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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](#) or [Facebook](#).

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](#).**



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First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

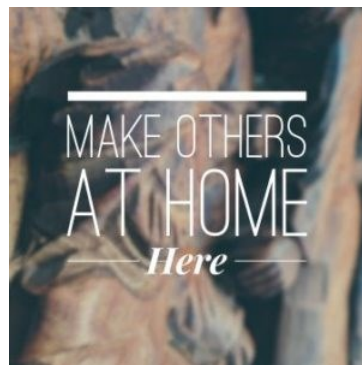
June 30-July 13, 2024 (2-wk)

Way of the Week 11: Make Others at Home Here

(June 30-July 6, 2024)

11. MAKE OTHERS AT HOME HERE.

Warmly welcome newcomers and visitors. Offer your name with a smile. Reach out and greet the person you don't know after worship, during Coffee Hour, in Youth Group or Sunday school. Show a genuine interest in others.



Way of the Week 12: Own Our Church

(July 7-13, 2024)

12. OWN OUR CHURCH. The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of our mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church – because you are!



SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

5th Sunday, June 30

Honoring New and 50+ Year Members

On **Sunday, June 30** we will gather for a combined **9:30 am** Fifth Sunday worship service in the Sanctuary.

After worship, we will move into Fellowship Hall for an [Ice Cream Social](#) sponsored by the Membership Committee. We will honor the past three classes of our Inquirers' Class and recognize our 50+ year members! Enjoy a cool treat this summer and say a special welcome to these valued members.

Thank you to the Deacons 5th Sunday Hospitality Team for their invaluable help.

It's Christmas in July

We will be celebrating Christmas in July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our VBS children stuffed **35 boxes** as part of their VBS mission! If you would like to sponsor a box by paying the \$10 shipping that would be a great blessing.

Throughout July you can stop by Miller Commons lobby and pick up your shoebox to fill. All instructions are provided. Please have your boxes back by the end of July. We will store them until the November distribution. We will also have another opportunity in the fall to pack shoeboxes.

OPTION: Or you can drop off the items we're collecting and we'll include them in our boxes in the fall. See the list on our [Church Center event page](#).

For questions contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

A Rafting We Will Go!

Join us for a family adventure down the Lehigh River in PA on **Saturday, August 17**. Feel the adrenaline rush as we navigate rapids and explore the beautiful river scenery on this dam-release weekend! No prior whitewater experience is necessary— we will be led by experienced guides. Minimum age to participate is 8 years old. Bring the family and invite your friends for an unforgettable experience. Cost: \$80 per person. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 28. Final payment is due Friday, Aug. 2.**

[Sign up on our Church Center page](#) or see our FAQ page: <https://whitewaterchallengers.com/lehigh-faq/>

Guest Preacher

On **Sunday, August 11**, we are pleased to welcome to our pulpit Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli as our guest preacher for the morning.

A Note from your Stewardship Team

Church operations continue year-round, and your Stewardship Team reminds you that the traditional drop in giving during the summer months greatly affects the health of our church and those who rely on our support. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Please consider taking advantage of [online giving](#) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Log onto fpcmoorestown.org/giving to get started and set up your preferences. You may also give to the Capital Fund year-round.



Grace Boutique

The Missionwares store is temporarily being repurposed as the Grace Boutique. This store will provide items not available on SNAP benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Items will include diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. We are working with agencies that supply these goods for free to nonprofits but will also need to supplement these with donations. Our goal is to make the Grace Boutique open in conjunction with hours local food pantries are open. We have already received a large donation of make up from Target! Our biggest need now is cleaning supplies and paper products. Please consider making a donation to help stock our shelves.

Welcome Center Volunteers Greet Guests; Provide Connection

On Sunday mornings, members of our hospitality team and deacons will be strategically placed at our two Welcome Centers — one in the Narthex and one in the Miller Commons Lobby — to welcome everyone and direct new visitors. While our deacons are helping to fortify this ministry with rotating responsibilities, we are in need of other friends to help as well. Visit the *I Will Serve* table today to pick up a job description. If you feel the Spirit leading you to join our team, fantastic! Please reach out to Wes Allen at wallen@fpcmoorestown.org, Ann McBride at amcbride323@gmail.com or Tamara Trzeciak at tctrzeciak@gmail.com.

New Officers

Welcome and *thank you* to our incoming officers. Terms began June 1, 2024:

- ◆ **Elders:** Jim Cole, Paul Gordon, Debbie Heller, Jean Kunkel, Steve Shaffer
- ◆ **Deacons:** Steve Emerson, Susan Horn, Joshua Leonard, Anne Woolley, Keith Wright
- ◆ **Trustees:** Jeff Legath, Jeff Mason, Tad Woolley; church treasurer Bill Conner

**[Honduras Mission Trip](#)
July 9-14, 2024
Donations accepted
(Commissioning July 7)**

[Prayer on the Porch](#)

This popular prayer time gathering returns for the summer on the second and fourth Thursdays beginning June 13. Feel the power of prayer. **Next: Thursday, July 11**

It's a Day at the Beach

Come to the beach! It's time for fun in the sun at the [Children's Fresh Air Home](#) on TWO dates this summer: **Wed. Aug. 7** and **Thurs. Aug. 15**, from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood. The campers are from the Camden area and we will be serving them lunch, and helping with their day at the beach. Carpool from the church; contact [Linda Jagiela](#) if you can help: 267.275.7582 cell/text.



**Office closed
July 4 and
July 5**

Please Submit Calendar Dates for 2024-25

MINISTRY LEADERS: Please submit any calendar dates for meetings, events, concerts, room requests, program information to the church office by **July 25**. On July 30, staff is meeting to review the 6-month programming calendar.

[Need a Stephen Minister?](#)

FPC Moorestown currently has 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.

NEW: College Bible Study

This summer from June 11-August 19, college age young people are invited to a weekly Bible Study Tuesday evenings from 8-9 pm in the Lounge, led by Youth Director Dave Fauvell. Contact Dave if you're interested. Explore the Bible with friends this summer!

Please fill out the [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#), see our page

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.

Summer Schedules

Summer worship times remain the same as during the year; 9:00 am Traditional and 11:00 am Contemporary. There is no summer children's Sunday School. Adult Spiritual Formation meets 10:15-11:15 am in the Lounge. *Connections* prints biweekly in the summer.

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***Do you see a new face?
Be sure to greet visitors and introduce yourself with a warm welcome and smile!***

Coffee Hospitality Seeks Helpers for Sundays

Volunteer teams are needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee service. 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. Coffee hosts are asked to kindly swing by Manhattan Bagel that morning and pick up our order of bagels and cream cheese.

***Experience God's creation
this summer***



THANKS for an incredible VBS welcoming over 138 attendees & helpers!



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. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1: 6-7)*

For Families and Children:
Holly Asciutto
856-235-1688, x116 (W)
hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org

Middle School and High School:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 call/text
dfauvell52@gmail.com

Crossing Zone Paint Wars
Wednesday, July 24 (6:00-7:30 pm)

Crossing Zone Kids: join us on **Wednesday, July 24th** on the church grounds for an action-packed night of Paint Wars! Event is open to current 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Wear clothes to get REALLY messy and bring a towel, plus something to protect your car on the ride home. Participants will only be permitted in the building to use a rest room. There is no cost but please sign up online so we can accurately plan. We can't wait to see you! Friends are welcome, please just sign up. Event will be held weather permitting.



Grades 7-12: Hanging out with Youth Group

CHECK OUT our summer hang-outs on Wednesday nights



this summer beginning **June 26**. Middle school and high school students are invited to "chill at the church" from 7-9

pm through August 28. We'll have food, crazy fun and get to know each other. Friends are always welcome. What's on your mind? For questions contact Youth Director [Dave Fauvell](#) at 609.980.7885 or find us on Instagram.

So you think you wanna teach?

It's not too early to be thinking about being a Sunday School teacher next year. We can certainly use you! Share the Word of God with our youngest Presbyterians. Let Holly Asciutto know you're interested. We have classes for grades K-6, plus middle school, high school and adults.