



March 25, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are facing challenging times individually and as a community due to the current pandemic. Although we cannot spend time together in person, we are creatively finding ways to share God's message and remain connected as a Church family as well as provide important outreach to our community. Since making the difficult decision to suspend onsite church activities less than two weeks ago, our church leadership and staff have accomplished much.

- We have broadcast Sunday morning worship in the form of meaningful and timely messages along with beautiful musical selections on our Facebook page. Viewers both Sundays greatly outnumbered our own membership. If you missed this on Sunday, don't worry video of the message remains on Facebook and is available on our website as well.
- The number of followers on our social media is increasing significantly every day. We are regularly communicating through email, Facebook, Instagram, our website, and other vehicles. Please share our messages with your friends who may be seeking comfort, care, and a sense of purpose.
- Feeding the hungry satisfies our community's most basic need. We have partnered with *Feed More* and will be collecting non-perishable items on April 4, as well as receiving monetary donations to purchase additional food. The church will be matching up to \$10,000 of the total donations received. (See our recent email on the Food Drive for specific details.)
- Important resources have been made available to our families with children and youth to help them adjust and understand God's presence in their lives. Youth Group has met, and Sunday School has taken place. Our Young Adult Small Group, Prayer Time, and Thursday adult Bible Study will be meeting online soon.
- This week, Wednesday Night Live! will begin on Facebook at 7:30 p.m., which will include music, devotions, and opportunities for our members to share their stories.
- The session and staff as well as several ministries have been meeting via the Zoom conferencing platform. While not quite the same, it is still a gift to hear voices and see beloved faces. The work of the church is going on!

Giving to the church is more important than ever as we seek to spread news of God's love in the world, support our members during this trying time, nurture our children and youth, and so much more. We want to remind you of the ways you can continue to support River Road Presbyterian's important mission and ministry.

- The easiest method for anyone to give is our new *Text to Give* option; simply text RRPC to 73256 and follow the instructions.
- To give online directly, members of the church should <u>click here</u> or use their *Church Life* app. Visitors and community members should <u>click here</u> to give. You may make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations.
- You may also contact your bank to use its online bill pay option on either a one-time or recurring schedule.
- Of course, you can write and mail a check to the church address as always.

If you need any help with setting up and using the church's online payment methods, please reach out to <u>Susan</u> Hockman who will be happy to walk you through the process.

We are grateful for the relationship we have within the RRPC family. Don't feel alone; you are part of a vital community of faith. Let us know how we can help you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

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