

# FAMILY MINISTRY



## 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 has stepped 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 middle school and high school youth groups Flock and Wave.



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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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### 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 7<sup>th</sup>!**



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

### Family Dinner Menu Wednesday, March 4 (6-7 pm)

**Miller Commons ~ \$5 per person/\$20 family please; All are welcome!**

Meat Loaf, Chicken Penne Alfredo, Italian Mashed\*, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans\*

\*gluten free

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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 23**

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" ends

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



# Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

Feb. 23-March 1, 2020

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### GRACE NOTES

February 23-March 1, 2020

AT A CONFERENCE, Dr. Harry Ironside, one of the great preachers of all time, was teaching on prayer. He wanted the audience to understand how and why so many of the prayers we pray are not answered in the way we want them! Listening in from the kitchen was their cook. She came out shyly and asked Dr. Ironside if she could say something. "Why, of course!"

"I know you all love my biscuits! There's a lot that goes into making them so delicious. I use a coarse salt. I use shortening. I use flour, some baking soda, some baking powder, a smidgeon of sugar, and I beat them together, roll them out, cut them up into pieces, and put them into a hot oven. Now, if I were to give you just the baking powder or flour, or the salt, you would spit it out in a hurry! If I were to give you just the dough, you would spit it out. God cuts our life into little pieces, and puts us into a hot oven so that we can rise! God takes situations like each of these ingredients and puts them together! In the end, we LOVE them! We ask for more just like them!"

We have a granddaughter, Jessica, who is a middle-school teacher in China. She was recently subjected to the CoronaVirus. Some of you have been praying with us, again and again, over these weeks for God's protection. Last Sunday, at this time, she arrived safely in NYC! Only now are we finding out what she really went through. Each "ingredient," tasted alone, would bring you to tears. Little do we know how each of our prayers, again and again, lifted her up.

Jessica's trial reminds me of the Gorse bush. It's branches bristle with long thorns, sticking out in all directions. The thorns harden and sharpen throughout the year, but come spring, halfway up each thorn, two brown furry balls appear and break into a gold blossom. The Gorse Bush becomes a blaze of glory! Take the hardest thing in your life ... pray, and pray again! God, I bring to You the trials of my life, trusting You to bring my soul into blossom at those very points of difficulty.



Arlita Winston



### 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 ...

### Service Pledge Sunday

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 add something new. 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.

### 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**.

### 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 Revs. Tony and Katie Sundermeier. [Register 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. REGISTRATION OPEN.

### 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](mailto:adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org) or visit [www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org/step-by-step-preschool).

### 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. Special Guest will be Rev. Scott Burkley (brother of Nancy Burkley). There will be NO Kids Groups or Family Dinner on Feb. 26. There WILL be Choristers rehearsal.

### Way 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, and informal evening worship service that features jazz musicians, this is an excellent opportunity to gather family, friends & neighbors! Bring a dish for the pot luck supper afterwards. Visit: [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).

### Are You a Christian or a Disciple?

**Saturday, Feb. 29** from 9-12 Noon (8:30 am continental breakfast). Speakers are Ed and Debby Gross who will speak about discipleship and discipleship.

### Facility Facelift

This week a professional crew has been at work painting the interior ceiling and walls of the sanctuary. Our Property crew of Ken Wehn, Steve Margerum and Steve Cashmer has been painting the Narthex and David Room to freshen the yards of worn trim and doors. After painting is complete we will have new carpet installed in the hallways from the office to the sanctuary, Narthex and pulpit. Very exciting improvements underway!

### SIGN UP for safe and secure automatic withdrawal. No more envelopes!

### PW Seeking Nominations

*Presbyterian Women:* Please nominate yourself or another for the position(s) of Moderator (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. Please contact [Susan Masiko](#) at 856-630-3253 or [Barbara Lewis](#) at 609-518-7420.

### Next Knitting Network: Mar. 7 in Rm. 8. All welcome!

**Annual Report for 2019**  
Copies of the [Annual Report](#) are available in the church office.

### Adult Education

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

### 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](http://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.

### Friday Nighters March 6

Please join Friday Nighters on **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** for a pot luck dinner at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The 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 4<sup>th</sup>** to Marian and Jim Hartshorne at 856-235-5442.

Have you signed up for a Lent Book Study group?

### 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.

### March Lunch Bunch Thursday, March 5 12 Noon

**Speaker: Stuart Spencer  
Corned Beef & Cabbage!**

### Making a Statement

Visit the church’s website Announcement page to see new Vision, Mission and Why Statements crafted to serve as our guides for all we do here.

### Nominations for Boards

The Nominations Committee is working hard to staff 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!](#)

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