

To the member and friends of
First Presbyterian Church
Coal Valley, IL 61240

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard by now, worship services at our church will be suspended starting on March 22nd. Services will be suspended for three Sundays including March 22nd, March 29th and April 5th. At that point the Session will reevaluate the recommendations of the CDC and the circumstances in our community and determine what direction we will pursue from that point. The Session is first and foremost concerned about the safety and wellbeing of the people in our church community. We recognize that many of our church members and friends are in the high-risk categories for the virus. The Session also wanted our church community to do all that we could to lessen the impact of the Corona virus on the Quad-City community. We realize that this is a time when there is a lot of stress and anxiety. We want you to know, that just because Worship and programs are suspended, you can count on prayerful support from your church community during this time. You should feel free to call Pastor Tim or the church office with prayer concerns or questions that you might have.

We want you to know that the office will be open for normal business hours. Pastor Tim, Shelly or Connie will all be available to serve you. The Food Pantry will also remain open so that those who might be inconvenienced by this pandemic will be able to get food to ease their burden.

All other activities at the church between now and April 8th will be postponed or cancelled in order to minimize the effects of this terrible virus.

During this time when our worship and activities are suspended, there will be a YouTube available to everybody each week with the presentation of our weekly message and prayer concerns. In order for your prayer concerns to be included in the weekly presentation, you will have to let us know what your prayer concerns or joys are by Friday afternoon. You will be able to link to the presentation through our website and facebook page or by going directly to the YouTube

channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/ftlk5EP8Odeg> Prayer concerns and information you need to know will also be included directly on the Church's Facebook page and our website.

There will also be a mid-week meditation posted by Pastor Tim each Wednesday of this interruption of our regular schedule. I will attempt to have it posted to the website and Facebook page by 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

The Session wants you to consider that even though the Worship and programs of our church are going to be suspended for a while, the financial obligations of our church are not going to be suspended. We are hopeful that we can provide some financial continuity for all of our staff who have served us so faithfully over the years. We are in hopes that we can remain supportive of our mission programs and missionaries, and the Food Pantry ministry. We also hope that at the end of our time of suspended worship and activities that our finances will still be somewhat healthy. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you fit into our financial goal of sustaining through this difficult time. Your offerings can be mailed to the church.

We want you to know that our prayers are with you, and we all are here to serve you in whatever way that we can. May God bless you and keep you in his care as we walk together through this difficult time.

Pastor Tim

And the Session