



Friday, April 17, 2020

Dear FPCP Family and Friends,

Peace is God's continual gift to us. "But just as the Israelites could not store up manna for the future but had to gather it daily, so it is with God's peace." (From *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young) We must ask God for peace every day. In this way, we are reminded of God's sustaining faithfulness and love. We are reminded that God is here.

Friends, our journey through this time of global illness is transitioning from a sprint to a marathon. With this dawning reality, we should all expect that we will have good days as well as days where we feel overwhelmed and wish we had never gotten out of bed.

In all these experiences, God is with us offering us His peace. As a church, our role is to ground you in God's grace, peace, and love. We have been transitioning the way we do ministry for our new reality.

In the last month, while the church building has been closed and staff have been working from homes, our church has conducted close to thirty Zoom meetings that include committee meetings, prayer meetings, and youth and adult Bible Studies. Within these meetings, we've had close to 200 participants sharing in over 135 hours of church work. If you are not involved in any committee, Bible Study or prayer meeting but wish to join, please let me know and I would be happy to connect you.

Additionally, as a church, we have conducted seven different worship services in our new on-line format with over 2000 views, 458 views on Easter Sunday alone.

As a church, we recognize that these new paths of ministry do not touch everyone. We have a long way to go until every member feels connected. We continue to work toward this goal and ask that you would please support and pray for the on-going work of the church. Please know that the church is praying for you and for your families.

Wishing you the deep peace of Christ today and always,

*Emily*