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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 **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



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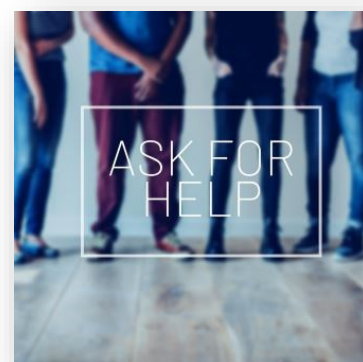
October 18-25, 2020

Way of the Week 18 (October 18-25, 2020)

18. Ask For Help

Part of being a real and authentic member of the church is to acknowledge your weaknesses and be willing to ask for God's help and the support of others. None of us can go it alone. Vulnerability is a sign of strength and a gift to others.

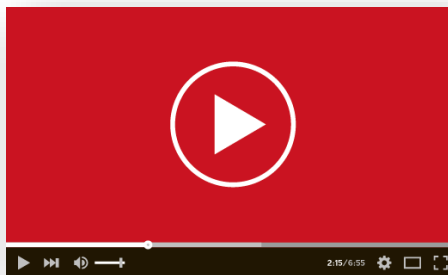
- ◆ *"Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he rescued them from their distress. (Psalm 107: 6)*
- ◆ *Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. (2 Corinthians 12: 9)*



Ideas for Action: First think about what you need help with right now. Then, share that need with someone else from our congregation this week.

[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Steve Trzeciak

[Read this week's devotional](#)



YES, the Church Has Left The Building has several openings available for wonderful service projects. Check them out and sign up! [Read more here ...](#)



[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 are 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 everyone can participate.*



[Sign ups are open!](#) For questions please contact Linda Jagiela at misions@fpcmoorestown.org.

[Indoor Worship to Begin Sunday, November 1](#)

At a special meeting last week, Session approved protocols to move to indoor worship beginning Sunday, Nov. 1. Steps have been taken to ensure a safe and meaningful experience. This 9:30 a.m. blended worship will be in the Sanctuary, and limited to 75 attendees and 60 minutes. Worship will continue to be live streamed. The single point of entry will be the portico doors. Everyone must enter through the glass Commons doors to check in then walk across the parking lot. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival, and all individuals must complete the Health Questionnaire and COVID-19 Waiver. Please wear a mask, and stay home if you are experiencing COVID symptoms or do not feel well. There will be NO reservations for indoor worship. Seating is on a first come, first served basis only and overflow will be seated in Miller Commons to view on screen.

Those who live together may be seated together. In all other cases, physical distancing will be marked. Attendees are asked to download the Church Center App to their smart phone to facilitate a contact-less check-in upon arrival.

[Download the Church Center App to Check-In](#)

Members are now able to check in quickly and easily from their smart phone. Here's how:

- (1) Download the "Church Center App" to your phone from either the App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
- (2) Follow prompts to enter the church's name or zip code (08057).
- (3) Select "**Check In**" when you arrive and look for the check-in icon (QR code). Tap the icon when attending an on-campus service or gathering to scan your phone and record your attendance.

[Series: The \(Un\)simple Truth](#)

Our adult spiritual formation series The (Un)simple Truth premiered with an engaging presentation by Rev. Dr. Michael Bruner. This series is a monthly Zoom webinar on the first Monday of every month (7-8 pm), featuring Christian authors, pastors and professors from around the country. If you missed Dr. Bruner's presentation, [watch the recording](#) on the Events page.

Next: Monday, November 2 (7:00 p.m. ET)

Speakers: Dave and Marisa Avramovich are an incredible ministry team that serve the Southwest Division of Young Life in the U.S. They offer a refreshing perspective on what it means to follow Christ in a multi-cultural context.

[Pastor Study Leave](#)

Pastor Spencer will be away on Study Leave Oct. 19-26. For pastoral care, please contact Kelly LePenske at klepenske@fpcmoorestown.org or the church office at (856) 235-1688.

[A Call to Fasting and Prayer](#)

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. DOWNLOAD fasting resources from our Events page, our website, Facebook page or Sermon Series page.

[We Give to the Lord](#)

On Oct. 18, Consecration Sunday, we celebrate the joy of living a generous Christ-centered life. *Estimate of Giving* cards have been mailed to households so that members may prayerfully and safely indicate their weekly, monthly or annual financial commitments to the Lord.

We will all be together virtually for one 9:30 a.m. live stream service, featuring Dr. Shane Berg from Princeton Theological Seminary. This culminates our sermon series "Giving Lessons." During worship, members will indicate their 2021 financial gift.

But how to return the card? Got that covered. As we traditionally do, 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. Receive a specially wrapped treat as a thank you!

You may also mail your card, [submit your estimate online](#) or call the church office.

[Blood Drive Here!](#)

We will be holding our annual Blood Drive to support the American Red Cross on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 1-6 p.m. in Miller Commons. Appointments required. This is a simple, free way to make a meaningful difference. **The Red Cross will be taking special precautions and taking temperatures at the door. No one can enter if they have a fever. As a donor you are fully protected.** So please sign up for this needed blood drive. This is how you can help! Donate a gift of life. For questions, contact Deborah Heller at (856) 273-6838 or dheller374@comcast.net. To schedule an appointment visit www.redcross.org.

[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.

[Online Class on Psalms](#)

Bethany Douglass' class on the Psalms begins this Sunday, from 7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom. The class continues through Nov. 29. Participants will be reading and discussing [Psalms: Prayers of the Heart](#) by Eugene Peterson. [Sign up online](#).

[Phone Live Streaming](#)

In an effort to maintain connections with those who may be less tech-savvy or not have a computer, we are embarking on a new automated feature for Phone Live Streaming. Those who wish to opt-in for the service will call a dedicated toll-free phone number **844.723.1340** to be joined to our Sunday worship service. When callers opt-in to be notified, their phone will ring anytime our church service goes live. Just answer the phone to be joined to our live service and *listen* to worship on your phone. They can add themselves easily by calling 844.723.1340 and pressing 1. There are no access codes or PIN numbers. For questions or help signing up, contact Alison Mackey in the church office at 856.235.1688, Ext. 113 or amackey@fpcmoorestown.org.

[Watching Worship](#)

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

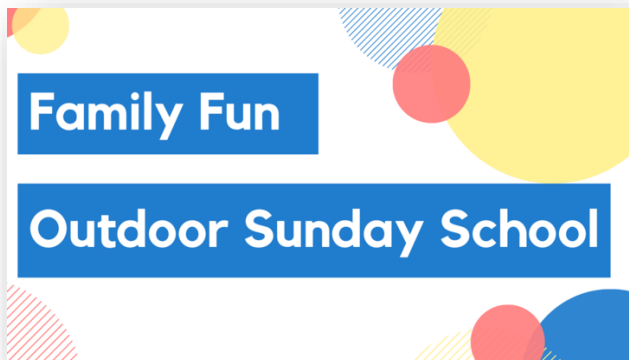
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1. www.fpcmoorestown.org
2. www.youtube.com
3. [Our Facebook page](#)





Wednesday Nights are for Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone Zoom!



- ⇒ **Small groups** have started for middle and high schoolers! If you haven't touched base with a leader, talk to Dave and he'll set you up.
- ⇒ **We have a campfire hangout on Oct. 24** from 7–9 pm at the church (field) with Oct. 25 as the rain date. We will have a bunch of candy, warm apple cider, and hot cocoa as we share [spooky campfire stories](#).

Contact Dave Fauvell at dfauvell52@gmail.com or text 609-980-7885 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)

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NEW: Family Fun Outdoor Sunday School
Every Sunday from 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Remaining Weeks: Sunday, Oct. 4, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18th
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!

Kingdom Kids and Crossing Zone are Back!

Kingdom Kids (K-3rd grade) and **Crossing Zone** (grades 4-6) are back! Join us on the first Wednesday of every month via Zoom for Kingdom Kids at 4:45 p.m. and every Wednesday on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. for Crossing Zone! Parents: watch your email for the Zoom links.

[Check out the Kids Group tab on our website to register!](#)

