



Friday, March 13, 2020

Greetings Genesis,

To say that these past few days have been a roller coaster would be an understatement. However, in this season of Lent let us pause and give thanks to God for his power and authority over us and this virus. We serve a mighty God that is able to protect us and yes, even use us during times such as this. So don't despair, but pray and call on the name of the Lord.

We write to you today to bring you up to speed on what will take place at Genesis for the next few weeks. After conversation with our Administrative Council and on the recommendation of our Bishop, we believe it is in the best interest to change our means of church for the next few weeks. Effective immediately we will have no meetings or events in person at the Church. As it looks now, we will potentially gather back at Genesis for collective worship on April 5, Palm Sunday. However, if things make a positive turn and we can gather before we will let you know.

Here are the plans for the next few weeks:

1. The pastor will post a weekly sermon. The video sermon will be posted on YouTube under the title "Genesis UMC Cary March 15 2020" and a link will be posted on the front page of our website - www.genesis-umc.org and on our Genesis UMC Facebook page.
2. The pastor has asked the staff to be creative with technology in ways that might allow Bible Studies, SS classes, or other group gatherings to continue. The church office and staff will continue to work, via home or office according to their comfort level.
3. We ask that you continue to support your church financially by giving on-line or by bringing your offerings to the church and placing it in the church receptacle located in the church vestibule. To give on-line go to www.genesis-umc.org. Go to the bottom of the front page and click on the word "giving". This will open the page "On-line Giving", and then choose the option that best fits you.

If you choose to bring your offering to the church, please come to the entrance nearest the church offices. As you enter the vestibule, on the wall directly in front of you (at the coat rack) you will see a metal box inserted in the wall with a small pull down flap. Pull the flap down and place your offering inside the box. You are welcome to place your offering in an envelope if you so desire.

In closing, please use this time to reflect on what God is doing in your life and what changes this time may bring to you and your family during Lent as we look forward to celebrating Easter 2020. We pray God's blessings upon you and, as always, if you have any questions or needs please reach out to the pastor or a staff member.

Administrative Council

Pastor Craig Ham