



Coronavirus Update

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Rev. Dr. John
Dorhauer

Dear Family of Faith and Friends,

We continue to move through these unprecedented times. Our Boards have been having virtual meetings and I am in contact with our leaders on a regular basis. Also, I am in close contact with our Conference staff as well as other local Pastors and Officials as we evaluate guidelines for moving forward. I will keep you informed.

Here are a few updates on the state of our Family of Faith:

Our **Board of Household Concerns** continues to closely monitor our financial situation, which at this time remains steady although rental and plate income is falling behind. Please keep your contributions coming in!

Our **Board of Christian Education** continues to work with Val Harden as she is staying connected with our Church School families with weekly lessons.

Our **Board of Christian Outreach** continues to provide the allocated money budgeted for various agencies. Also, BOCO is considering a Food "Drive By" event in June. Look for further details.

Our **Board of Deacons** continues to guide the church's spiritual life. After carefully studying the guidelines for churches of our membership size, we have decided to suspend in-person worship throughout August. We will continue to offer our weekly on-line worship. When guidelines begin to change we will consider the possibility of some kind of in-person worship this Fall. These are difficult decisions. As

disappointing as this is safety and health security must be our first responsibility. Our Deacons of the Month for June: Neville Peltz and Sue Guarcello; July: George Albano and Anne Campbell; August: Jody Sattler and Roger Wachnicki. I encourage you to keep reading our weekly emails and tune-in for worship for spiritual inspiration and guidance.

During these times we are re-defining what it means to be the church. Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, the General Minister and President of The United Church of Christ, states: *The Church is the Church when lives are changed. It is the Church when it inspires people to use their time, talent, and resources to serve the common good. It is the Church when it helps people love themselves, their God, and their neighbor.*

I believe we continue to do all of that. Our ministry and mission is as vibrant as ever. We are just being the church in new ways. Remember, our theme for this year is **2020 Vision**. Little did we know that we would be facing such difficult times.

Our "**vision**" is being challenged. Yet, I believe we will "**see**" through this time together. We will remain spiritually strong as we "**look**" toward a new and brighter tomorrow.

Peace,
John

