

# First Things—June 28, 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](http://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. If you can't participate at 10:00AM ET, you can view the service anytime after worship concludes on Facebook and just a few hours later on YouTube.

**All services are being recorded and can be viewed on our YouTube Channel: everybodychurch1 on YouTube.com.**

## **Community Prayer Service**

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.

## **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](mailto:johnjudson@everybodyschurch.org) for the Zoom link.

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

*Tuesdays at 9:00am on Zoom, beginning June 30*  
This group will be studying the Matthew 25 Bible Study from the PC(USA). If you are interested in joining, please contact Mary Gholz at [mgholz@aol.com](mailto:mgholz@aol.com).



*Food from Forgotten Harvest waiting to be distributed.*

## **Did You Know?**

1. We are collecting Loose Change for the Deacons' Offering and families can pick up an Everyday Faith at Home Tool Kit filled with tools for families To use over the summer and beyond. The bag includes the Spark Story Bible, Everyday Prayers for Faithful Families, Spark Story magazines, a Great and Small Guide to the Okayest Summer Ever and more. If you are unable to drive by and pick it up, we will be delivering them to homes. Drive by and have your photo taken for our updated greetings to your church friends video.
2. We have distributed a survey about the reopening of the church. The email with the survey went out on Wednesday, June 24 at 4:00pm. If you didn't get the email with the subject line "Participate in FPC Reopening Survey," please contact Dawn Swarouth at [dawn@fpcbirmingham.org](mailto:dawn@fpcbirmingham.org).

## **Mission: What Can I Do to Help?**

### **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 \$50,000 has been donated and over \$25,000 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.

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## Forgotten Harvest Food 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 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.

## Partnering with Angels' Place to Provide for Urgent Needs

If you could purchase extra of these supplies 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.

## Face Masks STILL Needed for Foster Families

This week marks a total of **2,300 face masks** made by members and friends here. They get distributed weekly to be used by our foster children, foster parents, child care field workers, grandparents raising grandkids plus the FAR staff. Congratulations everyone for making this possible! But wait! There's more! Our child care workers say that more are still needed. So feel free to come and get supplies from the bin outside the Eagle entrance marked **FACE MASKS**. Then when completed, just bag them up and put the number and your name on the bag.

We have also received a thank you message from a head of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services to thank everyone for these great donations. She also wrote that we provided emergency help for 83 children by the contribution of gift cards. Please contact Lyn Martens at [lynmartens@wowway.com](mailto:lynmartens@wowway.com) or Kate Thoresen, [katethoresen@fpcbirthingam.org](mailto:katethoresen@fpcbirthingam.org) for details. On behalf of the hundreds who continue to need these, Thank you!

## 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 Swarhout at [dawn@fpcbirthingam.org](mailto:dawn@fpcbirthingam.org).

#### Sundays

11:00am Zoom Coffee Hour

5:00pm Middle & High School & College Youth

#### Mondays

10:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson

#### Mondays, continued

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

#### Tuesdays

9:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Matthew 25

#### 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

Tuesday morning book club 10am on July 21  
SAIL, 7:00pm (3rd Wednesdays)

## Additional Information

### Staying Connected

Please give us your email! If you are not receiving emails, please email Dawn Swarhout at [dawn@everybodyschurch.org](mailto: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](http://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

