Monte Vista Fri 1/7/2022 11:47 AM To: Good morning Monte Vista Family,

This past week, I have heard this phrase over and over again, "Everyone seems to know someone who has had, has or is waiting to see if they have, COVID." What has been your experience in this next stage of the pandemic?

As we have done at each new stage of the pandemic, our Session met last night to discuss what we need to do now with the Omicron variant having an impact on families, businesses and schools.

At our meeting last night, the leadership reaffirmed our present course of action: continue our in-person worship and live streaming with the requisite to wear facial covering for those of us who gather for worship in the sanctuary.

Because of the highly transmissible nature of this new variant, wearing facial coverings is a simple way to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus to those in our congregation who want to worship in person. We are very aware of those who are most vulnerable and the impact this virus could have if they are infected.

The Session recognizes that our congregation is diverse in our views of the efficacy and need for facial coverings at this stage in the pandemic.

Our request is that everyone will continue wear facial coverings in worship through this last stage of the pandemic to show love and care for each other no matter where you land on your preference and opinion on facial coverings.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday or being seen by you online. We have a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT on how God has provided for Monte Vista this past year – so many good things.

I am grateful we serve Christ together,

Pastor Tom on behalf of the Monte Vista Session.

p.s. Attached are the new signs you'll see on Sunday mornings.