



An Update from our Pastor and our Moderator

Re: Safety Measures following Governor Lee's Executive Order

April 3, 2020

Dear PHCC Members and Friends,

We hope that you are staying home as much as possible, that you have everything you need, and that you are healthy. Of course, our desire as a church community is to do everything in our power to keep you and the larger community safe during this shifting COVID-19 scenario. In light of Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order, which he issued yesterday afternoon, and in consultation with Pleasant Hill Mayor, Lisa Patrick, we're going to implement some changes – again – in our daily way of being the church. We will still be in touch with you and you will have ways to be in touch, too – to share your needs, concerns, and hopes with your church leadership and with each other.

Here are the measures that we're enacting, as of today:

1. **Worship:** We will continue to put video-recordings of worship on our website in addition to inviting you to join in real time via Facebook Live. Just sign in to your Facebook account and go to the church's page – and worship will begin at 10:45. The only participants who will be on-site are the preacher, the liturgist, our music director, and our media tech. We will maintain at least a six-foot distance between us. Bulletins will be sent out by email. Print copies will be available at Fletcher House. We will NOT have communion supplies available, as we want to stop the flow of traffic in and out of the church building. We invite you instead to have your own communion elements at home – traditional bread and wine/juice or anything else that you have on hand – and share communion with our community on Sunday and during our Maundy Thursday service.
2. I will continue to offer the video messages that I began this week. I'm going to try to do this on a schedule on Facebook Live. To begin, I will offer a short video at 3:00 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. You are welcome to copy and share those videos with those who don't have Facebook accounts. If you are not on Facebook and would like to be, we can answer your questions and help you get signed up. I am also available by phone and will check on you with phone calls.

3. We invite everyone to pray together at 5:00 each afternoon. We'll do this together/apart, knowing that we're uniting our hearts in love and intention.
4. If you bring your offering checks to the church, please continue to do that. You may put them in the church mailbox - using gloves or hand sanitizer to protect yourselves. Martha will retrieve them when she checks the mail.
5. Part of the traffic in and out of the church is community folks who need assistance with their utilities. With the help offered by utility companies, our requests are down. But, moving forward, we're asking those who need help to put their requests in writing and put these in our mailbox. Martha will safely retrieve those requests and get checks issued to utility companies as needed.
6. Martha will work from home at least fifty percent of the time. Her in-office time (Monday through Friday 8:00-11:00am) will be working alone; the church office will not be open. However, both Martha and I will be available on email and messages left on the church phone will be forwarded to one of us.
7. We will no longer hold group music rehearsals in the sanctuary.
8. As much as we regret the need to close the church library, that's what we need to do for now.

This is hard. But it's also necessary to serve the greatest good of keeping people safe. Your church leadership will continuously revisit these decisions and will communicate with you as things change.

With much love and prayers for each of you and for the whole world,
Glenna and Jan
on behalf of the PHCC Church Council