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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](http://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.

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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

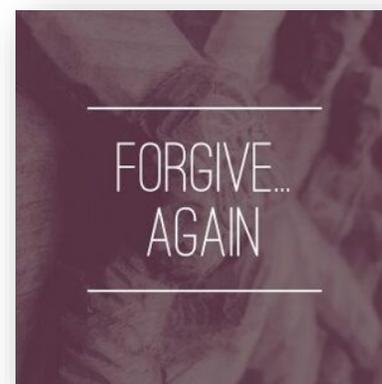
First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

May 26-June 1, 2024

## Way of the Week 6: Forgive ... Again (May 26-June 1, 2024)

**6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN.** Just as God for-  
gives us, heal relationships by extending  
forgiveness with grace and generosity.  
Forgive everyone everything. Start by  
praying for those you resent or hate. Ask  
for every blessing you would want for  
the one you're struggling to forgive.

**Ideas for Action:** Work on "dropping"  
the anger you have. Don't let it come  
between you and someone else. Stop  
bringing up the hurt in public or with  
friends. Stop nursing the memory of how  
you've been wronged.



- ◆ Family fun to kick start summer
- ◆ Inflatables for the kids
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Strawberries! Ice Cream!
- ◆ SO many delicious cakes!
- ◆ Missions Food Stand
- ◆ Hulling Thursday, June 6
- ◆ Free event—sugg. donation \$8 per person, Venmo too

**YES, sign ups are NOW OPEN online** and throughout the church building for volun-  
teer 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). **See today's insert for where help is PARTICULARLY NEEDED!**

### Legacy Giving Sunday Sunday, June 2



### Wills Emphasis Sunday

Legacy Giving/Wills Emphasis Sunday is a stewardship invitation to consider how you can share the blessings God has given to you beyond your lifetime. These important donations benefit our programs, services, ministries, 23-acre grounds and property, and our impact in the world, and make an enduring statement of faith for God’s work here on earth.

A legacy speaks not about how we died, but how we lived. It speaks about the things that move us in life, the things that matter to us. *In creating a legacy, we dream to keep our church caring and working here after our lifetime. Our church offers many resources to begin this conversation.*

### 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.

**Election Day Tuesday, June 4  
(Miller Commons)**

### Our Cupboard is Bare!

*Help fill the Blessing Box.  
We desperately need:*

Cereal, Breakfast bars, Juice/ juice boxes, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soups with meat, Canned Chicken/Tuna

**UPCOMING: VBS Mission Class**  
We will be celebrating Christmas in almost July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please place donations in box in Miller Commons:

- ◆ Wash cloths
- ◆ Tooth brushes
- ◆ Soccer balls and pumps
- ◆ Matchbox cars
- ◆ Crayons and pencils
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Sharpener
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Small pads of paper
- ◆ Shower puffs
- ◆ Small stuffed animals
- ◆ Barbie Dolls

### 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](mailto: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, our pastors are asking everyone to take the spiritual gifts survey at <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/?id=902651> (see Friday eblast, website, event page for a letter from Pastor Allen).



Use your spiritual gift inventory to explore new ways to serve God’s Kingdom and visit the table in the Commons Lobby between services to learn about critical volunteer opportunities at FPC Moorestown.

### 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](#).

### **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 ended **May 19**. There is no summer children's Sunday School. *Connections* prints biweekly in the summer.

### **Adults and Teens:**

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



**Honduras Mission Trip  
July 9-14, 2024**

### **Church Directory Updated**

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

### **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.

### **PW Spring Gathering**

Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to a Spring Gathering on **Monday, 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](#).

### **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!

### **Check Requests**

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



### **Memorial Day**

In observance of Memorial Day, the church campus will be closed 1:00 pm May 24 through Monday, May 27. As is tradition, our property team has lovingly placed flags on the graves of all veterans in our cemetery to honor their service.

**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.



*We're just two weeks away! Have you signed up to help with the 2024 Strawberry Festival?*



Thanks for a great year in Sunday School! Enjoy your summer.

**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:** *"This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1: 6 – 7)*

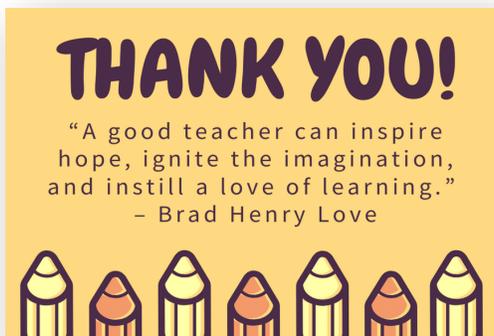
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**Thank You to our Teachers**

Teacher & Leader Appreciation Sunday was **May 19** (last day of children's Sunday School) and we honored our teachers and leaders for their help with our education ministry. We are grateful for you!

It's not too soon to think about being a Sunday School teacher next year. We can certainly use you! Share the Word of God with our youngest Presbyterians.



**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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/vbs)

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