



Friday, June 5, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

As businesses and even other churches begin to open this month, you may be wondering what is the plan for our church.

Rest assured, our church's COVID Task Force is working in the best interest of all our church members to ensure a safe and healthy reopening. As of today, we do not have a date when that reopening will take place, but we promise to keep you informed as decisions are made.

We are also using this time of preparation to its greatest advantage. You may notice that our church will be under construction in June. Needed roof repairs will begin approximately the middle of this month and should be completed by early July. For safety reasons, our church's garden and columbarium will be closed during some of that construction.

I hope by now that you have realized that the life of the church is not tied exclusively to the building, but to its people. As we carry on with weekly Bible studies, prayer meetings, committee meetings through Zoom conferencing, as we carry on with on-line worship, and take advantage of mission opportunities, we are the church, alive and at work today by the power of God's Holy Spirit at work within us.

We are the church while we worship from our homes. We are the church as our hearts unite in prayer and in praise. We are the church as we speak out against injustice and serve those whose needs are greater than our own.

In the days and weeks ahead, we can join as the church as we pray for and/or participate in the peaceful protest scheduled to be held in Kellogg Park in Plymouth this coming Sunday, June 7th between 12 pm -6pm highlighting the need for racism to end in all of its forms.

Additionally, there are opportunities to serve others as we hold a cereal collection in late June to benefit children in Detroit who, due to the school break, no longer have access to a free breakfast. In late July into August, we will hold a school supply collection to benefit children living in foster care. More details about these collections will be given in the weeks ahead. Please also take the time within the larger body of this email, to read about our new mission partners at Youth Haven. We pray for them as they navigate summer camp with all the challenges of COVID.

Friends, we are living through challenging days, but by God's grace, we do not give up. We do not stop sharing the light of Christ with the world today.

I thank God for you and for your witness,

*Emily*