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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)  
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website.

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# Connections FPC Moorestown

**First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown**

**July 28-Aug. 10, 2024 (2-wk)**

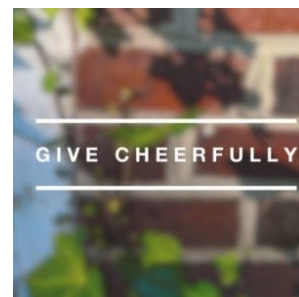
## Way of the Week 15: Welcome Change (July 28, 2024)

**15. WELCOME CHANGE.** Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.



## Way of the Week 16: Give Cheerfully (August 4, 2024)

**16. GIVE CHEERFULLY.** Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"



## **Welcome Back Sunday ~ September 8, 2024**

On Welcome Back Sunday, we will reconnect with friends after eventful summers and prepare for exciting ventures for the 2024-25 program year. We will have an enhanced coffee hour in between our two regular worship services. Welcome home!

### **Sunday, September 8—Welcome Back!**

- ◆ Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am) - Drop In and Discuss
- ◆ New sermon series begins: "Grow The Kingdom"
- ◆ Grace Boutique soft opening

### **Sunday, September 15 it all begins!**

- ◆ First day of Sunday School classes (10:15-11:15 am), K-12
- ◆ Adult Spiritual Formation (10:15-11:15 am) -- Sept. 12 Panel Discussion
- ◆ Bible Sunday for 3rd graders (both services)
- ◆ Commissioning Sunday School teachers & Small Group Leaders (both services)
- ◆ Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliveries
- ◆ Crud Wars youth group kickoff — (1-3 pm, grades 7-12)
- ◆ Pew envelopes for September 12 Fund available in September
- ◆ "I Will Serve" volunteer opportunities showcase

### [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/>



### **Parking Lot Resurfacing**

The main parking lot will be repaved and restriped August 5-9 and there will be **NO PARKING in the main lot that week**. Please use secondary lots.

### **Guest Preacher**

On **Sunday, August 11**, we welcome Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli as our guest preacher. Pastors Allen and Spencer are both away.

### **Pastor Schedules**

Pastor Stuart will be away August 7-20 and preaching at Wells Presbyterian Church in Avalon, NJ. Pastor Wes will also be away August 6-12 and Aug. 26-30. For pastoral care needs during this time, please reach out to the church office at 856-235-1688. Please pray for our pastors as they enjoy a brief respite and travels with their families.

### **Labor Day Closure**

On **Monday, Sept. 2** the church building will be CLOSED for the Labor Day holiday.

### **Summer Office Closure**

On **Monday, August 12**, the church office will be CLOSED for a planned staff summer holiday. The building will be open for regular users, lessons, and evening meetings.

### **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](#).** Contact Linda Jagiela at [missions@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:misions@fpcmoorestown.org).

**Please be sure to wear your nametags on Sundays**

### **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! *OLGC is located at 42 W. Main St. in Moorestown.*

### **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](http://fpcmoorestown.org/giving) to get started and set up your preferences. You may also give to the Capital Fund year-round.



### **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 THREE dates this summer: **Wed. Aug. 7 and Thurs. Aug. 15**, from 8 am-5 pm in North Wildwood (July 25 was recently added). 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, Aug. 8.**

### **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.

### **Spiritual Gifts Survey**

If you have not done so, please fill out the [Spiritual Gifts Survey](#) on our Church Center event page or Grow The Kingdom webpage. This information will be helpful to us throughout the year. For questions contact Pastor Wes.

### **Women's Prayer Event**

Women of the church are invited to the Women's Half Day of Prayer on **Saturday, Aug. 24** from 8am-noon at the church and led by Arlita Winston. Share quiet reflections and prayer time. [Register online](#). Contact Pam Engle or our event page for more info.

### **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) such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries, cleaning supplies and paper products. We're working with agencies that supply these goods for free to nonprofits but 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. Our biggest need now is cleaning supplies and paper products. Please consider making a donation to help stock our shelves.

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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.

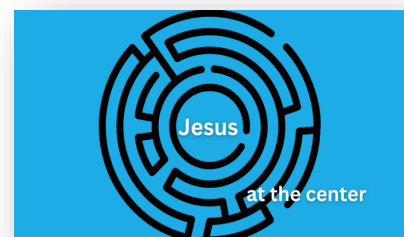
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### **Welcome Center Teams**

On Sunday mornings, members of our hospitality team and deacons are strategically placed at our Welcome Centers in the Narthex and in the Miller Commons Lobby, to welcome everyone and direct new visitors. Our deacons are helping to fortify this ministry with rotating responsibilities, however we are in need of other friends to help as well. If you feel the Spirit leading you to join this team, please reach out to Wes Allen, Ann McBride or Tamara Trzeciak.

***Officers please check your mailboxes when at church***





# FAMILY MINISTRY

## Children's and Youth Sunday School returns in the fall

### **Bible Sunday**

Third graders will receive their Bibles on **Sunday, Sept. 15** (both services) for Bible Sunday. Please contact [Holly Asciutto](mailto:Holly.Asciutto) to sign up and indicate the full name of the child and which service on Sunday, Sept. 15 you will be attending.

### **Would you like to be an acolyte?**

Our acolyte ministry will resume in September after a summer break and we're looking for boys and girls to share in the worship experience. Contact Holly Asciutto at [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or 856.235.1688, x116.



## 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)

**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

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

Middle School and High School:  
**Dave Fauvell**  
609-980-7885 call/text  
[dfauvell52@gmail.com](mailto:dfauvell52@gmail.com)

### **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 Pastor Wes Allen know you're interested. We have classes for grades K-6, plus middle school, high school and adults.

### **Choir Rehearsals Begin in September**

Opportunities are available for all ages and skill levels in our music programs, and are open to local community members as well. Give one a try this year!

- ⇒ Primary Choir (K-1st) — Wednesdays 4:00-4:45 pm
- ⇒ Junior Choir (Gr. 2-4) — Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 pm
- ⇒ Choristers (Gr. 5-8) — Wednesdays 5:00-6:10 pm
- ⇒ Chapel Choir (Gr. 9-12) — Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm
- ⇒ Adult Choir (adults) — Thursdays 7:00-9:00 pm
- ⇒ Handbell Choir (any) — Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm
- ⇒ Praise Band (any) — Sundays 9:30-10:45 am

### **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](mailto:Dave.Fauvell) at 609.980.7885 or find us on Instagram.



### **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.