



March 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

With much prayer and thoughtful discussion, the Session voted last evening to take a few steps necessary to protect you and other members of our church family as the COVID-19 virus spreads into our State.

Staying connected to each other as we are physically separating ourselves is difficult. Yet it is essential that we continue to share the light of Christ and the promise of His resurrection with each other and our community.

Therefore, beginning today, and until further notice, the following changes are implemented:

1. Church services will be moved online and available to you in a number of ways. Rev. Patricia Jarvis has agreed to continue her Lenten Series with us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The service may be viewed live on our Facebook page. Here is the link that will take you to that page so you can watch as she presents the message and special music is performed:
<https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>

The service is also being recorded and posted on the church website following the live performance. Here is that link to the website: <https://www.fpcpborgwv.org/>
2. The church bulletin will be emailed to you weekly. If you would prefer a printed version, please let Judi know and she will mail you a copy: 304-422-5426 or office@fpcpborgwv.org
3. A copy of the service will be available on a CD. Please call (304-422-5426) or email the church office at office@fpcpborgwv.org and let us know if you would like a CD mailed to you so you can listen to it.
4. The church building is closed. Please cancel any meetings you had planned at the church until further notice. The Session and all committees will continue to meet using conference calls. Bright Beginnings Daycare will continue to provide their valuable childcare services to the community as long as the state permits them to remain open.
5. Church staff are still at work and will be at the church helping us maintain our communication and managing day-to-day operations. The Session is developing alternative plans should our staff need to work from home.

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Please remember that your church needs your blessings now more than ever. Your tithes and offerings are important. A special link is now on the church website <https://www.fpcburgwv.org/> so that you can fulfill your pledge and provide support by giving online. You can also mail your gifts to the church, 1341 Juliana Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101.

The Worship Committee, working with Rev. Jarvis, has some wonderful plans for Sunday's service, including special music. Please join in celebration and prayer on Sunday by watching live on Facebook, reading the Lenten texts during that 10:30 hour, and praying for the members of the congregation and the well-being of our family across the globe.

Please call any member of the church Session or staff if you need assistance using the technology or other supports.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Senta M Goudy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Senta Goudy,
Clerk of the Session