



Friday, May 15, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

A colleague in ministry recently shared this thought with me, “The longer I stay at home, the more I’m coming to realize that this is a time of transformation and renewal. At a time when we can’t go outside, I am grateful for the opportunity to go deeper inside to discover who we are as individuals. It is an opportunity for us to heal, grow, as well as lift each other up.”

This is also a time for us as a church to learn who we are beyond our church walls.

What I have witnessed about our church over the past 9 weeks is that we are a church who cares, who shares, who worships and prays together regardless of any challenge or restriction.

Even within the last week, I have witnessed the deep level of care as over 30 volunteers from our church family have reached out through phone calls to other church members to check that they and their family members are well. The calls are not done yet, so if you have not yet been contacted, please know that a call will be coming soon.

Our church is also sharing our resources with those in need within our community. Please remember that today is the Salvation Army Food and Toiletry Drive. Between 10 am- 2 pm, rain or shine, volunteers will be in our church parking lot safely collecting items to deliver to the Plymouth Salvation Army.

Our church has also reached out with financial resources to help our friends in Africa to buy soap as the virus is slowly making its way there. We will look for additional ways to help as the need progresses.

As a church, we continue to worship together through our on-line services. We grow through our many adult Zoom Bible studies and weekly prayer meeting. Presently, we are holding weekly Zoom meetings for our children, our youth, and for our members of every age and stage of faith development.

Clearly, the ministry of the church carries on even without a building. I do believe that God’s Holy Spirit is at work bringing needed transformation and renewal. Going forward as a church, we will need to be flexible, creative, innovative, resilient, and strong. I know that we are up to this task because God’s Spirit is our source of all wisdom and strength.

Please pray that as a church and as individuals that we would always be open to the Spirit’s leading,

*Emily*