



April 6, 2020

Good Day Church Family,

I pray you are doing as well as can be expected. We serve a mighty God who lends us his strength and reassurance in times of trial. Proverbs 18:10 *The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.*

I am sending this letter to connect and share some information. This morning my inbox contained emails from our bishop and I wanted to share this with all of you. He has asked all Michigan churches to stay at home until April 30th, with the possibility of extension, due to the President's Stay at Home order. It was also announced the Annual Conference will be postponed to a date to be determined. If you did not already know, the General Conference will not meet until 2021.

I realize it is sad not to worship together in person. In trying times it is our church family to whom we turn for a kind face, reassuring hug or to join in prayer. We can still do this by making phone calls, writing letters and watching online services, if able. I encourage you to watch services on TV if you do not have the internet.

Please reach out if you need assistance. The county also has a hotline number for essential needs, 989-743-2460. Call if you need help with getting groceries or medication pick up. Looking Glass and Bancroft have given funds for supporting food supplies in the area. If you would like to give directly, give to the Perry food bank, Bancroft Congregational food bank, Loaves and Fishes or Salvation Army of Genesee/Shiawassee.

As I write this letter we are in Holy Week and I remind you all of the hope we have in our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. As he sacrificed his earthly existence for our sins, so we can sacrifice the comforts of our lives for a brief period in time. It has been suggested on social media that people step outside on Easter Sunday, at 10 am, and sing Amazing Grace. May I suggest we all do the same. Please continue your 10 am Lord's Prayer each week.

I pray for continued protection over your households. Please call me if you need to talk or for a prayer. 989-413-9850.

Peace and Grace,
Pastor Coleen