



We hope you're connecting and praying and giggling and smiling

"Great and Small" Guide

FPC Families, here are the upcoming issues of the "Great and Small Guide." The activity plan concludes on July 29!

Week 5 (Wednesday, July 22)

Time to REST

[Read this week's complete activity](#)

Week 6 (Wednesday, July 29)

Nighttime Adventures

[Read this week's complete activity](#)

Crossing Zone Fun!

Hey Crossing Zone! Don't Forget our Crossing Zone Zoom meetings each Wednesday night! Dates coming up are:

⇒ Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.

⇒ Wednesday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m.



Contact Holly for information at cell/text (609) 273-7465 or hasciutto@fpcmoorestown.org.

Sermon Series Memory Verse

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

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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

Vacation Bible School Cancelled: A Note from Holly Ascitutto

It is with much sadness that we announce the cancellation of our Vacation Bible School for this year. For many years we have shown many children the joy of salvation and the Love that Jesus has for them in a multi layered program that includes music, crafts, missions, recreation and the Word of God. Unfortunately, and beyond our control, the guidelines imposed to put on this program in a safe and healthy manner would restrict our ability to make the program meaningful to them this year. Furthermore, having such a program, could still expose our children, volunteers and staff to contracting the COVID-19 virus, and that is the last thing that we would ever want to happen. We will as a Church continue to pray for our families and children that God will bless you and keep you safe. We hope to see you next year! - Holly Ascitutto, Director of Family and Children's Ministries



"Great and Small" — Guide to the Most Okayest Summer Ever



Throughout the summer as part of our Family Ministry, FPC Moorestown families have been enjoying a six-week summer activity guide called "Great and Small," Guide to the Most Okayest Summer Ever written by the saltproject.org. Each week, there have been several activities to try as a family. We hope our families can take this time to rest and connect deeper with each other and God our creator. The program concludes on Wednesday, July 29.

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



Connections



First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

July 26-August 9, 2020

Way of the Week 6 (July 26-Aug. 2)

6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.



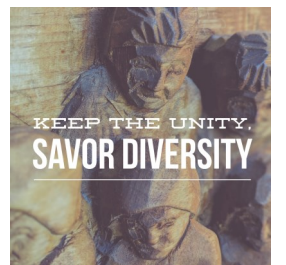
- ⇒ *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6: 13, 14)*
- ⇒ *Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. (Ephesians 4: 31)*
- ⇒ *Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. (Colossians 3: 13)*

Ideas for Action: Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

[Watch the Way of the Week 6 Video from Chris Palmer](#)

Way of the Week 7 (August 2-9)

7. CELEBRATE OUR UNITY, SAVOR OUR DIVERSITY. Thank God that, like parts of the human body, we're not all the same. Be open to learn from others, regardless of their age, background, experience, or tenure with our church. We make better decisions and grow as people when we consider multiple perspectives. Listen with curiosity to others and consider how to use their ideas.



- ⇒ *Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. (Ephesians 4: 3 – 4)*
- ⇒ *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in harmony! (Psalm 133: 4)*
- ⇒ *Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. (Romans 12: 3 – 5)*

Ideas for Action: Seek out someone from a different background, culture or race and meet three or four times to get to know their lives and stories. Pray with them for racial and social healing.

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
2. www.youtube.com
3. [Our Facebook page](#)

Set up online giving for one-time and recurring gifts

Summer Sermon Series

From Sunday, July 12th to August 30th, 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.

Memory Verse: "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7, NRSV)

And The Survey Says ...

Everyone on our email list is asked to reply to the recently sent Communications Team survey by **Thursday, July 30**. The seven questions you are asked to answer will help us "measure the pulse" of our congregation regarding returning to in-person Worship and having mutual respect for everyone's health and safety during this COVID pandemic. Thank you!



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 Walks

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? Sat. July 25 / Sat. Aug. 22 – 9 am 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

**We're all in this together.
Wash your hands, keep your
distance and mask up!**

Meet Seminary Intern Bethany Douglass

Bethany Douglass, our seminary intern for 2020-2021, will join our staff in September. She's seeking ordination in the PC-USA and will begin her final year at Princeton Theological Seminary this fall. Before moving East, Beth worked as a writer for World Vision in the Pacific Northwest. Born and raised in Seattle, Beth earned her Bachelor's in Communications and Journalism at Seattle Pacific University. She is a Master of Divinity (MDiv) student at Princeton, and previously worked as a writer and editor. She spent the summer of 2019 in India and loves learning from Christians who come from a variety of communities and cultural backgrounds. You'll likely find her studying at a cafe, drinking strong coffee, or looking for new Asian food to try. She loves First Presbyterian's focus on mission, education, worship, and community and is excited to spend the year with us. This summer Beth is doing hospital chaplaincy work in Washington State. Welcome Beth!



Task Forces Address Reopening Questions

Task forces appointed by Session and the Long Range Planning team continue to study, discuss recommendations, research and investigate the multi-faceted impact of reopening. Areas of emphasis include personal health and safety, logistics, Sunday worship, small groups, staff protocol and outside building usage. Administration is balancing directives from local, state, and national bodies. No date has been determined for a reopening of worship or activities.

July Session Meeting Tuesday, July 28

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. Thank you for remaining current with your pledged giving. Year-end statements are mailed in January.

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.



Moment for Mission (Zoom) with Pastor Leon

Join the Mission Committee Monday, July 27th at 7:00 pm via Zoom for a Moment for Mission with Pastor Leon Dorleans, founder of [Haiti Outreach Ministries](#). Spend 30 minutes learning about how the ministry is coping during the COVID-19 pandemic. Haiti Outreach Ministries began in 1990 with Leon as the founding director. Over the last 25 years, Leon has led HOM on the ground in Haiti, leading efforts to build churches, schools and clinics as well as developing the leaders in Haiti needed to sustain the ministry. His wife Jacky is the superintendent of all primary schools with an enrollment of more than 1,300 students and a new secondary school in Baryé Fé, which opened in Sept. 2015.

Zoom info:

- Meeting ID: 830 4142 8513
- Password: 2fbMLf
- [Zoom link here](#)

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 a need to depend on office hours to speak with staff or our volunteer Cemetery Administrator, just visit the fpcmoorestown.org homepage, scroll to Cemetery Online and follow the easy directions. Or click this link: <https://www.cemify.com/cem/moorestown>