

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Prince of Peace Family,

Today the Congregation Council meet to pray, discern, and determine actions in response to the local spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). There was a unanimous decision to suspend all church and community group activities in the church building from today, March 15, 2020 until April 3, 2020; in order to protect all our family, staff, friends and community and to support the nationwide effort to contain the spread of Covid-19. This closure includes all public worship, regularly scheduled meetings and all community groups. This decision was not made lightly. The Congregation Council will re-evaluate the decision to open or remain closed around that date and inform you as soon as we know the decision.

We understand the stress that this barrage of change is inflicting. Even though we will not be meeting in person for worship, prayer, study, support and service the Congregation Council has enacted a comprehensive COVID-19 Ministry Plan. We will be doing MANY things to keep you involved and connected; please watch for emails, Facebook postings, YouTube videos and many other outreach opportunities. We are in this together and we will be here for you in every way we can while follow suggested guidelines for safety. You can always reach the staff via email or calling the church office, 856-983-0607. We will return your email or call as soon as we can.

We invite you to offer this prayer during national distress from “A Prayer Book for the Armed Services”.

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of fear, danger, and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation and nations around the world with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Together in Christ,

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