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From your Senior Minister, Rev. Eric Brotheridge:

With the Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I greet you...

Who would have thought that with the 2020 Season of Lent the entire Church would enter into the wilderness? The outbreak - and now pandemic - of Coronavirus-19 throughout the world has taken each and every human being and institution into the unknown. The question for us is not, "Are we giving up church for Lent?" but rather the question is, "How is God calling us to be church at this time?" It is the same question that has been asked of those who gather in Christian community since the day God's Holy Spirit poured itself out upon those first followers of Jesus.

As Christians with a deep and abiding love for all human beings and as citizens of a nation seeking to contain the spread of COVID-19, First Christian Church will be following the guidelines as shared by our country's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local Howard County Health Department.

***As of yesterday, March 15, the building of First Christian Church
will be closed for eight (8) weeks for ALL activities.***

AND, our life together will continue during this time! Here is what is planned:

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. on FCC's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FCCKokomo/>
- *The Grace of Les Miserables* Lenten Study this Sunday on ZOOM at 10:30 a.m. The ZOOM link will be shared each week via email and Facebook. This Sunday's link is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/140656576>
- Wednesday Minister's Bible Study on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m. The ZOOM link will be shared each week via email and Facebook. The link for Wednesday's study is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/341795461>

The Elders of the church met on ZOOM yesterday to share and discuss the immediate needs of our congregation. Each Elder is in the process of reaching out to all members listed as "Active" on our church database. Please make yourself available for a conversation with the Elder that calls you. Ask for what you need. It is our intent to fulfill Jesus' saying, "Ask and it will be given to you." We are keenly aware that many of our members are not "connected" to social media. This makes our current form of worship and study and way of being together very difficult for those persons. If you would like to explore becoming connected, please call Rev. Eric. FCC is not the Geek Squad but we will do our best to assist you. Ministry has always been about making and sustaining connections between people. The 21st Century has added a bit more complexity and technology to that very human need.

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The office will be closed during this time. Staff will be monitoring voice messages, collecting mail and insuring the integrity of the building and grounds.

One final and important note, please mail in your pledges and offerings. We are exploring new options to give online and we will share those when they become available. In the meantime, be like your minister and consider setting up a monthly remittance check to FCC from your account for your pledge.

Our mission remains the same: to live and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Remember that Jesus is with us now and always.

In Christ,

Eric

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