



March 12, 2020

Dear Family of Faith and friends,

As a Family of Faith we are called to love one another and our neighbors and to care for the vulnerable in our midst. We know that this recent crisis with COVID-19 puts a large number of our members and friends who are sixty and older and/or those who have various existing health issues in a vulnerable position. We also understand, and have guidance from the CDC, that one of the best ways to prevent the spread of this virus is to be proactive and limit large and small gatherings.

With a desire to keep us all and especially our at-risk population safe and healthy, I, our staff and lay leadership of have agreed to suspending all in-person small group gatherings, including Bible study, the Lenten Supper scheduled for March 25, Prayer Shawl group, Anchors, Confirmation, Choir rehearsals, board and committee meetings, and most importantly our Sunday morning worship service, fellowship and church school classes through the end of March when we will further evaluate the situation.

I realize that the current health crisis is a source of anxiety for many people, who would normally turn to our Family of Faith for support and spiritual guidance. Each week I will provide the scripture readings and an inspirational message, based on those readings, for your personal reflection and devotion. I am also asking you to please contact me if you are aware of anyone who needs help getting their basic physical needs met.

This is a difficult and challenging time for our community and the world as a whole. I am hopeful that we can use this situation as an opportunity to strengthen what it means to be a loving and supportive Family of Faith as we face the challenges of life.

Peace,

John