Kids Groups

#### Wednesday, March 6 or March 13

- ⇒ There will be NO Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone or Family Dinner on **Wednesday, March 6** so that families may attend the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service together. Flock WILL meet at its regular time.
- ⇒ Groups are also canceled on **Wednesday, March 13** due to the Rummage Sale (no Kingdom Kids, Family Dinner or Crossing Zone). Flock WILL be meeting and will be Rummage Sale Shopping!

### Youth News

**Great Escape Trip (\$500)** — Middle school trip for an awesome week of worship, engaging speakers, new friends and a college campus! Scholarships available.

**Adirondack Mountains Service Trip (\$425)** — We will be running kids camps, doing minor home repair, encouraging local ministries, and hosting a community dinner. A great opportunity to serve together!

Have questions? Contact [Dan Wonneberger](mailto:Dan.Wonneberger@fpcmoorestown.org) or cell/text (856) 745-6596

**Kingdom Kids:** Grades K-3  
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm  
**Crossing Zone:** Grades 4-6  
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Flock:** Grades 7-8  
Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm  
**Wave:** Grades 9-12  
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

### Memory Verse

*Live a life that is worthy of the calling He has graciously extended to you. Be humble. Be gentle. Be patient. Tolerate one another in an atmosphere thick with love.*  
- Ephesians 4: 1-2

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### Wednesday Family Dinner

There will be no Family Dinner on March 6 or March 13. We will see you on March 20th!

### March Food Drive for Moorestown Ministerium

The Deacons need your help to stock the Ministerium Food Pantry with food and toiletries. The Food Pantry is serving more and more families each month. Paper grocery bags with a list of needed items attached will be available at church on Sunday, March 10. Use the list to buy one or two or more items and **return to the Commons by Sunday, March 24**. Please just leave the bags in the Commons Lobby in the food cart. Any questions call Deacon Helen Dominy at (410) 924-6948 or [rmdsrilic@aol.com](mailto:rmdsrilic@aol.com).



### FPCM Way of the Week (March 3-10)



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Scriptures: Micah 6: 8; James 2: 14-17; 1 John 3: 18

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### WORSHIP HOURS

- 8:30 am Traditional
- 11:00 am Contemporary
- 9:45-10:45 am Education Hour

**Connect. Devote.**  
**Serve. Worship.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL March 3

Nursery: Preschool Wing  
3-4 Years: Room 15  
Grades K-1: Room 13  
Grades 2-3: Room 10-11  
Grades 4: Room 7  
Grades 5-6: Room 3-4  
CREDO: 3rd Floor  
Middle School: 3rd Floor

**Adult Education**  
3 C'S Class: Lounge  
World of Acts Class:  
Fellowship Hall A & B

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Are you receiving our **Friday e-blast** with announcements, FPC news and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



# Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

March 3-10, 2019

### GRACE NOTES

#### FPCM Way of the Week (March 3-10) #8: Jump In



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Jump in? I was thinking of jumping out. I’m too everything — too busy, too committed, and too tired. Let someone else jump in. I’m out. I’ve got too much on my mind and too much on my plate.

This Way is an invitation to stay open to how God runs business. God loves to use interruptions: the knock on the door, the unexpected request, the planned five-minute conversation that lasts two hours.

The late Catholic priest and Christian author, Henri Nouwen wrote of a now-famous conversation which helped him think about interruptions as something other than a bother. He writes, “While visiting the University of Notre Dame, where I had been a teacher for a few years, I met an older experienced professor who had spent most of his life there. And while we strolled over the beautiful campus, he said with a certain melancholy in his voice, ‘You know . . . my whole life I have been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted, until I discovered that my interruptions were my work.’”

What if we saw interruptions as a gift? What if, instead of resisting them out of frustration, we saw them as an opportunity to be open to God?

Nouwen went on to be transformed by the professor’s statement. He later wrote, “It has been the interruptions to my everyday life that have most revealed to me the divine mystery of which I am a part . . . All of these interruptions presented themselves as opportunities. . . invited me to look in a new way at my identity before God. Each interruption took something away from me; each interruption offered something new.”

Bend your knees. Swing your arms back. Take a breath. Jump in.

Stuart Spencer, Pastor

**It’s Service Sunday: Please complete your Service Pledge today**



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The ashes are made from the palms from the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. What will you give up, or take on, this year for Lent?

**Come worship: 7:00 p.m.**  
(no Kids Groups, Family Dinner)

### TODAY: Lenten Study Sign Ups Available

Our Lenten study this year will be the book "Everybody Always" by author Bob Goff. SIGN UP TODAY in the Commons Lobby — there are groups meeting on a variety of dates; find the small group that works for you. **Classes will begin the week of Ash Wednesday (March 6) and run through Easter.** Books can be purchased for \$10 in the church office. INFO: Contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Becca Neindorff](#).



### March 3: Service Sunday

During both services on **Sunday, March 3** members will complete their [Service Pledge Form](#), indicating ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. There are hundreds of ways to be involved at FPC ~ what ministries mean the most to you? Continue serving in a current capacity or think about trying something new. There are countless ways the church can utilize your skills.

If you won't be in worship March 3, please print off the [Service Pledge Form](#) and turn into the church office.



**Sunday,  
March 10  
(2:00 a.m.)**

### Missionwares Clearance Sale Today! Items up to 50% off!

### Annual Per Capita Giving

Last week letters were mailed to member households regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As PCUSA Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a "per member" contribution of **\$38.75 per member** that each church pays annually to the larger church to support the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. Congregation members are kindly asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and their member children (if able). Or you may submit an "opt out" request if you do NOT wish to pay. Your response and support is most appreciated and will assist the church in paying this assessment. YES, Per Capita may be paid [online](#) on our website!

-- Stewardship Committee

### Preschool Fundraiser

Step by Step Christian Preschool presents "Parents Night Out" Fundraiser on **Friday, March 22** at 7:00 p.m. at the Moorestown Community House. Tick-

ets are \$27 each and guests enjoy heavy appetizers, soft drinks, coffee, tea and BYOB; 2 door prize entries and 1 sheet of raffle tickets PLUS an amazing Silent Auction! Proceeds will fund the upgrade and beautification of our preschool's playground, which the children use every day. Purchase tickets at Step by Step Preschool or contact Amy Delgado at (856) 235-7105. Checks made payable to First Presbyterian Church.

**Silent  
Auction**

### Rummage Sale Drop off Starts March 10

Are you Spring Cleaning? Save your items for the 102nd Rummage Sale **March 13-14!** Drop off will begin Sunday, March 10. Miller Commons, Fellowship Hall, Lounge, Commons Lobby, Hayes Room and Room 8 will be used for the sale; meetings may be moved. **Sale Hours: Wednesday, March 13 (6-9 pm) and Thursday, March 14 (10 am-noon Bag Sale).**

### Rummage Sale Meeting

Rummage Sale meeting for all Department Heads, helpers, cashiers and the very valuable volunteers: **Tuesday, March 5** at 7 PM in the Lounge. Bring your ideas, questions and needs as we gear up for the 102nd Rummage Sale! Questions: Cheryl Gaskill at 856-904-3056; Gayle Payne 856-235-2708.



### March 7th Lunch Bunch

The March Lunch Bunch will feature Pastoral Associate Kelly LePenske as the speaker. Come hear Kelly's faith story and what she loves about FPCM. Enjoy a traditional Irish feast of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes and Irish bread. \$5.00 per person please.



### Lost and Found

PLEASE LOOK THROUGH the Lost and Found items in the Commons Lobby and see if any are yours. Items unclaimed by **Sunday, March 10** will be donated to the Rummage Sale.

**No more envelopes!**  
**SIGN UP for safe and secure automatic withdrawal at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) and click GIVE**

### Spring Inquirers Class

This spring, the Inquirers Class for prospective members and those wishing to learn more about FPC, will be a single Saturday class and the traditional meeting with Session. This format is designed to work better with today's busy schedules. The class will be held **Saturday, March 9** from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and include lunch. Participants will focus on questions of membership, our relationship with Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what it means to be a disciple, and a faithful member of this congregation. Those wishing to join will meet for lunch with Session **Sunday, March 10** after the Contemporary service. For questions or to sign up contact the church office or Joyce Wenzke at [jwenzke@aol.com](mailto:jwenzke@aol.com). Please note if child care is needed.

### Order Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken **March 17, 24 and 31** to decorate our worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. Order forms will be available in *Connections* and on the church website [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org). Flowers are \$12 each and assorted spring varieties. For questions contact [Rachel Scarborough](#) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

### Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

- \* Ash Wednesday (March 6), 7:00 pm, Chris Palmer
- \* Maundy Thursday (April 18), 7:30 pm
- \* Good Friday 7:30 pm (April 19)
- \* Easter Sunrise 6:30 am (cemetery)
- \* Easter 8:30 am-Contemporary
- \* Easter 9:30 am-Traditional
- \* Easter 11:00 am-Traditional
- \* No Adult Ed or Sunday School on Palm Sunday or Easter

**Did you SIGN IN at worship today?**

### Dedicate Sunday Flowers

Reserve special dates for 2019 worship flowers to honor loved ones. Contact Rumi Sinunu at [rts319@gmail.com](mailto:rts319@gmail.com). \$40 per vase, 2 vases are available each week. Dates are filling up quickly so call today to honor your special anniversaries for 2019.

### Methodist Rummage Sale DATE CHANGE

Monday, April 1 (6-9 pm)  
Tuesday, April 2 (9:30 am-2 pm & 6-8:30 pm Bag Night \$3.00.  
First United Methodist Church  
446 Camden Avenue, Moorestown

### Rich Meyers Retiring

Property team member Rich Meyers will be retiring and this past week was his last on staff. We are grateful to Rich for his 12 years of work on the property team as well as his faithfulness to God and to our building's ministry. Please wish Rich and Nancy well when you see them! If you wish to drop



Rich a note or card with your well wishes you may leave them in the church office ATTN: Earl Gage.

### Welcome Rachel!

We are very happy to announce that **Rachel Scarborough**, who has been working as a temp in the office since September, has accepted the part-time admin assistant position. Rachel will support the Family Ministry and Youth areas, as well as special office projects. Welcome aboard, Rachel! You may reach her at Ext. 124 or [rs Scarborough@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:rs Scarborough@fpcmoorestown.org).



### Stephen Ministry

Our church is one of 75,000 Christian churches world wide to have a Stephen Ministry program. This is a one-on-one support to supplement what ordained ministers can do for a congregation. Training involves 50 hours of classes and readings as well as practical situations. In April we will commission four more Stephen ministers. If you need a Stephen minister call Jan Amos at 856-234-0924 or the church office.

