

# FAMILY MINISTRY

Virtual hugs to our children, youth and families. We miss you!



**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

Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you.  
- 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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## Family Series "Find Your Slow Summer" Ends

This week is the [final installment](#) of our family ministry series, "Find Your Slow Summer." As summer bids adieu and school years begin, with new challenges and opportunities, our children's programming has harnessed this sunny, care-free season. 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. Stay tuned for more fun things coming your way this year!



## 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](#) 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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856-235-1688, Ext. 133

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



# Connections



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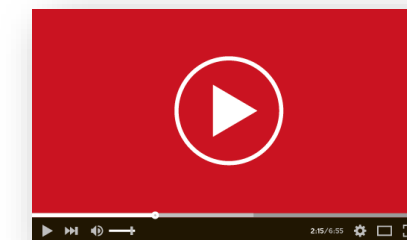
September 6-13, 2020

## Way of the Week 12 (September 6-13)

**12. OWN OUR CHURCH.** The work of the church isn't defined by pastors and staff alone; it comes from each member actively participating in the life of Jesus Christ. Claim ownership of FPC Moorestown's mission, programs, and property. Each is an expression of how God is working among us! Support others. Be informed. Volunteer for a new role. Live like you're the church — because you are!

- ◆ All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12: 27)
- ◆ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. (1 Corinthians 12: 26)

**Ideas for Action:** Spend a few minutes on our website to learn about some aspect of our ministry or mission that's new or unknown to you. Fuel your curiosity and consider getting involved in an area of ministry that brings you joy!



[Watch the Way of the Week Video from Chris Catanella & Pat Joyner](#)  
(thank you to our young videographers Brady and Bryce Catanella)

Please welcome our seminary intern, Beth Douglass, later this month. Beth will be leading an online Bible study starting in October. Stay tuned!

### Fall Kickoff and Ministry Fair

We will kickoff our program year with a combined 9:30 a.m. worship on **Sept. 13** at the sanctuary steps. Bring your own chair or blanket, and revel in a safe way to be together. Masks and reservations required. There will be NO 8:30 a.m. worship that morning. **Online reservations open at 12 noon Monday, Sept. 7 and close 3:00 pm Friday, Sept. 11.**

After worship, explore opportunities to *Connect. Devote. Serve. Worship* at an abbreviated Ministry Fair. This year due to limitations, several tables will be set up outside in the courtyard between the Commons Lobby and the Sanctuary allowing for safe distancing. For questions please contact Kelly LePenske at 856-235-1688, x101; [klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org](mailto:klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org).

### Fall Kickoff **9:30 a.m. (one service)** **Worship on the Lawn**

### Welcome Dr. Thomas Kort

We warmly welcome The Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort to the pulpit on Sept. 6 to our 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services. After 42 years in ministry as a senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Kort retired in 2015 – for two weeks – before accepting the invitation of his alma mater Princeton Seminary to the position of Associate Vice President for Advancement, where he engages with alums and congregations.

He graduated from Slippery Rock State University in PA, and pursued graduate studies in Counseling at the University of Pittsburgh before being called to the seminary. A gifted minister, Dr. Kort served congregations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina for 42 years as a senior pastor.

### 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](#).

### Fall Adult Education

What does it mean to experience a sense of joy and peace even through times of trouble? How do you follow Christ in a broken world? Join Dick & Lissa Herman in exploring these questions and others raised by Paul's letter to the Philippians. You'll meet online via Zoom on Wednesday nights from 7:00–8:30 PM, from Sept. 23–Nov. 18 (9 weeks). Limited spaces still available. Study: *Philippians: Jesus our Joy* by Donald Baker. Sign up on [GROUPS page](#) or FPC website.

### In-Person Worship

On August 30th, we began gathering for in-person outdoor worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). All are welcome! Worship is held in the courtyard facing Bridgeboro Road, at the foot of the steps outside the Commons Lobby. Worship will last about 30-35 minutes and include live music, prayer and a sermon. Please wear a mask, bring your own chair, and practice physical distancing. Restrooms and the church building will remain 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, individuals must 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!**

### 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!**

RSVP online at <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/526704>.

### September Missions Book Club (Zoom)

Join us on Sept. 21 at 6:00 p.m. for the Missions Book Club discussing "Dinner at Six" by Helen Hudson. "This work grew out of my experience as a volunteer in a group of evening soup kitchens known as the Center City Soup Kitchens. The main body of work consists of a series of interviews with some of the guests. My focus is on the individuals - who they are, where they came from, what brought them to the soup kitchen, how they feel about it, how they see themselves, and how they cope with the extreme hardships and humiliations they are forced to endure."

To participate in the call:  
[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)  
**Meeting ID:** 836 9588 8226  
**Passcode:** 9FqaKf

Right after the Book Club you can hop on the 7:00 p.m. Zoom call for the Fall Gathering!

### 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 with our annual stewardship campaign. This year we will be TOGETHER yet apart. Although unable to hold our Celebration Brunch, we'll join in spirit! *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. You 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 our engaging speaker Dr. Shane Berg from Princeton Theological Seminary. Watch your mail for additional information. Our sermon series "Giving Lessons" begins Sept. 27 to provide a biblical framework.



### Fall Alpha Class (Zoom) **Begins Sept. 9**

A new series of Wednesday evening sessions begins on September 9 and will be held via Zoom. Alpha is an 11-week series exploring the Christian faith that is open to the congregation and community at large. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Newcomers are encouraged. To register please visit the Alpha page on our website or contact leader Jim Cole at (856) 235-4012 or [jamescole7@comcast.net](mailto:jamescole7@comcast.net).

### 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 the Sept. 13 Ministry Fair. Contact [Joyce Peacock](#) or any member of the Prayer Committee. For information visit [TheReturnWebsite.org](http://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](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org)
2. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
3. [Our Facebook page](#)

### 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 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 Drzaszcz (pronounced Dr-AH-sh) at [steve@gotsteve.com](mailto:steve@gotsteve.com) or Hank Heidler at [hrheidler@comcast.net](mailto:hrheidler@comcast.net).