

A Letter to the Friends and Family of St. Andrew's UMC
Re: Life with COVID 19

March 12, 2020

Friends,

You have heard me say that I never cancel church, but we are living within an unprecedented event. At Bishop Leeland's urging we are suspending in-person worship for Sunday, 3/15 and 3/22. You are invited to join us online at 10:00 both Sundays. Access will be available on our Facebook and web pages, or click [HERE](#).

Also, all small group meetings (church and community) for the week of 3/15 are cancelled. This includes small groups, bible studies, volley ball, book clubs, choir, square dance, etc. The only group that will have continued access is AA. Staff and lay leadership will meet again on 3/19 to look at the week of 3/22.

Please keep in mind that while we are not gathering together, our financial obligations remain. Your tithes and offerings are much needed and can be given [online](#) (here or on from our website) or by mail to 1901 Archdale Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210.

Throughout the week our staff will be providing devotions to allow each of us to remain connected to each other and to the Source of all that we have and are. Watch our Facebook page for these connecting points.

I will share once again, that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. As Sara Terrell shared, "the risk of becoming ill in our area is still considered low, but we will be prudent in the precautions we take. We have an opportunity in such unusual times to be the love of Christ in extraordinary ways" Continue to be the body of Christ and reach out to neighbors and friends, by phone and email.

As always, I'm available for questions or concerns.

By His grace,

Pastor Sherri