

First Things—April 19, 2020

We're Everybody's Church. What does that really mean?

As Everybody's Church, we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the participation of all people of any ability, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Statement of Discipleship

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we live and grow in God's Word as peacemakers, faithful stewards, and compassionate neighbors.

Worship Online at 10:00am Every Sunday

We will be holding worship online until further notice.

All you have to do is go to our webpage, www.everybodyschurch.org and on the home page find the Church at Home and Sunday Livestream button. If you miss a sermon, or have one you would like to hear or see again, you can do that as well. Go to our website, find the Worship tab and then on the drop down menu, find Recent Sermons. There you will find the sermon text and the audio and video.

We are also livestreaming on Facebook Live. Go to our facebook page to see the livestream. Rev. Bethany Peerbolte also has a Facebook Live **Community Prayer** every Tuesday at 6:30pm.

ZOOM Coffee Hour after 10:00am Worship

You can join on any computer using the link provided on the website or in the emails from church. You can use the app with the meeting ID # 237 226 3743. Or you can call in with 1.929.436.2866 and enter the meeting ID # when prompted.

All services are being recorded and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel: [everybodyschurch1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m) on YouTube.com.

All in-person gatherings are cancelled by Session until further notice. The church building is now closed per the State of Michigan order and in agreement with Session.

Did You Know?

1. FPC donated 6,000 vinyl gloves from Hand-in-Hand and our cleaning supplies to Beaumont Hospital.
2. We have donated 200 bags of food through the Pontiac FPC Food Pantry.
3. FPC is still fully covering the payroll for Hand-in-Hand teachers and all FPC staff.
4. FPC funded and distributed 150 packets of schoolwork, crayons, and pencils for K-2nd grade Alcott Elementary students.
5. Members are providing a meal once a week for an Angels' Place Home in quarantine, grocery shopping once a week for an Angels' Place Home, and hunting for needed items like laundry detergent.

Mission: What Can I Do to Help?

COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Session has approved the establishment of a COVID-19 relief fund for anyone who is in need of assistance with rent, utilities, groceries, medical expenses, etc., during this crisis. Members and non-members may apply. This fund will be managed by the Deacons. There will be an online application available soon. Many people will be receiving government stimulus checks and do not need all or part of these monies. If you would like to donate to this fund, please click on the button below and choose COVID Relief fund. View Dr. John Judson's April 15 video update for more information.

Donate to FPC Pontiac Food Bank

We are partnering with FPC Pontiac and have opened an emergency food pantry. We are distributing bags of groceries and gift cards to grocery stores as shopping in large quantities becomes more difficult. Please make monetary donations on our website. We cannot accept physical donations at this time. We are pleased to report we have already collected almost \$5,000 but since schools have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year, this will be a continuing need.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Please donate today.

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. One Great Hour of Sharing has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us. Because of our support, the Church is able to deepen its commitment to serve. In the days ahead, staff of Self-Development of People, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be working with presbyteries to identify and support essential congregational ministries, especially in anti-poverty work. The Church's response to the present crisis will begin with the most at-risk communities across the country and around the world, as well as those facing spikes of racism in response to this disease. We have received about half of the usual donation for this once a year offering. You can contribute online through Shelby Giving or by text to give.

Urgent Request for Face Masks

We've recently received an urgent request from the Department of Health and Human Services to ask people to donate face masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves for our foster/adoptive/kinship families and child care workers. We are looking for donations of materials to make face masks, cutting out patterns, sewing masks or any of the above. Please see the link to our website below for more information. Donations of material or completed face masks can be placed in a bin outside the Eagle entrance. Please visit the page on our website found under the tab SERVE, then "Make Face Masks."

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South Oakland Shelter

SOS will not be in our building the week of April 19-26. The SOS residents are being housed in a location in Pontiac. We will let you know if they have any needs.

Sharing Good News, Casting Out Fear and Loving Our Neighbors

If you've helped others this week, we'd like to hear about it! Please email Dr. John Judson at johnjudson@everybodyschurch.org and we'll share these ideas. Some we have heard about are making face masks, shopping for others, dropping off food, calling someone and donating to organizations that feed hospital workers.

Community

Weekly Schedule of Zoom Meetings

If your group is meeting via Zoom and you want to be added to this list, contact Dawn Swarthout at dawn@everybodyschurch.org.

ZOOM Meetings

Sundays

4:00pm Middle School Youth
5:00 High School Youth
8:00 College Students

Mondays

2:00pm Parents and children 5th gr and younger

Wednesdays

5:00pm Youth Parents

Thursdays

10:00am Covenant (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Saturdays

8:00am Discovering Calvin
7:30pm AAIM Parents

Deacons, 7:00pm (3rd Mondays)

Session 7:00pm (4th Mondays)

Sunday afternoon book club 2-4pm on April 26 and May 24

SAIL, 7:00pm (3rd Wednesdays)

John Calvin For Everyone

This class will meet virtually on Saturdays at 8am through ZOOM. Articles will be placed on the website to download at home. If you need them mailed to you, please contact Jan Peters.

Additional Information

Staying Connected

Please give us your email! If you are not receiving emails, please email Dawn Swarthout at dawn@everybodyschurch.org. This is the main way we are communicating with the congregation at this time. We are happy to mail copies of bulletins to anyone who needs a copy. Give names and addresses to Jan Peters. Bulletins can be downloaded from the website on the Church at Home/Livestream page.

Many Ways to Give at FPC

Please continue to donate to FPC:

1. Mail your check to the church.
2. Contribute online visit the giving tab (using the QR code or www.everybodyschurch.org)
3. TEXT your contribution to 248.600.4919.



Use our QR codes to:

To check out the website:



To sign-up for church emails or email dawn@everybodyschurch.org

