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

*Worship the Lord with gladness;
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.

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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

July 14-27, 2024 (2-wk)

IT WAS AN AMAZING WEEK AT VBS!

At VBS June 24-28, 2024, our halls were brimming with youngsters from several local communities. Each day, attendees were reminded, with a button, how Valuable, Brave, Encouraging, Influential and Selfless they are. We could not have had such a successful Vacation Bible School without the help and support of an outstanding team. Volunteers and staff helped in many different ways to support our children and community. This year the VBS mission projects supported Love Driven Ministries and Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you to our incredible VBS team members:

Ishmael Adam
Rev. Wes Allen
Jennifer Allen
Holly Ascitutto
Rebecca Avallone
Lydia Avallone
Patrick Begely
Sam Caraballo
Jordyn Carter
Lemuel Chen
Mannis Chen
Carol Clark
Lauren Clarke
Carol Clarke
Lily Daniel
Amy Delgado

Helen Dominy
Katie Donahue
Donna Doulong
Barbara Duffy
Earl Gage
Will Gaskill
Cheryl Gaskill
Deb Gerhardt
Naia Gomes
Madison Goolcharan
Liz Greene
Jean Marie Hanna
Lissa Herman
Meghan Hock
Susan Horn
Linda Jagiela
Andrew Krott
Addison LaMonica
Brayden LaMonica
Cole Legath
Will Legath
Jenny Legath
Kira Locatell
Henry Lundren
Matthews Lungu
Alison Mackey
Steve Margerum
Emma McNab
Sawyer McNab
Karin Miller
Karen Molloy
Joe Molloy
Rose Murphy
Mae Murphy
Tess Murphy
Alivia Nawrocki
Jonathan Nawrocki
Joann Nawrocki
Rebecca Neindorff
Natalie Olsen
Marina Olsen
Noah Olsen
Emily Pelc

Kyle Perkowski
Alex Perkowski
Bob Plant
Melody Ransom
Lucas Richards
Liam Richards
Lola Rogers
Josh Rotter
Kari Rotter
Ginny Schad
Evan Schad
Kaylee Shaw
Gail Sorin
Michael Trabulsi
Marc Trabulsi
Peg Valora
Quinn Wenzke-Lundgren
Anne Woolley
Ava Zink
Olivia Zink
Lila Zink

We can't wait to see what Jesus does next year! **SAVE THE DATE: VBS will be June 23-27, 2025.**



[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 Preachers

On **Sunday, July 21** we are pleased to welcome to our pulpit Rev. Kathryn Eagles, a new member and retired Baptist pastor—plus mom to Lorenzo Eagles. On **Sunday, August 11**, we look forward to having Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli as our guest preacher for the morning. Please warmly greet our guests.

It's Christmas in July

We will be celebrating Christmas in July by stuffing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our VBS students stuffed 35 boxes as part of their VBS mission! Throughout July you can stop by Miller Commons lobby and pick up your shoebox to fill. All instructions are provided for you. 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 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.



Welcome Center Volunteers Greet Guests; Provide Connection

On Sunday mornings, members of our hospitality team and deacons are 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.

If you feel the Spirit leading you to join this active 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.

Drive-Through Food Drop for SDVP

NEW: On Saturday, August 17, our partners at the Society of St. Vincent DePaul are sponsoring a [Drive-Through Food Drive](#) in the parking lot of Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, between 9:00-11:00 am. All collected food will be given to the Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry on the campus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church of Moorestown Food Pantry, and Bethel AME Church Food Pantry. Non-perishable foods and paper products are appreciated. Monetary donations will also be accepted to benefit charities supported by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLGC. Simply place the donation in your car trunk, enter the parking lot, pop the trunk, someone will remove the donation and off you go! *OLGC is located at 42 W. Main St. in Moorestown.*

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.



Prayer on the Porch

This popular prayer time gathering returns for the summer on the second and fourth Thursdays — with ice cream! Feel the power of prayer. **Next: Thursday, July 25**

Please Submit Calendar Dates for 2024-25

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

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.

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.

Please fill out the [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#), see our [Church Center](#) or [GTK event 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.

Officers please check your mailboxes when at church

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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.

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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 non-profits 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.

Be sure to greet visitors and Make Others at Home Here



Children's Sunday School returns in the fall



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
Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
(Colossians 2: 7, NLT)

For Families and Children:
Holly Asciutto
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Middle School and High School:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 call/text
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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 and incoming 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 June 26-August 28! Middle school and high school students are invited to "chill at the church" from 7-9 pm. We'll have food, crazy fun and get to know each other. Friends are always welcome. What's on your mind? For questions call/text Youth Director [Dave Fauvell](#) at 609.980.7885 or find us on Instagram.



Have you thought about teaching Sunday School?

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

NEW: Tuesday College Bible Study Group



On Tuesday evenings this summer from June 11-August 20, college age young people are invited to a weekly Bible Study from 8-9 pm in the Lounge, led by Youth Director Dave Fauvell. Call/text Dave at (609) 980-7885. Explore the Bible with friends this summer. Everyone welcome.