First Things—June 14, 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 ET 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 ET.

ZOOM Coffee Hour after Sunday 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 on YouTube.com.

Committee Evaluating When to Re-Open the Church

A committee is evaluating the resumption of traditional worship and community events in these times of COVID-19. The committee consists of the following staff and members: Dr. John Judson, Peter Miller MD, Elise Wallace MD, Don Howe, Barbara Russell, Mark Cueny, and Cindy Merten. Please read the letter on our website for more information which can be found under "Coronavirus Updates."

Did You Know?

1. Thank you for all the Summer Activity Bags you filled for Alcott Elementary Students! We received 52 bags which filled a car!
2. If you didn't get one of our lawn signs, we have a few left. Please contact Rev. Bethany at bethany@everybodyschurch.org.
3. We miss your faces and are collecting pictures and 3-second videos from members saying, "Hi, we miss you!" Please email these to Cindy Merten at cindymerten@everybodyschurch.org. They will be put in a video that goes out to all church email subscribers. We would love to see pictures of you live-streaming our services if you have them.
4. We are collecting **nominations** for the upcoming class of Ruling Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee members. Please submit all nominations by Tuesday, June 30. You can email nominations to Kim McGlynn at kimmcglynn@fpcbirmingham.org or submit nominations online through the website under Serve/ Nominations.
5. **Additional Class by Dr. John Judson on Genesis**
   Saturdays, 8:00AM and Mondays, 10:00AM on Zoom
   Dr. John Judson has started a new 10:00AM Monday morning class on Genesis in addition to the Saturday morning class. All are welcome to join at any time. This class meets through a Zoom call and if you would like to join, please email johnjudson@everybodyschurch.org for the Zoom link.

Mission: What Can I Do to Help?

Computer Help Needed

Do you know how to wipe a hard drive? Can you reset an iPhone? Know how to install Windows on a computer? We are looking for help collecting, repairing, and setting up devices to be given to students in foster care. Some homes have only one device for all the kids to do school work and all the adults to work from home. We can help! Contact bethany@fpcbirmingham.org with interest.

COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Session 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. A total of over $46,000 has been donated and over $23,000 has been disbursed so far. This fund is managed by the Deacons. If you would like to donate to this fund or if you would like to apply for funds, please go to the COVID relief fund page under Serve on our website. You can listen to two stories of people whom the fund has helped in Dr. John Judson's May 27 Video Update.

Donate to FPC Emergency Food Pantry

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 thereby providing food for 40 families a week. Please make monetary donations on our website. We cannot accept physical donations at this time. Since schools have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year, this will be a continuing need.

Pontiac Dinner Delivery

Each week since May 7, two volunteers have picked up frozen meat, fresh fruit and vegetables, canned and boxed items, and dairy products from a mobile Forgotten Harvest site. Then on Thursdays at least 8 teams of drivers deliver that food along with a hot meal prepared by Chef Randy Jarman to 20 different families (123 people) from Alcott Elementary School in Pontiac. We are hoping to soon deliver age appropriate books to each household

along with the food. This program is supported through Shop 'N Drop.

Partnering with Angels' Place to Provide for Urgent Needs

If you could purchase extra of these suppllies while you are shopping. and leave them in bins outside the Eagle entrance, they will be delivered to Angels' Place Headquarters. They need paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissue, laundry detergent, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, liquid hand soap, and antibacterial wipes or spray.

Urgent Request for Face Masks—Thank You!

We are still in need of masks for our foster/adoptive/ kinship families and child care workers. We have received 300 more face masks, so our total is over 1,700 masks, and we would be happy to receive more! Thank you all in sharing blessings of your love with children and youth you don't even know.

Fortunately, now we can provide 150 masks for our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren plus another 100 for a foster/adoption agency called Hands Across the Water. Plus, we've donated 25 masks for the staff at FAR. We've also sent in 40 $25.00 Target gift cards for field workers to distribute to foster families with urgent needs such as diapers, formula, food and hygiene products.

Please let us know what materials you need and we'll be sure that there is some in the bin for you. There are a few items already there in general for anyone.

Please see our website for more information. Donations of material or completed face masks can be placed in a bin outside the Eagle entrance.

Support Camp Skyline by Purchasing Delicious Food!

Skyline is now offering frozen meals, cooked from scratch in their kitchen, for purchase. Soups, chilis, lasagna, bread and more, with a Birmingham pickup at our Church Parking Lot on WEDNESDAYS, 11:00am-Noon. Find information on the website under *Serve, Skyline Meals.* Please choose only the WEDNESDAY dates at the BIRMINGHAM location, Order period closes on Monday at 11am.

Community

Weekly Schedule of Zoom Meetings

Please let us know if your group is meeting via Zoom Contact Dawn Swarthout at dawn@fpcbirmingham.org.

Sundays
11:00am Zoom Coffee Hour
5:00pm Middle & High School Youth
8:00 College Students

Mondays
10:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson
2:00pm Parents and children 5th gr and younger

Wednesdays
5:00pm Youth Parents

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

Saturdays
8:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson
7:30pm AAIM Parents

Deacons, 7:00pm (3rd Mondays)
Session 7:00pm (4th Mondays)
Tuesday morning book club 10am on June 16
SAIL, 7:00pm (3rd Wednesdays)

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 below 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