

To all of our Congregation members, friends and families:

We hope that you are all well and taking care of each other.

Yesterday afternoon, we received recommendations from the Presbytery of Lake Huron regarding the Coronavirus outbreak.

Based on our Presbytery recommendations, I contacted JoAnn and we discussed how to incorporate the Presbytery church recommendations.

Candy Anderson, as Elder, contacted me and advised we support the Presbytery recommendations.

We then consulted your Session Elders and received their approval to adopt the Presbytery recommendations.

We have attached the Presbytery guidelines for you to review (below).

Based on concern for all of you, we are suspending in-person Worship until Palm Sunday, April 5th.

For tomorrow's (March 15th) Worship service, we invite you to stream at Midland Memorial Presbyterian Church on line.

You will find that information at: www.mempres.org

In compliance with these guidelines, we will not have regular office hours, at this time. Church staff will work from home and will still be available by text, email, and phone.

JoAnn will be checking for office phone messages daily and she will post updates on the church answering system, as needed.

Our current Bible Study will be canceled until after Easter, at which time we will resume the Bible Study in its entirety.

I have been in contact with Carol Berry, head of our Deacons, who has contacted all of our Deacons. Carol requested they make contact with their care list and check in with all of our folks.

We also invite you to contact your Deacon, if you have a particular concern. We realize that area nursing homes have closed to visitors, so we ask that you lift up our nursing homes and folks with medical conditions in prayer.

In consultation with Marjory Leas, I expect to live stream a modified service from TAPC next Sunday, March 22nd. Please stay tuned for details.

As many of you are concerned about my health, know that I am beginning to heal. I did not have a virus; I had bacterial pneumonia and with antibiotics, that is beginning to subside.

As my doctor advised, once my temperature normalizes, I need be fever free for 3 days in a row, before returning to service.

What we can do to support each other is abide by the CDC guidelines: www.cdc.gov

Meanwhile, I continue to pray for all of you and ask that we lift each other up in prayer at this important time of concern.

Remember the words of the Psalm 46:1-2

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea”

Together with you under God's protection,

Pastor Kathleen