

First Things—July 5, 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. 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: [everybodyschurch1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m1m) 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 for the Zoom link.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:00am on Zoom

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.

Did You Know?

1. On Tuesday we distributed Everyday Faith at Home Tool Kits filled with tools for families to use over the summer and beyond. The bag included the Spark Story Bible, Everyday Prayers for Faithful Families, Spark Story magazines, a Great and Small Guide to the Okayest Summer Ever and more. We will be delivering them to homes if you were unable to pick it up. If you would like to help with distribution, please contact Cindy Merten at cindymerten@fpcbirmingham.org.
2. We have distributed a survey about the reopening of the church. 212 people have already responded! 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. There is also a button on the home page of the website that says "Take the Reopening Survey." We want to hear from everyone!
3. Of the 53 laptops, tablets and smartphones we collected on May 28, 37 are ready for distribution to Grandparents Raising Grandkids and foster care families.

It's Time to Pay Per Capita

Every church in the Presbyterian Church (USA) shares the expenses of the presbytery, the synod and the general assembly. Your contribution of \$30 per adult church member in your family will help cover FPC's share of these costs. You can pay online by going to the home page of the website and clicking on the "Pay Per Capita" button. If you have questions, please contact Martha Smith, Financial Administrator at marthasmith@fpcbirmingham.org or call her at 248.644.2040 x 148.

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.

Forgotten Harvest Food Delivery

We continue to deliver food from Forgotten Harvest every Thursday throughout the summer. At least eight teams of dedicated drivers deliver the food to 16-18 families from Alcott Elementary School in Pontiac who have been identified as food insecure by the school social worker. These are the same families our Shop and Drop program serves.

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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 or Kate Thoresen, 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.

Sundays

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

Mondays

10:00am Genesis Class by Dr. John Judson
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. 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

