

# METROGRACE

Developing Urban Churches

**August 2019**

**MetroGrace is developing gospel-centered, community-based churches with Crossroads Community Church of Philadelphia in the neighborhoods of Holmesburg, Wissinoming and Bridesburg.**

## Camp Conquest



Each summer, we're glad to help students attend summer camp. Our partnership with Camp Conquest and the gifts of generous donors help us cover most of the cost for campers. Children are able to leave the city, spend some time in the country, learn God's word, grow with godly leaders, meet new friends and have lots of fun!

This year when Faith returned from camp, she told me about the verses she had memorized. She quoted Micah 6:8 for me.

"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk

humbly with your God."

That's an important principle for students to learn early in life! It's pretty good advice for adults, too! Thanks for your prayerful support; you're impacting young lives.



## Vacation Bible School

Mike and Margarete Connor led our Vacation Bible School outreach ministry this summer. About thirty adults worked together to share the good news with children in the neighborhood. It was great to see new friends serving. And it was fun to watch how groups discovered new gifts, complementing each other to get their jobs done. Some have connected with the church since VBS. Please pray that many would plug-in to our Kingdom Kids ministry that meets each Sunday.



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### Kingdom Kids

Joy Arleth oversees Kingdom Kids. Last month she gathered teachers and students for Move-up Sunday. Children moving into their new class each received a certificate and recognition. And, students moving out of Kingdom Kids were each given a Bible. Please pray for this weekly ministry. Pray for more teachers and helpers. Pray for children and their families. Ask the Lord to use this ministry to lead many to faith in Christ. Pray for the human resources needed to address the needs of urban families.



### An Ordination and Baby Dedication Service

In May Pastor Peter Forshtay passed his ordination examination. The Northern Atlantic District of the Charis Fellowship recommended that Crossroads Community church of Philadelphia ordain Pete to the Christian ministry. We plan to do that on Saturday August 24, 2019 at 11am. We'll gather at Crossroads Holmesburg, 7721 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136. We'll share lunch after the service. We'd love to have you come!

In June Pete and Danielle welcomed a little baby girl into their life! Pearl has changed everything for the Forshtays! Since so many family and friends will be nearby, they plan to dedicate Pearl to the Lord that day, too. Come celebrate with us!



### SUM, Studies in Urban Ministries



This month we're planning for the arrival of SUM students. Orientation begins in August. Classes continue throughout the fall semester. MetroGrace plans to work with Urban Hope and Grace College to train students in urban ministry. Students will live in the city, learn in the classroom and labor in various urban environments. Grace will provide the students. MetroGrace will serve in the classroom. And Urban Hope will lead hands-on ministry experiences throughout the east coast. Do you know someone who might benefit? Please direct them to [www.sumstudies.org](http://www.sumstudies.org).

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