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**I Will Pray, Invite,
Serve, Give.**

*Worship the Lord with glad-
ness; come into his presence
with singing - Psalm 100:2*

9:00 am Traditional
11:00 am Contemporary
9:30 am 5th Sunday
Blended Worship

10:15-11:15 am
Education Hour

Worship streams live from
each worship space. Log
on from any device to
www.fpcmoorestown.org
or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com).

Services are also posted
later in the week to our
website.

"Connections" is published
weekly for Sunday worship and
every two weeks in the summer.
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**Are you receiving our Friday
e-blast with announce-
ments, Connections, and
upcoming events? If not,
contact the [church office](#).**



Connections FPC Moorestown

First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 19-25, 2024

Way of the Week 5: Assume Positive Intent

(May 19-25, 2024)

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.



- ◆ So many delicious cakes!
- ◆ So many strawberries!
- ◆ Missions Food Stand
- ◆ Inflatables for the kids
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Family fun to kick start summer
- ◆ Free event, suggested donation \$8.00 per person

YES, [sign ups are NOW OPEN online](#) and throughout the church building for volunteer opportunities. Pick out the place you'd like to help. We need all hands on deck.

Donations to help defray event expenses are welcome and may be submitted via Venmo (@fpcmoorestown) or in the offering plate (mark Strawberry Festival in memo line please).

Welcome New Officers

Thank you to the men and women who have answered the call and stepped up to serve for the coming terms as elders, deacons or trustees. "I Will Serve" is one of the tenets of our Grow The Kingdom emphasis. Incoming officers begin their terms June 1:

- ◆ **Elders:** Leonard Fitts, Kristen Perkowski, Kevin Fauvell, Jean Kunkel, Debbie Heller
- ◆ **Deacons:** Steve Drzaszcz, Gail Sorin, Linda Lockart, Keith Wright, Susan Horn
- ◆ **Trustees:** Jeff Mason, Jeff Legath

Officer examination will be at the **May 28** Session meeting. Installation and Ordination will be on **Sunday, June 9** during both services. *Several officer positions remain and the Nominations Committee continues to look for individuals to fill these needs.*

Spring Inquirers Class

Are you interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and possibly joining the congregation? The Membership Committee invites you to attend its Inquirers' Class, starting **June 19**. The Inquirers' Class is for those interested in learning more about FPC Moorestown and the Presbyterian Church as a whole. The three-part series is designed to work with today's busy schedules. We're looking forward to learning more about you! The Class will meet at the following times in Room 8:

- **Wed. June 19** (6:30-7:30 pm)
- **Sat. June 22** (8:30-11:30 am)
- **Sun. June 23** (12:15-1:30 pm with Session, received into membership (lunch provided)

[Sign up online today](#) or reach out to [Pastor Wes Allen](#) at 856-235-1688, x 101.

Pentecost May 19
Wear Red

Meal Train for the Legath Family

The Deacons are coordinating a Meal Train for Jeff and Jenny Legath and family. The Legaths are facing a lapse in coverage for their home health care worker for son Will and meals or dining cards would be appreciated to assist them during this transition. For information or to sign up visit: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0m1mqv>.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer Group, Wednesdays: Pastor Stuart Spencer team-leads a weekly time of Centering Prayer. This hour-long session includes a time for Centering Prayer followed by a Lectio Divina Bible Study and time to pray for one another. The prayer group meets from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays in Pastor Spencer's Study. *GTK Opportunity: I Will Pray*

Coffee Hospitality Seeks Helpers, Bagel Pick-Up on Sunday Morning

Volunteer teams are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee service. Our property staff is able to assist periodically. If you enjoy the bagels and coffee, please contact Carol Wiggans at (267) 496-0450 or jcwiggans@gmail.com to offer to periodically serve this ministry.

Drivers are also needed to pick up the bagels at Manhattan Bagel Sunday AM and bring to the kitchen. Men and women welcome. Contact Jan Martin in the church office to sign up to help.

GTK Opportunity: I Will Serve



⇒ Spiritual Gifts Survey

On **May 26**, we begin our new sermon series "Fan the Flames" which will highlight the work of the Holy Spirit in equipping men and women of faith with spiritual gifts suited for growing God's Kingdom. In preparation, we are asking everyone to participate in three critical ways: (1) Take the spiritual gifts survey at your earliest convenience at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/?id=902651> (see **Friday eblast, website, event page for a letter from Pastor Allen**) ... (2) Use your spiritual gift inventory to explore new ways to serve God's Kingdom by identifying volunteer opportunities at FPC Moorestown ... (3) Worship regularly, in person or online, this summer and welcome the Spirit's



Thank you Teachers!

We will honor our teachers and leaders on **May 19** for Teacher Appreciation. Be sure to check out the bulletin insert and **thank** these gifted individuals who have led our education events for children, youth and adults this year.

NEW: Women's Half Day of Prayer Event

Saturday, June 1, 2024

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Please come for a special time of prayer with an introduction and guidance led by Arlita Winston. Bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you'd like. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. [Sign up online.](#)

Summer Schedules

Summer worship times will remain the same as during the year; 9:00 am traditional and 11:00 am contemporary, and begin Sunday, **June 2**. Children's Sunday School ends **May 19**. There is no summer children's Sunday School. Adult Spiritual Formation continues in the summer (Drop In and Discuss). *Connections* also prints biweekly in the summer.

Adults and Teens:

[Sign up to volunteer with Vacation Bible School](#)

Upcoming Sermon Series

From May 26-June 30, our sermon series "Fan the Flames" will spotlight Spiritual Gifts. These sermons support our Grow the Kingdom commitment, I Will Serve. **In preparation, members are asked to discover their top spiritual gifts by completing an [online survey](#).**

Donate and Save a Life: ARC Blood Drive

- **Monday, May 20, 2024**
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Miller Commons

Please sign up for this spring blood drive and save a life. Contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net to schedule an appointment or visit www.redcross.org. Please consider a donation that truly makes a difference!

Church Directory Updated

Copies of an updated Church Directory listing are available in the church office. Call the church office for your copy.

Adult Spiritual Formation

"Drop In and Discuss"

**10:15-11:15 am Sundays
Fellowship Hall**

A Presbytery Invitation

On **Tuesday, June 18** our church will host the Presbytery meeting, dinner and installation of incoming Presbytery Moderator Becca Neindorff. All are invited. Watch for details soon!

Need a Stephen Minister?

At FPC Moorestown, we currently have 18 active Stephen Ministers. A Stephen Minister will listen to your problems and help you get through the tough times with God's guidance. We're here for you. Ask for help. We're ready.

Check Requests

A reminder that checks are written weekly on Thursdays unless previous arrangements have been made.

PW Spring Gathering

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering on **Thursday, June 10th at 6:30 pm** in Miller Commons. Sample sweet treats from a coffee and dessert bar and connect with fellow sisters in Christ. Be inspired by a panel presentation, "Inspired By Her." Is there a woman who has made an impact on you? Mother, grandmother, teacher, coach, pastor, friend, co-worker or mentor? How did she impact you? Did she teach you about faith and prayer? Perseverance? Perspective? Have you let her know? If possible, invite her to join you! [REGISTER online please.](#)

Learn how to remember the church in your will on [Legacy Giving Sunday June 2](#)

Sunday Morning Check Ins

Please check in to register your attendance each time you attend in person or watch on your device. This records critical data for the staff & Membership Team. [Download the Church Center app](#) to check in quickly on your cell. Share Friendship Pads in the pews and Miller Commons to greet those who are seated near you. Remember to **date** the page. New to our live stream? Please sign in on the **Get Connected** form on the live stream page on the website.

Capital Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Capital Fund. See our website and event pages for [an update letter](#) from property chair Rich Corbin about several critical projects being planned. *GTK: I Will Give*



Teacher Appreciation Sunday May 19th — Last day of Sunday School

Grades 7-12: Hang out with our Youth Groups (Find us on Instagram)

Middle School Youth Group (grades 7-8)
Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm (3rd Floor)
⇒ **Last Meeting: Wednesday, May 29**

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)
Sundays from 6:30-8:30 pm (3rd Floor)
⇒ **Last Meeting: Sunday, May 26**



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

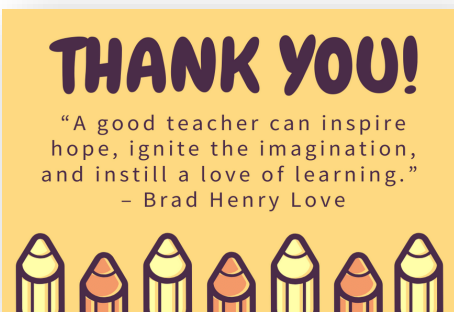
Memory Verse: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

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Thank You to our Teachers

Teacher & Leader Appreciation Sunday is **May 19** (last day of Sunday School). We are grateful for your ministry. Think about being a Sunday School teacher next year!



Closing out our year for K-6th

KINGDOM KIDS (Pre-K-3rd) — Last regular meeting and End of the Year Party was **Wednesday, April 24**

CROSSING ZONE (grades 4-6) — Last regular meeting was **Wednesday, May 1** and our party at Funplex was **May 8**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Vacation Bible School 2024

June 24-28, 2024

Race to the Finish

Entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade

Find us at www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs

NOTE: Room assignments during VBS week June 24-28 and setup week June 17-21 may shift