

Good morning,

The Coronavirus is something that is new to us. I have not experienced anything like this, so we the leadership of this church, are doing the best we can with what we have been presented.

1. We participated via virtual worship today and will be participating via virtual worship next Sunday, March 22, 2020. We hope we will be able to return to in person worship again on Sunday, March 29, 2020. This will be a joint worship that will be held at 11:11 in the Family Worship Center. I hope all of you will attend.
2. Our primary finance stream is offerings. Your offering pays the bills and helps us to be a financially viable congregation. History shows when we are not present, we do not give our offerings but we need to continue to pay the bills. Please go to our website, <https://hickorygroveumc.com/>, make sure you are on our website, click on the application that allows you to donate online. You may designate in this application how you want your offering to be allocated as you would on your offering envelope. For those who do not wish to donate in this manner, because you are “old school,” I remind you there are addressed envelopes in with your offering envelopes where you can place your written checks, and send via US postal service to the church. Please donate online or by mail your offerings.
3. Because we are not worshipping in person, we want to make the best use of our resources. We are closing the church for all on campus activities, meetings, and ministries, beginning with the closing of the Preschool. We will open again on Sunday, morning March 29, 2020. The staff and I will be working remotely and sometimes in our offices. We will be planning and working on projects for the Spring and Summer, while communicating through the use of technology. We are suspending our Lay Congregational care visits and the pastoral staff will be handling emergencies until we are at a better place with this virus.

The emotional, mental, and physical health of all of our members, our communities, and our families are paramount. We will do all in our power so that all may be as healthy as possible. We need your support, your prayers, and your cooperation.

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