

October 4, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of FPC Moorestown,

I'm delighted to share with you the opening of the Joan Van Camp Porch. Joan, a long time faithful member of our church, left a generous gift to the church last year. Over the past year this financial legacy has allowed us to make long deferred capital improvements to our facilities and support missionaries around the world during this global pandemic. The creation and naming of this space honors Joan's memory.



Earlier this summer, Session approved monies from the Memorial Fund to honor Joan by creating a space in her memory. There's a lovely portico outside of the Lounge that our Property Team has cleaned and painted. New furniture, suitable for an outdoor setting, is in place and this new room is already getting use by the Staff and some small groups. The Van Camp Porch, as it's now called, is a perfect gathering place for us to use during this pandemic and for years to come. If you'd like to use this porch, please contact our church office to schedule a time.

Legacies last, that's almost the definition of a legacy. Legacies are what we leave behind us. So it's worth wondering what will be your legacy one day when you're gone. What do you hope your legacy is and, maybe more importantly, what do you want your legacy to say about you?

I can't help but think of legacies when I read a favorite psalm, Psalm 112. Here are the first six verses. *"How joyful are those who fear the Lord and delight in obeying his commands. Their children will be successful everywhere; an entire generation of godly people will be blessed. They themselves will be wealthy, and their good deeds will last forever. Light shines in the darkness for the godly. They are generous, compassionate, and righteous. Good comes to those who lend money generously and conduct their business fairly. Such people will not be overcome by evil. **Those who are righteous will be long remembered.**"* (Psalm 112: 1 – 6)

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The words “generous” and “generously” are found twice in these verses; and in some ways contain the blessed life described throughout this psalm. Psalm 112 is something of a North Star for the life I desire to lead and the legacy I hope outlives me.

I encourage you to carefully consider and plan for *your* legacy. I pray that you’ll aim towards a Psalm 112 generosity. As you do your own estate planning, I sincerely hope you will remember FPC Moorestown as Joan did.

In the short-term, be sure to join us online for **Consecration Sunday** on October 18 at 9:30 a.m. when we’ll make our financial pledges for the coming year and participate in the “Drive-up Dedication Parade” from 10:45 a.m. until noon. Please remember there is no 8:30 a.m. service that day.

As I preached this past Sunday, if I were to pray for one thing, with one word for us, I’d pray that God would make us *generous*, in all senses of that word. Nothing reflects the heart of our incredibly generous and gracious God than our giving.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ,

Stuart

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