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

COVID-19 Advisory

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 3). 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

September 20-27, 2020

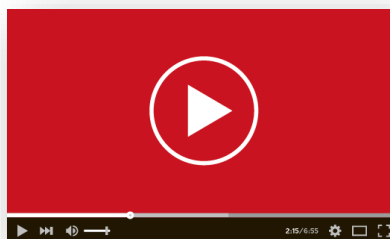
Way of the Week 14 (September 20-27)

ENCOURAGE OTHERS to step into leadership by sharing responsibilities and mentoring. Let go of the jobs you've always done and allow new leaders to emerge. Remember that our youth and young adults are not solely the future of our church but are vitally important for our present.



- ◆ *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19, 20)*
- ◆ *He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9: 37, 38)*
- ◆ *Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (1 Timothy 4: 12)*

Ideas for Action: As you consider whatever it is that you do regularly here, keep a look out for a younger person or a new member to invite to join you in the task. If the job requires training or coaching, offer it. Look to let go and hand off.



[Watch the Way of the Week Video from Dave Fauvell](#)



As part of our Fall Kickoff, we've launched our newly-designed website. Be sure and take a look at www.fpcmoorestown.org! It's a beautifully designed showcase of our ministry.

"Thankful" for PW

Friends of FPC, please consider a donation to the Thank offering. The Thank Offering is collected before the Fall Gathering. In 1888, Eliza Clokey urged each woman to give one extra dollar to their contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of No. America as a "thank offering to her Lord." This special collection was credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church. This year 15 projects were funded (13 in the US, 2 outside, in Ethiopia and the Dem. Rep. of the Congo. In accordance with the by-laws, 40% are related to health. In our PW Synod, the Family Promise program will receive monies to help renovate a building for use as a day resource center and emergency overnight facility. If you are so led, please send a check to our church, Attn: Norman Vandergrift, with "PW Thank Offering" on the memo line. THANK YOU for your generous giving.

Adult Spiritual Formation

- Please welcome our seminary intern [Beth Douglass](#), later this month. Beth will be leading an online Bible study starting in October. Stay tuned!
- Beginning October 5th, tune in from home for the [\(Un\)simple Truth](#), a monthly Zoom conversation on the first Monday of every month (7-8 pm), featuring Christian authors, pastors and professors from around the country!

Happy 132nd Birthday

In honor of the church's founding on September 12, 1888, members are encouraged to donate to the future of FPC Moorestown by giving to the September 12 endowment fund. The fund is invested to earn income which helps to support the needs of our church. Look for a mailed letter from the pastor about this special opportunity to [support our legacy](#).

In-Person Worship

We are safely gathering for in-person outdoor worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). Worship is held in the courtyard outside the Commons Lobby by the Blessing Box. Worship lasts about 30-35 minutes, including live music, prayer and a sermon. Please wear a mask, bring your own chair, and practice physical distancing. Restrooms and the church building are closed. Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow for new health and safety protocols. **All participants must register. See the REGISTER tab on the [Events page on our website](#).** Before arriving, please complete a Waiver (one per FAMILY) and Health Screening Questionnaire (one per PERSON). These can easily be done ONLINE. Forms need to be completed just ONCE, unless there are changes from an earlier attendance. **If registration is closed, walk-ups are welcomed! Registration is open from 12 Noon Monday-3:00 pm Friday.**

Fall Gathering Presented by PW Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 pm (Zoom)

The Women of the Church invite members and friends to the Fall Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, hosted by Presbyterian Women via Zoom. Men and women of ALL AGES are welcome!! Our featured speaker will be Pam Main. There will be a short business meeting, then we will be treated to an inspirational message from Pam, based on this year's PW study: "Into the Light ... Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament." **Let it Out!**

⇒ www.zoom.com

⇒ **Meeting ID:** 847 0075 6516

⇒ **Passcode:** 4wQ7WT

The Church Has Left the Building

On **October 25**, we are leaving the building. Literally. Our church-wide mission project has been redesigned to reflect the global pandemic, and this year, all activities will be safely done off-site. We have added more projects to make up for the loss of our major project Rise Against Hunger and encourage families to work together on larger projects such as food drives. There will be lots of fun projects that individuals and shut-ins can do with minimal amounts of effort such as card writing to missionaries and those who need encouragement.

We are looking for leaders for several projects. Are you interested? Please contact Linda Jagiela at missions@fpcmoorestown.org and she'll find a good fit for you.

September Missions Book Club (Zoom)

Join us on **Sept. 28** (NOTE NEW DATE) at 6:00 p.m. for the Missions Book Club discussing "Dinner at Six" by Helen Hudson. This work grew out of the author's experience as a volunteer in a group of soup kitchens known as the Center City Soup Kitchens. Her focus is on the individuals - who they are, where they came from, what brought them in, how they feel about it, and how they cope with hardships and humiliations.

To participate in the call:

www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 836 9588 8226

Passcode: 9FqKf

Join the Audio Visual Team

Our Audio Visual Team is looking for volunteers aged high school or older to learn our new multi-camera system and audio for the Sunday morning live stream worship (9:30 am). We will train you. Contact Steve Drzaszcz at steve@gotsteve.com or Hank Heidler at hrheidler@comcast.net.

Give Electronically

Please consider taking advantage of [online giving](#) — a safe, secure automatic withdrawal. It's simple to sign up. No more writing checks or searching for offering envelopes! Set up e-giving for one-time and recurring gifts to the church, and give right from your phone with the [Church Center app](#). The church never sees your bank information. Need help getting started? Contact [Norm Vandergrift](#) at (856) 235-1688, Ext. 112.

We Give to the Lord

It's Coming! Save the Date for **Sunday, October 18** when we will celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life. This year our stewardship campaign will look a little different due to our current world. *Estimate of Giving* cards will be MAILED to all members so that households may prayerfully (and safely) indicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord's Work. Members may also fill them out online. **We will all be together at home for ONE 9:30 a.m. live stream service**, where we will welcome an engaging speaker Dr. Shane Berg from Princeton Theological Seminary. Our sermon series "Giving Lessons" begins Sept. 27 to provide a biblical framework. As we do traditionally, we are offering a meaningful way to dedicate your pledges. From 10:45-12:00 p.m., take part in a contact-free Drive-Up Dedication Parade where you can dedicate your gifts safely from your car. Members of the Stewardship team will receive your sealed Estimate of Giving envelope given through your car window, and Stuart and Kelly will offer a personal prayer of thanksgiving for each arriving household. Watch your mail for additional information!

Friday Nighters

Friday Nighters events are ON HOLD for this year due to current COVID-19 conditions. The group may potentially look at returning to events in the spring.

The Return: A National Day of Prayer and Repentance

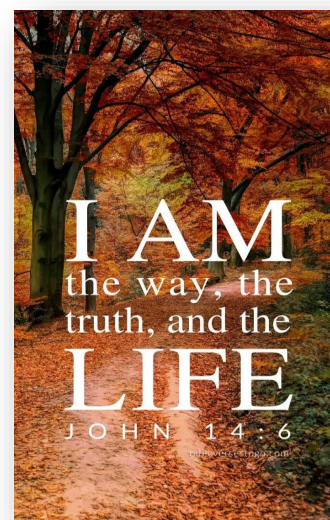
The Return is a movement, an appointed time and a specific day set apart for one purpose: the return to God by coming before His presence in humility, in sincerity in prayer, and repentance. The movement will continue through 2020, and its central day will be **Saturday, Sept. 26** on the National Mall and throughout the nation and world. There are many ways to participate. Join the simulcast! Download and pray through the extensive [Prayer Guide](#). Stop by the Devote table at today's Ministry Fair. Contact [Joyce Peacock](#) or any member of the Prayer team. Visit TheReturnWebsite.org.

Watching Worship

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

Log on from your computer, smartphone or tablet:

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



FAMILY MINISTRY

God bless you as you adjust to your in-person or online school experience. You've got this.



Join us for our **Kick Off Kick Off!** We'll be doing a kickball home run derby and hanging out. Bring some food, a blanket, a chair and get ready to spend some quality socially distant time with everyone! We've got lots of drinks and snack! **Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-3 p.m.**, meet in the field next to our parking lot. Masks required. Contact Dave Fauvell at dfauvell52@gmail.com for more information.



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

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

For Families and Children:
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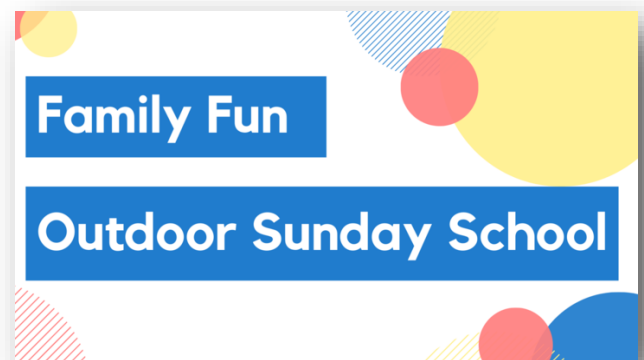
For Families and Youth:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 (cell/text)
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NEW: Family Fun Outdoor Sunday School

Every Sunday from 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Starting **September 27-October 16th**

Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, FUN!

This is for families with children in K-6th grades. Children must be accompanied by a parent the entire time. Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on and wear a mask. Registration and waivers will be required. **We can't wait to see you!** [Sign up online](#) on our website event page!



Step By Step Christian Preschool is Open!



Our preschool opened for the 2020-21 year on Thursday, Sept. 17 and the school has already received compliments from parents whose children had a wonderful time. People are so happy to be back to some type of normal. HUGE KUDOS to Amy Delgado, Holly Asciutto, Ken Wehn and the Property Crew, Earl Gage, our teachers (several new) and many others who worked tirelessly over the summer to make this opening possible. This year will look very different due to state guidelines but we will be safe, creative and immersed in a warm, loving Christian environment.