



March, 2020

Hello Friends,

These past few weeks have been unsettling. Social distancing, quarantines and sequestering have become a part of our vocabulary and life. Yet, we are finding other methods to hug and express our love and concern for each other. YouTube worship time, text messages, email, Facebook, Zoom conferencing, electronic cards and phone calls have become our way to talk with family, friends and neighbors. During this time of physical isolation and social distancing, the work of the church is continuing.

As the Morrice / Bancroft Circuit Treasurer and the Bancroft Church Treasurer, I want to assure you the financial plans adopted in December, 2019 for the circuit and church are still moving forward. Here are a few highlights:

- **Morrice / Bancroft Circuit:** Our pastor's monthly salary is still being provided. The expense for Annual Conference is on hold as we await word on whether it will be held this spring. Travel expenses for our pastor are not needed at this time. *I would like to formally ask the Administrative Council Officers from Morrice and Bancroft to consider a temporary reimbursement for enhanced home Wi-Fi and Internet support for Pastor Coleen. I will need to hear from each of the officers from both churches. The votes will be reported and recorded at the next Administrative Council meeting of each church.*
- **Bancroft Church:** The utility bills, pension liabilities and support for the Circuit and Conference are still being paid. *Early last week, the Administrative Council Officers unanimously agreed to continue to support the monthly payroll to our two employees throughout this temporary closure. The Administrative Council Officers also unanimously agreed to utilize a portion of the Community Outreach budget to partner with Riverside Market in Durand and Carl's Market in Perry to provide assistance to the vulnerable in our communities who may need just a few extra dollars for essential items. The votes for these two items will be reported and recorded at the next Administrative Council meeting.*

Gifts and Tithes Please continue to support our ministry through your gifts and tithes. There are two ways available:

1. Mail your check to the church office.
 - a. Bancroft UMC P.O. Box 175 Bancroft, MI 48414
 - b. Morrice UMC P.O. Box 301 Morrice, MI 48857
2. Use the online giving option. We are thankful for the support of the Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church for the opportunity to offer this option. Gifts given by this method will be collected by the Conference and mailed to the individual churches with a list detailing the name of the giver. Visit our church website <http://www.bmpumc.org/> to find the Donate button in the lower right corner of the homepage for each congregation.

May God's Peace continue to sustain you,

Irene Bancroft

Bancroft UMC Treasurer

Morrice / Bancroft Circuit Treasurer