

My Beloved:

Grace to you and Peace from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Yesterday, March 15, we had a small but energetic crowd in worship. We were few but we offered our praise to God with enthusiasm and gratitude. While we missed you, I'm glad that you are using your best judgment regarding social distancing. Our moderator, Kathy, and I made the decision to alter the church schedule to help avoid the spread of coronavirus. Those changes are as follows:

- In-person worship on Sunday, March 22, is cancelled. I will either speak to you on Facebook Live or invite you to a Zoom online gathering. That broadcast will be at 10:30 am on the 22nd;
- All activities at the church are cancelled, including outside groups who use our facilities;
- The church office will be closed through Saturday, March 28. Kris will be working an altered schedule, but we will not be allowing non-member visitors into the building;
- We will not be placing an order for Easter flowers this year. If we are back for in-person worship, we ask that you bring a potted flower to be placed on the altar; and
- I will be suspending in-person visits, however; I will be checking in with you by telephone, email, messenger, and text message. Don't worry, we won't forget you!!

Kathy and I will re-evaluate the situation next Sunday, March 22, and adjust our schedule as necessary. If you need anything, please call the church office and I or Kris will respond as soon as possible.

Moving forward, there are things we can all do to remain God's connected and faithful community. First and foremost, take care of yourselves. If you are sick, stay home; if you know of someone else that is sick, stay at a reasonable distance. AND, wash your hands, sanitize commonly used surfaces, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, and use basic common sense. Pray for one another! No need to panic or be afraid. Hold firm in the fact that God is with us, and he is the Great Physician and Healer.

In this interim time while we are physically apart, I encourage you to check in on one another. Email folks, call them, text them, video chat with them, and/or send them a card. We can stay connected and we should. It's the Christian thing to do, showing our LOVE for one another.

We will get through this! Remain calm and take care of yourselves. I will miss our face-to-face time, and I will be looking forward with great anticipation to the time when we gather together again. I LOVE YOU ALL!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Scott

Worship (all dates are tentative)

Sunday, April 5

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, April 12– Easter

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am -Worship

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Worship



Ladies Luncheon

The date of the next luncheon is to be announced.

The Dinner & Game Night scheduled for Saturday, March 28 has been postponed until a future date.

Christian Education News

The Sunday School spent a few weeks exploring Jesus’ life.... What did he look like? What were his home and his town like? When he and his family walked to the temple, what did that actually entail-time, distance, terrain? We ended the study with the “Jesus’ Life Game Show!”



We have been following along with Pastor Scott’s study of the final week of Jesus’ life on earth. We are learning more about the disciples and how they viewed the events of Holy Week.



For the weeks when the church building is closed and Sunday School is cancelled, we will email Sunday School families a lesson and activities each week to participate in if they choose.

Pastor:
Rev. Scott Hayes
Organist/Choir Director:
Howard W. Curry
Director of Christian Education:
Dana Thayer
Administrative Secretary:
Kris Useted

Remember: the last person to leave the church building should be sure that all doors and windows are closed/locked. The Academy Street door into Fellowship Hall is kept locked during the Sunday worship service. Thank you for helping us take care of our facilities.

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