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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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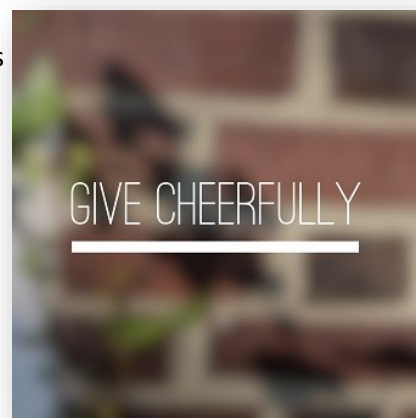
First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

October 4-11, 2020

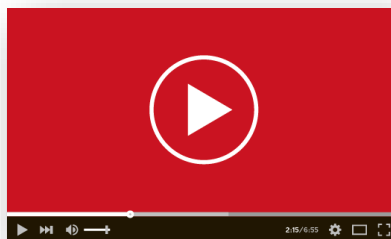
Way of the Week 16 (October 4-11, 2020)

Rejoice, you get to give! Think of giving as a privilege rather than an obligation, a joy instead of a burden. As you consider all that's been entrusted to you – time, abilities and money – ask, "How is God calling me to share what I've been given?"

- ◆ *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)*
- ◆ *"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." (Luke 6: 38)*



Ideas for Action: Consider making a special financial gift this week to the church or one of our mission partners. What else, besides money, can you give this week? How about your time or your forgiveness?



[Watch the Way of the Week Video](#) by Bruce Main, UrbanPromise



As part of our Fall Kickoff, we've launched our newly-designed website. Check it out at www.fpcmoorestown.org! It's a beautifully designed showcase of our ministry.

In-Person Worship

We are safely gathering for in-person outdoor worship on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. **Our last worship will be Sunday, Oct. 11.** Worship is held in the courtyard outside the Commons Lobby by the Blessing Box. Worship lasts about 35 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, EACH PERSON is asked to complete a Waiver and Health Screening Questionnaire. 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.**

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 missions@fpcmoorestown.org.

Adult Spiritual Formation

- Our seminary intern [Beth Douglass](#) will be leading an online Bible study starting in October. Beth's internship will be virtual this year so we'll get lots of screen time!



- In October our monthly series **The (Un)simple Truth** begins, with Rev. Dr. Michael Bruner (see below). 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? Join us on the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as we explore how God's Word gives us an alternative way to navigate our world and relationships.

Series: The (Un)simple Truth

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! October's featured guest is author and instructor [Rev. Dr. Michael Bruner](#).

Here's the Zoom Webinar invite: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81626149288?pwd=NTNLZUpjVnZJK1hMZnhRRkh1eG9ydz09>

Passcode: A5VDk4

Webinar ID: 816 2614 9288; **Passcode:** 798761

Starts: Monday, October 5 (7:00 p.m. ET)

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. 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.

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!



12-Hour Prayer Vigil

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**Consecration Sunday 10/18 and
"The Church Has Left the Building" 10/25**

Our "River of Prayer" is widening and *constantly flowing*! The Prayer Committee will hold its next "12-Hour Prayer Vigil" on Oct. 17th to provide our church family an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship focus for Consecration Sunday, Oct. 18th. We will also focus on prayer for "The Church Has Left the Building" Sunday, 10/25. Please [SIGN UP online](#) for a 30-minute time between 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. You will find the calendar and Prayer Guide on the church website (or call [Pam Engle](#) at 609-332-7513).

Have an immediate prayer need?

The Prayer Team is ready and available to pray for your request. Simply text the wording to be shared to 609-923-4135 or 609-332-7513 and the team will be notified immediately. Updates and praises are appreciated!

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.

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.

Save the Date

[UrbanPromise Virtual Night of Promise](#)

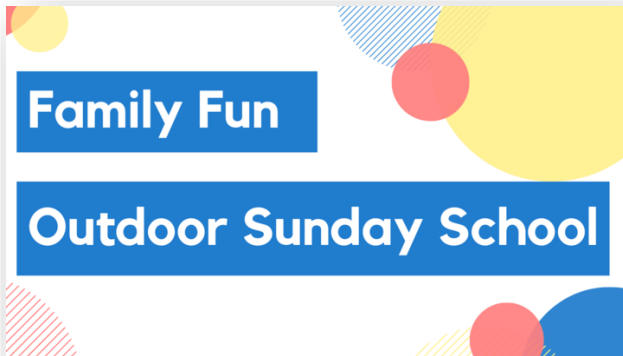
Thursday October 8th

7:00-7:30 p.m.

(this replaces the UrbanPromise Banquet)



God bless you as you adjust to your new school experience. You've got this.



- ⇒ 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 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!

Step By Step Christian Preschool is Open!

School is open and going great! Morning spots are still available in all our classes. Email Director Amy Delgado at Adelgado@fpcmoorestown.org for more info.

