First Baptist Church Moorestown
Worship Service
August 2, 2026

THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION:

"Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God" - Teilhard de Chardin

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." - Tagore

GATHERING MUSIC		FBC Worship Band
WORDS of GREETING and GRACE:		Rev. Jennifer Bradley
HYMN of PRAISE	**Holy Holy Holy**	Congregation Aaron Benfer, Worship Leader
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Stacey Lynn Williams
HAPPENINGS & OFFERINGS		Tom Tamburello
PRAYERS of the COMMUNITY		Scott Whitefleet
SCRIPTURE	**John 15:9-13**	Pam Sutton
MINISTRY OF MUSIC	**Loves Me Like A Rock**	Steve DiPilla
SERMON	**JOY - Seeking Being Sharing**	Rev. Jennifer Bradley
COMMUNION		Rev. Jennifer Bradley
CLOSING HYMN	**Here Comes the Sun**	Congregation Aaron Benfer, Worship Leader
BENEDICTION		Rev. Jennifer Bradley
POSTLUDE		FBC Worship Band

**Thank you Aaron Benford for leading us in worship this morning. We are very thankful that you have shared your musical talents with us.*

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WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for worship today. Please visit with us during coffee and refreshments which will be served in the 1st Floor lounge following worship.

THANK YOU

This week's Greeters are Adam Buck and Patrick O'Brien.
Next week's Greeters are Eufemio Pagan & Tom Tamburello.

This week's Coffee Hour Host will be none.
Next week's Coffee Hour host will be Michael Ostrow.
Please consider volunteering to provide
Simple Refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour.
Please sign up on the volunteer board in the 1st floor lounge.
Coffee Hour is held in the 1st floor Lounge after service.

PRAYER CONCERNS*

Please pray for:

Angelique Lyons - Mother health; Gloria Thorton-Peek - Healing; Lois Dinsmore - Healing; Bev Allegretti - Healing; Laureen Gibeau - Healing; Marilyn Raudenbush - Healing; Scott Alston friend Tim Randall - health; . Bev Bennett - Healing; Dinsmore's friend Fred Smith health; Van Perry - health; Debbie Murray - health; Courtney Robertson's mother Joan Nolan - health; Susan Roseboro - health; Lauren Jones' Aunt Joan and Uncle Chris - health; Ray Perry's sister Marilyn & Joanie Perry's sister Susan - health; Leila Morgan - healing; Lorene Moore - health; Ruth Reigens - health;

**If you have prayer requests or you would like to be removed from this list, please contact the church office at: fbcmoorestown@gmail.com*

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GIVING TO FBC MOORESTOWN

Please help support the ministries of First Baptist Church.
There are several ways you can give:

There are donation collection boxes at the top of the stairs on both sides of the sanctuary as you exit.

Donation envelopes are available for your use in the pews.

We do not pass a collection plate during the worship service. Checks may be mailed to the Church Office.

You can securely donate to the church online. You can click on the "Give to FBC" button at the top of the FBC website homepage (www.fbcmoorestown.org); or you can use your smartphone camera to scan this QR Code or web address:

https://firstbaptistchurchmoore.churchtrac.com/give

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Church Office Hours: Mon to Fri - 9:30am to 11:30am or leave a voice message (856)-235-1180

FBC CARE TEAM

Should you have any life concerns, prayer needs, or just need to talk to someone, please contact the church office at eMail: fbcmoorestown@gmail.com or phone; 856-235-1180. Your message will be forwarded to the Care Team and one of them will get back to you as soon as possible. - Care Team

FBC August Birthdays

Melissa Chu	Jennifer Kautz
Amy Hawthorne	Lisa Velesbir
Stacey Williams	Suzy Dinsmore Price
Danielle Dreier	Eufemio Pagan
Michael Ostrow	Cate Romano
Jim Danley	Jessica Figueroa
Hailey Gearhart	Sam Kirk
Adam Buck	Jerome Whitehead
Finn Hart	

Wishing all a Happy Birthday Month.
We are now celebrating birthdays by month instead of specific dates to assist in protecting personal information. If we do not have your birthday, or you would like to add a family member's birthday, or have yours removed please contact the church office at: +1 856-235-1180 or at fbcmoorestown@gmail.com.

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Consider volunteering to provide refreshments for Sunday Coffee Hour.

There are many Sundays available now.

Please sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Lounge

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FOOD PANTRY

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Moorestown

Please remember the Food Pantry this week.

Non-perishable food items may be brought to church on Sundays. They may be placed in the Food Pantry Cart in the foyer, left in the yellow & black bin next to the breezeway ramp door, or beside the pantry room door on the lower level any day of the week.

Financial donations are always welcome. A check or cash can be put into a giving envelope and then into the offering boxes.

During the week of July 13th, we fed 242 people, including 55 children and 67 seniors.
During the week of July 20th, we fed 227 people, including 63 children and 46 seniors.

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LETTING GO

"We must be willing to let go of the life we have planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us." -E.M.Forster

It's so difficult to let go of things, situations, events that have shaped our lives. We need to make peace with what was and a clear decision not to carry this weight forever, and to move on with a purpose.

We hold on to the familiar, but this stops our growth and doesn't really have a reasonable purpose.

Releasing the past can make room for real healing, gratitude and a kinder, honest relationship with ourselves.

Strength isn't measured by endurance alone, to me it's measured by the ability to release..letting go!

Accept that not everything can be fixed, and every loss doesn't need to be carried endlessly. It would be an act of courage to choose peace over resentment and regret.

I wish you the peace that you're looking for.

Jo's Corner

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Moorestown Living Magazine

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MOORESTOWN

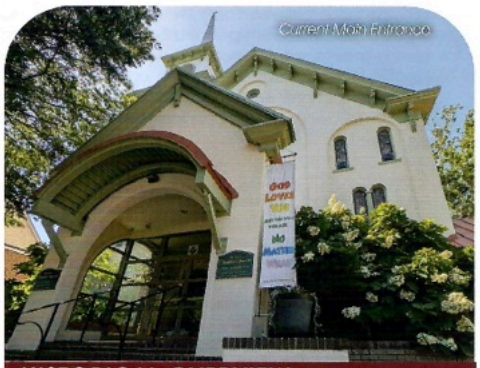
Where History Nourishes the Community

BY JANET TUMELTY AND SANDY LEHR

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MOORESTOWN

For over 180 years, First Baptist Church of Moorestown (FBCM) has welcomed people on Main Street and offered a spiritual home to all. The church focuses on serving the community and calls itself "the church in the heart of the community with community at its heart". The congregation feels blessed to partner with Moorestown Township and others who serve local communities. This partnership is evident in their food pantry, one of three in town, staffed by congregational and community volunteers. What began in the early 2000s with a card table and a few non-perishable items now feeds hundreds of people each week.

As part of the Moorestown Historic District, the church has invested in numerous upgrades, expansions, and repairs to preserve its historic building and continue serving the community today.



HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

1837–1838: Founding and Original Construction

The First Baptist Church congregation was formed in 1837. They bought the property for $500, and members built the church themselves, even hand-digging the basement. The building was dedicated in 1838.

1871: Major Reconstruction

The current structure was built in 1871 by William LeConey. This renovation introduced the front-gabled façade, side tower, stained-glass windows, and stucco-over-brick construction, all hallmarks of the Romanesque Revival style.

Cemetery

The historic cemetery behind the church was created in the late 1800s and is one of only two churchyard burial grounds in Moorestown.

20th-Century Updates

The building remained largely unchanged until the 1960s, when a welcoming new entrance and portico were added. Later, a larger rear addition and updated sanctuary allowed the church to accommodate a growing congregation.

2005: Welcoming All

To be fully welcoming to all, the church secured a $1.2 million mortgage to make the entire building ADA-compliant, adding an elevator, ramps, and wheelchair access throughout.

Present Day Renovations

The church's kitchen, which hasn't had working stoves and ovens in years, is being renovated to better support the thriving Food Bank, which continues to serve more than 200 individuals weekly. As food insecurity increases, FBCM wants to expand its outreach by cooking meals for pantry guests and their families. During renovations, they've discovered that the mortar between the fieldstones has crumbled and that the foundation needs strengthening before the project can continue. Repair estimates are currently beyond their budget, so the project is on hold. Throughout this entire process and its roadblocks, the pantry has remained open, serving the community.

As *First Baptist Church of Moorestown* continues its long tradition of welcoming all, many have asked how they can support the growing Food Bank and Kitchen Project. **To learn more or to support this work, visit the church's website at www.fbcmoorestown.org or email fbcmoorestown@gmail.com.**

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Gloria "COACH" Peek was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

On Saturday, July 18, 2026, Convention Days, Inc. marked the 178th anniversary of the 1848 women's rights convention in Seneca Falls with a series of historical programs, living history performances, and appearances by distinguished trailblazers. Special guests included 101-year-old "Rosie the Riveter" Mary Masciangelo, and pioneering Olympic boxing coach Gloria "Coach" Peek.

Over her 50-year career, Coach Peek broke through historical barriers in a male-dominated sport, paving the way for thousands of youths and adults. Gloria Thornton-Peek made history as the first female Olympic boxing coach, guiding Claressa Shields to a gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

Pictured above: Gloria Peek, Robbie Thornton-Peek and "Rosie the Riveter" Mary Masciangelo

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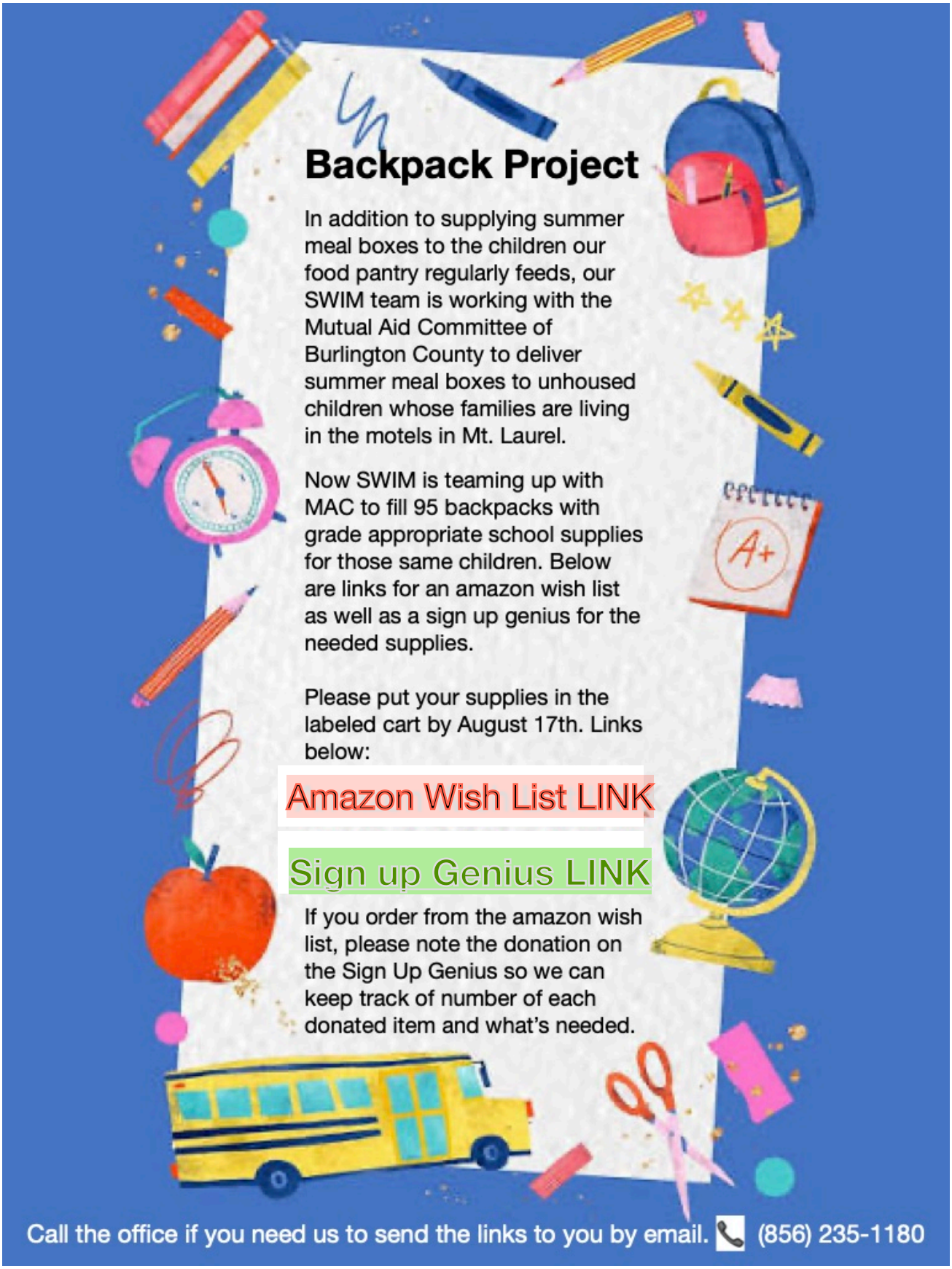

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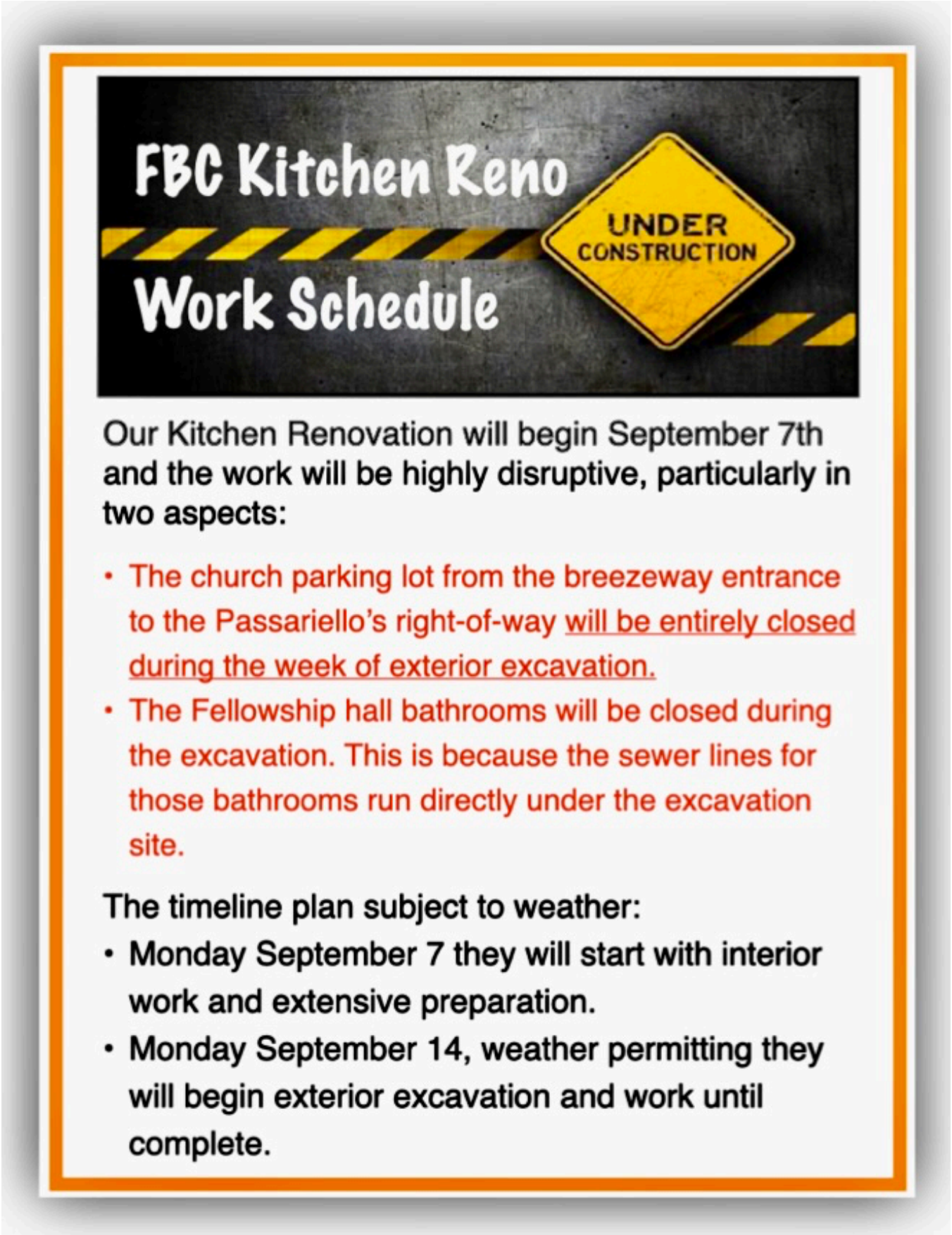

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