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Dear Friends,

As I reminded you in my previous note, perfect love casts out all fear. Our ministry team and key leaders are responding to a very dynamic situation as a result of COVID-19. We believe the church's mission is vital to the well-being of our souls and the care of others. How we do this may change accordingly so expect a communication from First Church every Friday. We want to keep you up to date on the latest news and our service schedule.

Here are just a few things that we want you to know about this upcoming Sunday:

1. The **Nursery** is closed until further notice.
2. The **Sunday School** will go directly to the chapel for their program until further notice.
3. There are new features to **worship**:
 - a. **Bulletins** will not be handed out individually. Bulletins will be placed on tables in the sanctuary and Ushers/Deacons are to direct people to collect their own bulletin.
 - b. **Bulletins** will have inserts with all sung hymns. Therefore, no use of hymnal is needed.
 - c. **Pew Fellowship Pad** use will be suspended for the time being.
 - d. **Announcements** will be made at the beginning of service about these changes and people will be encouraged to have minimal contact.
 - e. There will be stationary **offering plates** at three locations in the sanctuary (near all three doors).

Here are a few more things we want you to know going forward:

1. In the event that Nashua Schools are closed, Sunday school will be cancelled until Nashua Schools resume.
2. Recognizing that this is a difficult time, the church will make every attempt to provide individualized pastoral care to all folks in self-quarantine.
3. We are constantly monitoring the situation through information provided us by the CDC, The UCC, state and local reporting bodies.
4. In addition to our webpage, Facebook, and MailChimp e-mails, we will be using mass phone calling via a service called Calling Post. Please update your contact information with [Sue Englander](#).

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5. Leadership teams will have access to a church Zoom account for virtual meetings. Contact the office for log in information.
6. Elements of the previous Sunday's worship service will be available for viewing on the web page www.tfcucc.org

Lastly, use your common sense and practice the best recommendations set forth by the CDC:

1. If you are elderly or have a compromised immune system self-quarantine.
2. It is strongly recommended that non-essential international travel, especially to China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, Singapore and Italy be deferred. If travel is necessary, please adhere to the self-quarantine specified below upon return.
3. We recommend limiting domestic travel and encourage remote meeting participation to reduce potential exposure where possible.
4. Self-quarantine: Members who have recently returned from China, South Korea, Japan, Italy or Iran, are requested to take a 14-day self-quarantine from attending church services and small group events in-person.
5. Practice good hygiene: Do not come to church (or work/school) if you are sick; minimize touching your face; cover your cough; wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use a 60% alcohol hand sanitizer.
6. Consider getting your flu shot. It's never too late.
7. Whatever decisions you make for self-care we support you!

Let's be the church and love one another. If you know someone who needs help or need help yourself, get the word out. Check-in on your neighbors. Call, text, or message with each other. While physical isolation may become necessary for health reasons, we live in a widely connected world in which we can safely interact without sharing the same physical space.

Thank you all for your help and cooperation as your ministry and leadership team make ongoing decisions about how to protect ourselves. And remember, perfect love casts out all fear.

Your MinistryTeam together in ministry with you!

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