Hi FPC friends!

I hope all of you are weathering this social distancing and sheltering in place as well as possible at this point. It is such a surreal and unsettling time for all of us! I hope you have been able to stay well and stay safe.

In our stay at home "activities", Jack and I have been trying to stay connected to our church through many of the online opportunities the staff has been offering. I hope you, too, have been tuning in to many of the devotions, lessons, and suggestions for children and adults, online worship services, etc. This is a really trying time for church staff, as this season has us "loving each other by staying apart", but they are being amazingly creative, and I commend their efforts to you — especially if you have not been tuned into the church website very much. We all miss each other, and it really is important for us to stay as connected as possible with our church family.

Specifically I recommend for you the wonderful Holy Week offerings which are still available online. We must understand the story of Holy Week in order to appreciate the triumph of Easter. In addition, if you look on the FPC Greensboro website under Digital Formation you will find links to good devotions, to Sandie Gravett's Bible studies, to the TED Talks Faith lessons and more.

Finally, I want to remind us all that even though we are not at the church in person, the church still has many ongoing expenses, and our gifts and offerings are well below the usual income for this point in the year. This is not surprising, and I know many of us are experiencing financial difficulties of our own right now, but if you are in a position to keep up with your pledges and offerings, please do so. I know it is needed. There are instructions on the website for secure giving.

Though separated by COVID-19, may we feel God's deep love for EACH of us and ALL of us through the painful journey to the cross and the ultimate triumph of Easter. I miss seeing you, and I pray for the time we can reconnect in person!

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