



Hey Kids: One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Boxes are Coming!

No Kids Groups February 26

There will be NO Kingdom Kids, Crossing Zone, Family Dinner or Flock on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Children’s Easter Celebration

SAVE THE DATE: Children’s Easter Celebration is coming **Saturday, April 4** (10:30-11:30 am). Weather permitting, we will be outside. Celebrate the joy of Easter with crafts, fun and of course, Easter Eggs! There is no charge; canned food for the food pantry as an entrance will be welcomed. Rain or shine. *Don’t forget your basket!*

Welcome Interim Youth Director
Dave Fauvell

A familiar face will be stepping in to help lead our youth groups: Dave Fauvell. Dave, who has been a youth group leader for several years, will be working with volunteers to coordinate our regular Wednesday night and Sunday night youth groups for Flock (7-8th graders) and Wave (9th-12th graders). You can reach out to Dave at:

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Memory Verse

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

- Romans 8:1

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Kingdom Kids: Grades K-3
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45 pm
Crossing Zone: Grades 4-6
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm
Flock: Grades 7-8
Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm
Wave: Grades 9-12
Sundays 6:30-8:30 pm

Candy Donations Welcomed

We welcome candy donations from the congregation of individually wrapped items that are peanut free and can fit within a plastic Easter egg. **PLEASE DROP OFF CANDY DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 7th!**

The Easter Egg Hunt will be **Saturday, April 4th** at 10:30 a.m.



Family Dinner Menu Wednesday, February 19 (6-7 pm)
Miller Commons ~ \$5 per person/\$20 family please; All are welcome!
Chicken Tetrazzini, Meatballs, Ravioli with Marinara, Roasted Veggies*, Buttered Pasta
*gluten free

Way of the Week

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WORSHIP HOURS
- 8:30 am Traditional
- 11:00 am Contemporary

**Connect. Devote.
Serve. Worship.**

EDUCATION HOUR
9:45-10:45 a.m.
Sunday, February 16
Nursery: Preschool Wing
3-4 Years: Room 15
Grades K-1: Room 13
Grades 2-3: Room 10-11
Grades 4: Room 7
Grades 5-6: Room 3-4
CREDO: resumes in May
Middle School: 3rd Floor

Adult Education:
- 3 C’s Class
- “Discipleship for the Real World” (see page 3)

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Are you receiving our **Friday e-blast** with announcements, FPC news and upcoming events? If not, contact the [church office](#).



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GRACE NOTES
February 16-23, 2020

JUMP IN sounds like you need courage... It gives the impression that it can be scary... It is out of my comfort zone ... No experience, no know-how. These thoughts can cloud our desire to try.

I had lived in this town for several years when I followed my second grade son to First Presbyterian Church. I used to feel insignificant, unworthy and just plain unimportant. The people of this church encouraged me to build a relationship with Jesus Christ. While getting to know Him better I found I had a heart to help.

I have put my toe into the water of FPC in many places. Sometimes it takes a few moments (minutes, days, hours) for my fearful thoughts to be calmed. Then I step forward.

I can clean up after an event ... pick up the bagels for Sunday ... volunteer to answer phones in the church office ... help a neighbor learn Excel ... send a note to someone who lost a pet ... create new nametags for those who are missing theirs or for our new members ... help with weddings here ... or whatever, or whoever, I see needing help.

The blessings fill me to overflowing with pure joy and new friends. I feel part of a family that cares. Each time I “jump in” I am not overwhelmed, because love is here to hold me up. It’s the love of our Lord Jesus and the love of our church family.

Do you have a desire to help in some way? Time can slide by before you have the guts (or courage) to jump in. Just think of that first jump into water this summer. The cold is a shock to the body. But wait ... in a few moments your body has adjusted to the cool and it is *delightful!* Listen for God to touch your heart and jump in. Feel the delight!

Jump In! – I’ll be there with you.

Elder Joyce Wenzke

Per Capita Giving 2020

Recently Pastor Stuart mailed a letter to church members regarding our annual Per Capita giving. As Presbyterians, we are a *connectional church*. This assessment is a “per member” contribution of **\$38.75 per member** that each church pays annually to the larger church. This amount includes funding for the General Assembly, Synod and West Jersey Presbytery. Congregation members are kindly asked to help provide the \$38.75 for themselves and/or their member children (if able). Or you may submit an “opt out” request if you do NOT wish to pay. Your response and support is appreciated and will assist FPC in paying this assessment.

- Stewardship Team

Tag the church in Facebook posts from FPC activities; Share the moments ...

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is currently OPEN for families both currently enrolled and new enrollees to the Step by Step family. Registration is first come, first served and payment is required to secure a spot for the 2020-21 school year. For questions please contact Director Amy at adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org or visit www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool.

Are You a Christian or a Disciple?

Saturday, February 29

Presented by Ed and Debby Gross
9:00 am—Noon
8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Elders, Deacons, Trustees, APNC,
College of Elders & Deacons
(COED), Program Staff

Spring Prayer Retreat

June 16-19
Holy Cross Monastery
West Park, New York

Nominations for Boards

The Nominations Committee is hard at work staffing the three Boards of the church: Elders, Deacons and Trustees. **Is God calling you to serve?** What ministry area calls to you? See nomination form on our web site and pray about where you may “join hands.”

[Sign up online!](#)

PW Seeking Nominations

A note to Presbyterian Women: Please nominate yourself or another for the position(s) of Moderator (could be co-moderator or Vice Moderator) and/or Secretary. These are two-year terms. Nominating forms are on the PW bulletin board, located near the kitchen. Forms should be returned to the PW Moderator’s mailbox by the stairs. Deadline is **Feb. 14**. Please contact [Susan Masiko](#) at 856-630-3253 or [Barbara Lewis](#) at 609-518-7420.

Thanks for wearing your nametag and greeting newcomers

Sign Ups OPEN: Lenten Study

SIGN-UPS BEGAN FEBRUARY 9 at church and online for our Lenten Study “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman. *Not A Fan* is all about discipleship and challenges us to get honest about our relationship with Christ. Are we fans of Jesus or committed followers? What’s the difference and why does it matter? It’s a straight-forward read for all stages of faith, yet it’s dense with stories from Scripture and thought-provoking questions. Small groups begin the week of Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) and run through Easter. Suggested donation \$10 (includes a book AND daily devotional). For questions see our [website](#) or contact [Kelly LePenske](#) or [Alison Mackey](#) at (856) 235-1688.



Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, **Feb. 26** at 7:00 p.m. featuring the imposition of ashes. Our Special Guest will be Rev. Scott Burkley (brother of Nancy Burkley). There will be NO Kids Groups or Family Dinner on February 26. There WILL be Choristers rehearsal.

Cool: Jazz Vespers

New to our Lenten programming this year will be Jazz Vespers on **Saturday, March 14** at 5:00 p.m. An improvisational, inspirational, inclusive and informal evening worship service that features jazz musicians, this is an excellent opportunity to gather family, friends & neighbors! For more information visit www.fpcmoorestown.org.



April Couples Retreat “Marriage and Discipleship” April 17-19, 2020

Enjoy a beautiful, nurturing weekend away at the Inn of Cape May **April 17-19**, hosted by Stuart and Leslie Spencer. Our facilitators will be Rev. Tony and Rev. Katie Sundermeier. [Sign up online](#) on the church web site or pick up a brochure. Cost is \$430 per couple; \$100 deposit due by **March 12**. Cost includes 2 nights lodging, meals and workshops at FPC of Cape May.



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Church Center App

Download the free “Church Center” mobile app to check-in to FPC events, find or join a group, give online, register for events and contact the church. Visit your App Store (iPhone) or Google Play Store (android) for the Church Center app.

Order Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be taken **March 15, 22 and 29** to decorate our worship spaces with the symbol of renewal. Order forms will be available in *Connections* and on the church website www.fpcmoorestown.org. Flowers are \$13 each and colorful, assorted spring varieties. For questions contact [Rachel Scarborough](#) in the office at 856-235-1688, Ext. 124.

Service Sunday Feb. 23

During both services on **Sunday, February 23**, members will complete their Service Pledge Form, indicating ways in which they wish to connect and serve this year. There are hundreds of ways to be involved at FPC ~ what ministries mean the most to you? Continue serving in an area you’re helping with now or think about adding something new. Make an impact and utilize your skills. Won’t be in worship Feb. 23? Look for an online form to complete at home or pick up a Service Pledge from the office. -- Stewardship Team

Friday Nighters March 6

Please join Friday Nighters on **Friday, March 6th** for a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Our program is “Hollywood Musicals” presented by Richard Barrios, an author of several books about movies who holds degrees in cinema studies, music history and literature. His new book is *Must See Musicals*. No charge -- just a dish to pass. Please RSVP no later than **Wed. March 4th** to Marian and Jim Hartshorne at 856-235-5442.

Security Update

In January, Session unanimously approved a recommendation from the Security Team to **limit access to the building for all non-staff members to the doors in the Commons Lobby except on Sundays**. All exterior doors will remain locked with access to the building only from the Commons Lobby. Entry for all deliveries, activities and meetings will be through the main entrance. Staff with keys may access from the staff parking lot. On Sundays the back staff lot door will be open.

Adult Education

- **Feb. 9, 16, 23:** In anticipation of our Lenten book series *Not A Fan*, this 3-week class is called “Discipleship for the Real World.” We’ll be exploring the intersection between faith and work.

⇒ **9:45 a.m.: 3 C’s class** (Coffee, Conversation & Christ)

Beginning March 1 Adult Education will be the Lenten small groups discussing the book “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman. (See p. 2)

Annual Report for 2019

If you missed the Annual Meeting on February 9, copies of the [Annual Report](#) are available in the Narthex, Commons Lobby, Office, FPC web site and Friday e-blast.

103rd Rummage Sale

Save those gently used holiday decorations, household goods, sporting goods, clothing, linens and kitchen items for the 103rd Rummage Sale **April 1-2**. Bargains galore await the savvy buyer! Proceeds support the missions of the Presbyterian Women. Volunteers are needed for throughout the week; drop off begins **Sunday, March 29**.

New Address

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Annual Giving Statements

Final giving statements for 2019 have been mailed. For questions please contact Norman Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688 or nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org.