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March 15, 2020-Update

Dear Friends,

COVID-19 is changing the world and our lives. We are all doing our part to adapt to the challenge and recommendations from the CDC and government. As of March 18th, our offices and the building are closed and Sunday worship will be online only through and including April 5th.

Since our incorporation 334 years ago, First Church Nashua will continue to live out our mission: Love one another as Christ has loved us. So how are we going to do this? We are forming a Mobile Ministry, establishing Caring Connections and a robust online presence. Below are further descriptions and ways that we can serve and stay in fellowship.

Mobile Ministry

We have members and friends who must remain isolated because of underlying vulnerabilities to COVID-19 or are in quarantine. They have a need for groceries, medications, and connection. We are forming a network of persons who would be willing to shop and deliver necessary food, supplies, and medications. Rev. Ken is coordinating this ministry. If you would like to be part of that team, please inform Rev. Ken at kmcgarry@tfcucc.org. Also, if you have need, or know someone in need, then inform Rev. Ken.

Caring Connections

The Digital Devotion (Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30)

Social isolation will curb the spread of COVID-19, but it can be emotionally and spiritually painful. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:30 your ministry team will provide a community check-in via our video conferencing called Zoom or by phone. We'll offer an encouraging message and offer discussion and prayer. Check the website and Facebook for details to connect.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain remains up and running. Rev. Jami will provide updates on a regular basis so we can be holding up one another and our community before the Lord in prayer. Please direct your prayer concerns to jboyle@tfcucc.org.

Prayer in Shaw Chapel

Shaw Chapel will be open for individual prayer and reflection from 9-3 daily. There will be prayer guides and a master list for prayer concerns. We urge to you to make good use of the hand sanitizer and practice social distancing for the well-being of others.

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Music Ministry and First Music Concert Series

Music Ministry members have received separate correspondence suspending all choir activity through April 12. First Music Concert Series is postponing all programs scheduled for 3/20, 3/27 and 4/5. This includes Fridays at First.

Study Groups Continue online

Rev. Andy's Wednesday Morning Men's Group continue online.

Christian Education

Rev. Ken will lead confirmation classes online. Also, he and Diane Matthes are establishing an online community for parents of youth and children to offer support, ideas, and encouragement for the challenges caused by disruptions of all our routines.

Pastoral Care

Your ministers are available 24/7 to talk and pray with you as need arises. Our contact information is as follows:

Rev. Andy---978-844-2617 (mobile)

Rev. Ken---203-722-4901 (mobile)

Rev. Jami---603-325-0772 (mobile)

Worship

Worship service will be posted on our website each Sunday up to and through Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Giving

Our financial giving remains crucial to maintain our ministry, to support the spiritual health of the church family, and continue our Outreach to mission partners in and around Nashua. Please mail in your offering or consider e-giving though our website at <https://tfcucc.org/give/>.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Phil. 4:4-6

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