



## Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church

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Dear Fourth Avenue UMC Friends,

Due to the recent spike in Covid-19 cases and the guidance of Bishop Ough, our church Council in consultation with the Task Force on Reopening have decided to suspend in person worship on Sundays until future notice. This was a very difficult decision arrived at after a lively conversation about how to best serve our congregation and community balanced with concerns about safety. We will be monitoring this situation carefully and will communicate with you when we feel we can resume gathering for in person worship. We will continue to provide the Sunday worship program over YouTube.

*Let me assure you that the Church is not closed.* The current circumstances are sparking creative conversations among members of the church about how to do ministry and provide faith lifting experiences and outreach opportunities for our people. We have some very exciting ideas that we are working on and we will share them with you just as soon as we are ready to do so.

As your pastor, I am ready to serve you and provide pastoral care. You are welcome to call me on my cell phone at 218-310-8813.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support during this unprecedented time. Your faithfulness is very much appreciated and vitally important as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Sincerely yours,

*Pastor Greg*

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P.S. You will also receive this letter by US mail this week.