



We miss you! Be happy! Kick back and soak up the summer ...



### Youth Ministry

Pastor Stuart is pleased to announce that Interim Youth Director **Dave Fauvell**, who moved into the position with the departure of Dan Wonneberger, will be staying on in that capacity through the fall. We are grateful to Dave, who teaches Photography at Moorestown High School, for the creative, virtual programming he has undertaken with our middle school and high school youth. This fall will look different and staff is exploring healthy options for in-person meetings, virtual gatherings and possibly CREDO confirmation. Stay tuned.



- 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

## Sermon Series Memory Verse

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*  
(2 Corinthians 5:7, NRSV)

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### NEW Family Series: “Find Your Slow Summer”

As the last few weeks of summer arrive, our children’s programming harnesses this sunny, carefree time with a new weekly series: “Find Your Slow Summer.” Like our earlier series *Guide to the Most Okayest Summer Ever*, this series comes from saltproject. We love these series because they focus on intentionally stopping and noticing the blessings we already have around us. They do not require any purchasing of materials or even unusual props, just mostly things God has already placed in our lives to enjoy — especially each other. Please reach out to Holly Ascitutto or Rachel Scarborough with any questions. Kick off your shoes and dive in!



### Would you like to be a part of a Parent Prayer Group?

Please let Director of Children’s Ministries Holly Ascitutto know if you would be interested in joining a virtual Parent Prayer focus group that will center on praying for our children this coming school year. Contact Holly at: [hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org) or (856) 235-1688, Ext. 116.

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

#### COVID-19 Advisory

**The church campus is CLOSED.**

Join us from the safety of your home for a live stream worship service Sunday morning at **9:30 a.m.** This blended service streams live from the sanctuary and participants observe strict physical distancing. Log on from computer, phone or tablet to [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) (see page 2). The service is also posted later in the week to our website.

“Connections” is published weekly for Sunday worship and every two weeks in the summer. Please submit information by **noon Tuesdays** to:  
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[jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:jmartin@fpcmoorestown.org)  
856-235-1688, Ext. 133

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



# Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

August 9-23, 2020

### Way of the Week 8 (Aug. 9-16)

**8. JUMP IN.** Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See “disruptions” as invitations to share Christ’s love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.



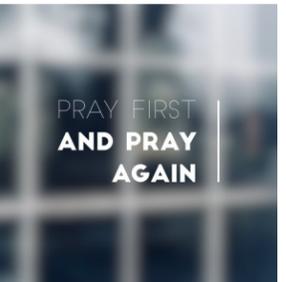
- ⇒ *O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*
- ⇒ *What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well” – but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (James 2: 14–17)*
- ⇒ *Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. (1 John 3: 18)*

**Ideas for Action:** Practice one of the actions listed in this week’s description: Write a note, visit someone who lives alone, and/or share a meal.

[Watch the Way of the Week 6 Video from Ann McBride](#)

### Way of the Week 9 (Aug. 16-23)

**9. PRAY FIRST AND PRAY AGAIN.** Ask *first* for God’s guidance and blessing in everything you do. Through prayer, ask for wisdom and for God’s will to be done. Pray for others as well, that God’s love and blessing would be revealed to them in good times and in bad.



- ⇒ *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3: 5, 6)*
- ⇒ *May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.” (Matt. 6: 10)*
- ⇒ *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. (Ephesians 6: 18)*

**Ideas for Action:** On your next walk, run, or in your quiet time, intentionally pray for neighbors, other churches, schools, EMTs, police and fire personnel, and local officials. If you’re stalled in your prayer life, reach out to one of the pastors or a member of the Prayer Team for a suggestion.

**Videos: Round 4 Ways**

Each week we are featuring an individual presenting the Way of the Week, sharing a video of his or her thoughts and a personal illustration about that fundamental. Videos should be 2-3 minutes and will be posted to our YouTube channel and linked to bulletins and *Connections*. **If you'd like to provide one, please do!** Contact [Jan Martin](#) in the church office and select your favorite Way. Children AND adults encouraged.

**Worship Live Stream**

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning
- ◆ 7:00 p.m. Thursday evening Prayer Service

Log on from your computer, smartphone or tablet:

1. [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)
2. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
3. [Our Facebook page](#)

**Set up online giving for one-time and recurring gifts**

**Looking for Audio Visual Volunteers**

Our Audio Visual Team is looking for several volunteers aged high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship, which currently broadcasts from the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

We will train you on this exciting new technology; vMix software, camera operation and audio. You would serve in a rotation and therefore be needed every few weeks or so.

Please contact Steve Draszcz (pronounced Dr-AH-sh) at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com) or Hank Heidler at [hrheidler@comcast.net](mailto:hrheidler@comcast.net) if you're interested.

**And The Survey Says ...**

Recently the congregation was surveyed regarding its views on a return to in-person worship. View the results on our Friday eblast or website announcements.



**Book Club Aug. 17 (Zoom)**

The fourth book in our Book Club is *Sitting in the Circus* by Blair Quinius. Quinius shares the stories he's lived and witness in the city of Copán Ruinas. His journey began with one small, big step—moving to Honduras—and continues today. Log on to Zoom at 6:00 pm.

**Zoom Meeting ID and Password:**

Meeting ID: 836 9588 8226

Password: 9FqaKf



**Prayer Team Zoom**

The FPC Moorestown Prayer Team invites you to pray with them through Zoom. Join others at one of the Prayer Times by clicking the [REGISTER](#) button on the FPC website (Events) to complete a Meeting ID request. A member of the Prayer Team will email you a Zoom Meeting ID link and password. Would you like to pray with others at a time/day not listed? TEXT the Prayer Chain Support number, **609-923-4135** or make a note in the comments box on the REGISTER form.

**New Ways Study Guide**

An updated study guide has been created to review each Way, applicable Bible verses and new Ideas for Action. Look for an online [copy of this Study Guide](#) to download. For a hard copy, simply call the church office at (856) 235-1688 and leave a message. Our campus remains closed but we can arrange for you to pick one up by appointment.

**Prayer Walk**

**What?** Prayer Walk for our families, neighborhoods, communities, churches, businesses, schools, government. [Register online on the church website](#)

**Why?** Pray for relationships, equity, prosperity, salvation, God's help and peace ... and revival -- turning to Him in our needs, with praise/gratitude

**When?** Saturday, August 22 – 9:00 a.m. gathering; walk or drive

**Where?** Each person/pair/family chooses their own route: their neighborhood, shopping/business district, the schools, the government buildings, churches. Meet at our Prayer Labyrinth at 9 am

**Pastor Vacation**

Pastor Stuart will be away on vacation from August 9-24, returning to the office Aug. 25. For pastoral care or other concerns, please contact [Kelly LePenske](#) (Ext. 102) or [Jan Martin](#) (Ext. 133) at the church office (856) 235-1688.

**August Session Meeting  
Tuesday, August 25  
(reports due Aug. 21)**

**Outdoor Worship Begins  
August 30 (8:30 a.m.)**

Session recently approved a recommendation for an 8:30 a.m. Sunday outdoor worship service to be held in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and Sanctuary, near the Blessing Box. The service will be 30-35 minutes with an abbreviated Order of Worship.

This is an outside event and weather dependent. Worshipers will stand, bring their own lawn chairs and/or sit in a parked car. There will be no access to church buildings or restrooms. Masks are required on church grounds and physical distancing will be strictly observed. We'll likely maintain this schedule through October, taking advantage of beautiful weather. [Watch for more details](#) as we thoughtfully plan this return to a healthy and safe worship experience. The 9:30 a.m. live stream will remain unchanged.

**Fall Kickoff  
Sunday, September 13  
9:30 a.m.  
Worship on the Lawn**

**Sermon Series**

From Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>, the pastoral staff preaches a series of sermons called, "Walking the JT (Jesus Trail)" based on the narrative of Abraham and Sarah from Genesis 12 to Genesis 22.

Hearing and believing the incredible and impossible call of God to begin a family at an advanced age and go to land not their own, Sarah and Abraham traveled by stages to the promise. (Genesis 12:9) Their walk is much like walking the Appalachian Trail (AT). The journey is long and often exhausting. However, this is an enduring picture of the life of faith and another view of the following Jesus as disciples.

Thank you to our gifted Audio Visual crew for recording, editing and producing our worship events and Sunday live stream. [Even in a power outage!](#)

**Financial Statements Available**

REMINDER: Copies of giving statements are available at any time by contacting Norm Vandergrift at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112 or [nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:nvandergrift@fpcmoorestown.org). Thank you for remaining current with your pledged giving. Year-end statements are mailed in January.



**FPC Cemetery Records Now Online**

Finding the grave of a loved one can be challenging. FPC Moorestown's NEW online search makes it easy for you to locate your loved ones who are interred in our cemetery. No longer must one depend on office hours to speak with staff or our volunteer Cemetery Administrator, just visit the [fpcmoorestown.org](http://fpcmoorestown.org) homepage, scroll to Cemetery Online and follow the easy directions. Or click this link: <https://www.cemify.com/cem/moorestown>

**Meet Seminary Intern  
Bethany Douglass**

Bethany Douglass will join our staff in September. She's seeking ordination in the PC-USA and begins her final year at Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. Before moving East, Beth worked as a writer for World Vision in the Pacific Northwest. She earned her Bachelor's in Communications and Journalism at Seattle Pacific University, and is a Master of Divinity (MDiv) student at Princeton. You'll likely find her studying at a cafe, drinking coffee, or looking for new Asian food to try. She loves our church's focus on education, mission, community and worship, and is excited for her year with us.



**Job Opening**

First United Methodist Church of Moorestown is looking for a part-time Membership/Financial Secretary. If you're interested please contact Joan Flamini at (856) 235-0450; [Joan@meetwithgod.com](mailto:Joan@meetwithgod.com).