



A note distributed during worship this past Sunday:

Friends,

As was mentioned last week, the spread of the corona virus and our response to it are changing. Here's where we are now:

- The virus has been declared a pandemic one.
- A National Emergency has been declared.
- A Florida State of Emergency has been declared.
- The schools throughout our area have been closed.

I have been in consultation with some of our church's leaders, our district leaders, and our conference leaders. With their wisdom, I am suspending our public worship services for the next two Sundays, (March 22nd and March 29th). We will be postponing church meetings, classes, and group gatherings for these two weeks as well. The church office will be open in a limited way on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12 noon.

Our church leaders will be monitoring this changing situation and we will keep you informed as we re-evaluate our plans.

We will be posting updated information on our website and by email and telephone, including some UM churches that live stream their services. The conference website for updated information is <https://www.flumc.org/covid-19-virus-update>. Please be sure we have your current email and telephone number(s).

If you are ready, willing and able to be part of our response team please contact the church office with the information.

Our community and companionship are crucial to our life together. To keep our connections, please let these two weeks be a time of commitment for you in prayer, scripture reading and singing! Call each other, pray together, read the Bible together, sing your favorite hymns! These are means of Grace. Be a means of Grace for each other!

I will be praying, reading and singing with you in my mind and heart at 10:30 EVERY morning. Please join me in spirit. This is an unusual time, but it is temporary. We will return to our regular schedule as soon as possible; and we will all need your support and encouragement in the meantime.

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