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

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

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

Connections

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Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2020

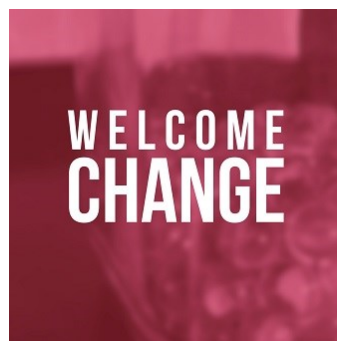
Way of the Week 15 (September 27-October 4)

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing a new thing.

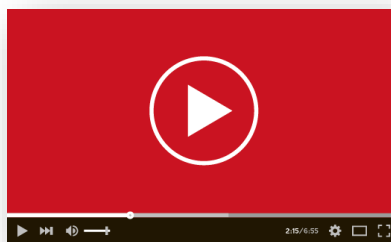
⇒ *And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins. (Mark 2: 22)*

⇒ *And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21: 6)*

⇒ *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5: 17)*



Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.



[Watch the Way of the Week Video from Linda Jagiela](#)



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.



Adult Spiritual Formation

- 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! Invite your friends across the country to join in. It's not easy to follow Christ in a world of polarizing extremes. How do we love God and our neighbors in a time when cancel culture and divisive rhetoric are the norm? October's guest is Rev. Dr. Michael Bruner, author, professor and teacher. [See our event page on our website.](#)
- Please welcome our seminary intern [Beth Douglass](#), later this month. Beth is a senior at Princeton Theological Seminary, and will be leading an online Bible study starting in October. Stay tuned!

In-Person Outdoor Worship Concludes Oct. 11

We are safely gathering for in-person outdoor worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. **Our last outdoor worship will be Sunday, Oct. 11.** Worship is held in the courtyard outside the Commons Lobby and lasts about 40 minutes. 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 and Health Screening Questionnaire; please fill them out 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.**

The Church Has Left the Building

On **October 25**, we are leaving the building. Literally. Our church-wide mission project has been re-designed 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. *There will be NO worship on October 25 so that the entire congregation can participate.* Watch for more news!

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.

Seminary Intern Bethany Douglass

Please welcome Beth Douglass to our staff. Beth is a Master of Divinity student at Princeton Seminary, seeking ordination in the PC-USA. Before moving East, Beth worked as a writer/editor for World Vision in the Pacific Northwest. Born and raised in Seattle, WA, she earned her Bachelor's in Communications/Journalism at Seattle Pacific University. This past summer she did hospital chaplaincy work in Washington State. Beth spent the summer of 2019 in India and loves learning from Christians who come from a variety of communities and cultures. You'll likely find her studying at a cafe, drinking strong coffee, or looking for new Asian food to try. She will be leading an online class for us and taking part virtually in worship services.

A Call to Prayer and Fasting

Join Pastor Stuart Spencer on Thursdays for a day of full or partial fasting from Sept. 24-Dec. 17. However or whenever you fast on Thursdays, be sure to participate in our Evening Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to fast for medical reasons, plan to make Thursday a special day of prayer for yourself, our church and our nation. If there are medical or health reasons that prohibit you from fasting, please do not fast. If you're uncertain, consult your doctor before fasting.

Download [fasting resources](#) from our website Events page, our website, Facebook page or website Sermon Series page.

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:** 9FqaKf

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](#)

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

Please make plans to virtually attend 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sunday, October 18** when we will celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life. In some ways, stewardship will look a little different this year and, in some ways, will look just the same. Our stewardship series "Giving Lessons" begins Sept. 27 to provide a biblical framework, and members will offer personal testimony. In early October, *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 submit them 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, and **together** as an act of worship, complete our giving pledge.

As we do traditionally, we offer a meaningful way to dedicate your pledge (COVID style!). From 10:45-12:00 p.m. that morning, 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

The Friday Nighters Board met on Sept 20 and decided to suspend all activities until October 2021.

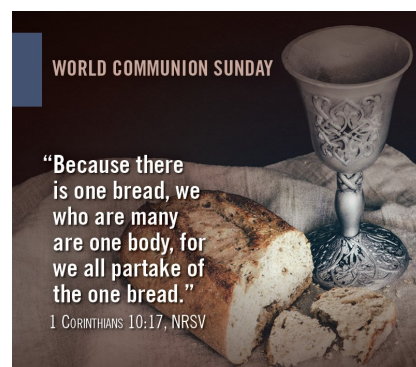
Stephen Ministry

Even during the pandemic your Stephen Ministers are still working with care receivers sometimes by telephone, sometimes by video and sometimes even in person outside and at a distance. We hope to start a new class of Stephen Ministers by Zoom in January. So if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or are in need of a Stephen Minister, contact Doris Kahley at d.kahley@verizon.net or 609-261-8474. Questions? Reach out.



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.



FAMILY MINISTRY

We are having such fun with our Wednesday Zoom events!



We had a blast at our **Kick Off Kick Off!** Hope you were here. We had the world's longest extension cord to be able to watch the Eagles game from the back of Dave's car out in the field!



Stay tuned to this space, our youth Instagram account and texts for upcoming youth events. Contact Dave Fauvell at dfauvell52@gmail.com for questions.

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

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

For Families and Children:
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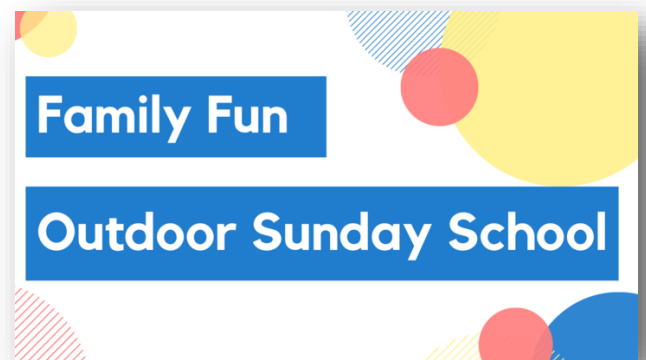
For Families and Youth:
Dave Fauvell
609-980-7885 (cell/text)
dfauvell@fpcmoorestown.org

Family Fun Outdoor Sunday School

Every Sunday from 11:00-11:45 a.m.
TODAY! 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.