**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN**

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With a desire to love our neighbors as ourselves, and out an abundance of caution for the

members of our church and community amidst a global pandemic that is affecting our

town, as of Sunday, March 22, all FPC worship gatherings will be moved online. For the next two weeks we recommend that all small groups suspend meeting together. Instead we recommend all groups to stay connected using alternative methods. See our “Recommendations for Small Groups at FPC” communique.

The church office and sanctuary will remain open during normal operational hours, 9 am – 5pm Monday – Friday for all staff members and those in the church or community who desire to drop in to pray or to fellowship. Stay home however if you have any respiratory illness- even if it is just the sniffles.

In addition to our online worship gatherings, which will be Sunday mornings at 9am (At least for the first Sunday. We will keep you updated.) We are providing some resources for parents and guardians to use as you disciple your children during these days. We recommend that families watch the online worship gathering together and then take advantage of these resources as a family throughout the week, including but not limited to our SOMA study guide which is still available online through our website.

While this season certainly brings some unique challenges (such as teleworking while kids are out of school, or extra unanticipated time together), we really want to encourage families to leverage this time to be together and focus on things that matter most. We will all get through this together but it’ll take faith, encouragement and patience.

For some suggestions on how to talk to your children about how we as Christians can understand and process everything related to the coronavirus, here’s a **helpful article**. https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/children-coronavirus/

**ACCESS OUR CHILDREN’S CURRICULUM ON DEMAND**

Mary Kern, our Children’s Ministry Director is putting the Sunday School lessons online. She will be in touch with all the parents with children on Wednesday and Sunday each week with updates and resources families can use. Here are links to this week’s curriculum and extra helps. Here’s what Mary has so far which you can find on the FPC website:

http://www.klamathfpc.com/our-ministries/childrens-ministry/?et\_fb=1

Lesson video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asm\_CV0xQz0

Extra fun video (with lots of info) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBhG-7pj43E&t=470s

Should you have any questions or issues with the resources and ideas listed below, feel free

to contact the our Children’s Ministry Director, Mary Kern at childrensministry@klamathfpc.com.

**LEAD FAMILY WORSHIP IN YOUR HOME**

Family worship is a simple way for families to worship the Lord together through various

activities such as singing, praying, and reading God’s Word together. I put together “Family Worship Guide and Resource List” that provides parents and adults whose children are grown with some helpful thoughts and practical resources on how to lead a family worship service in your own home. Don’t feel intimidated! This practice can turn into a wonderful daily or weekly rhythm that draws your family closer to the Lord and each other.

The guide is on the church website and a link can be found in the It’s Friday email sent to those requesting to be on the church email list. If you are not on the list but want to be included contact the church office: office@klamathfpc.com

**ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS**

As you know we developed study guides for the SOMA series. We encourage you to include your young people in the study. Process the questions together as a family or within your small group. Include your kids, if you haven’t already done so, in the small group study meeting you are attending. If your group has decided not to meet then do the study as a family in your home.

We also highly encourage families to involve their children of all ages and abilities (including students!) in family worship during the week. We will be rebooting the youth ministry at FPC in the near future. We had initially planned a relaunch for April 5th but due to the current situation it looks like that relaunch will occur later in April or perhaps in May. Holly Stork is spearheading the relaunch. We will keep you up to date on that event!