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### **Use of Face Masks during the Current Times**

As you may have read or heard by now, according to the local NBC television affiliate, WYFF4, “the Clemson City Council voted unanimously Wednesday night (June the 24<sup>th</sup>) to approve a citywide ordinance that would require face coverings in public areas to prevent the spread of COVID-19. According to the ordinance, the face covering ordinance will take effect Thursday, June 25 and will last 60 days.”

Also, according to a study, titled **Community Use of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence from a Natural Experiment of State Mandated in the US**, and published June 16, 2020 in the peer-reviewed journal *Health Affairs*, the following conclusion was made: “The study provides evidence that states in the US mandating use of face masks in public had a greater decline in daily COVID-19 growth rates after issuing these mandates compared to states that did not issue mandates.”

To say the least, it seems that daily we are receiving new information and directions regarding our health and safety. Whatever decision one makes regarding his / her health, it is my hope that each and every one of use remains safe and healthy.

And, if confusion seems to be the order of the day, based on COVID-19 recommendations, please feel free to reach out to me. We can discuss the current situation and hopefully alleviate some of those anxious feelings that quite a few of us are experiencing.

I am available at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30AM until 5PM.

Regards,  
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