



First United Methodist Church

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Dear First Church Family,

"I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy." (Philippians 1:3-4)

In this time of uncertainty, my heart is filled with thanksgiving and joy for all of you. As the COVID-19 coronavirus continues to spread, and our services and activities at the church are cancelled, I am so grateful for you! You have remained faithful by participating in church online, praying for and with one another, staying connected with each other, helping others, and being the church!

Once again this Sunday, March 29, we will worship online via the video recording posted on our website, www.fumchurch.com, and Facebook page at First United Methodist Church of Mechanicsburg, PA. I am grateful for all of those involved in planning and recording our services. There was a significant increase in the number of households that tuned in this past week. In this time when many are seeking peace and hope, invite your friends to worship with us.

Since PA Governor Tom Wolf recently issued an order that schools are to be closed for an additional week, at least through April 6, we are making plans to worship online again on Palm Sunday, April 5. We will keep you informed as we have more information about the spread of the virus in our area. Our first priority is your health and well-being.

While the church building is closed, including the office, our pastors and staff are able to access and respond to emails and phone messages on a daily basis. We also pick-up mail and packages that come to the church. Please contact the church if we can assist you in any way.

Although we are not meeting at the church building, the ministry of our church continues. On our church website we provide resources and opportunities for your spiritual growth and other helpful news and information. You are welcome to send requests for the weekly prayer letter to our Director of Congregational Care, Janice Bowen, at wecare@fumchurch.com.

We are grateful for your financial support that is contributed toward our operating expenses and continuing ministries. You may mail your offerings to the church or give online through our church website. If you do not already give electronically, and you would like to sign-up, our Office Manager, Ellen Hill, will be glad to assist you. You may contact her at office@fumchurch.com.

Please join with our pastors and staff as we pray that the spread of the virus will be quickly contained and those who have contracted the virus will return to health and strength. Pray also for our leaders in government, business, education, and churches, and for our dedicated medical and community servants. We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future! God is faithful!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Denny

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors