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Dear PWC Family,

In light of the recent announcement from our president and our governor, to limit non-essential social gatherings to ten people for 15 days, we will cancel our regular church services through the month of March. This means we are cancelling all church activities on:

- Wednesday, March 18
- Sunday, March 22
- Wednesday, March 25
- Sunday, March 29

It will always be our desire to be compliant to government requests that are for the greater good that do not compromise our Christian beliefs and practices. We will constantly assess where we are and what our next step should be and keep you informed.

I know that there are a lot of questions, so I'll categorize some of the main areas that hopefully will provide answers. Should you have other questions, call us at the church office 574-936-3637.

Church Related

1. There are **NO** Wednesday or Sunday church services through the month of March (see dates above).
2. We will post a sermon by Pastor Ollie for Sundays, March 22 and March 29 online. Devotionals will be put on Tuesday, March 24 by Pastor Taylor and Thursday, March 26 by Pastor Ed. You can access the sermons or devotionals on the PWC Facebook public page at www.facebook.com/PlymouthWesleyan/ and the PWC website at www.pwcalive.com/current-podcasts.
3. The church office will remain open weekdays from 9:00 to 3:00 pm.
4. Please call any people that may not use social media (website, Facebook, etc.) to inform them of our schedules.
5. **Please do your best to remain faithful in your regular church giving. You can send your offerings to the church, drop them by, or give online (www.pwcalive.com/online-giving).** Even though church activities are temporarily cancelled, our expenses continue. Thank you for helping us in this area.

Health Related

1. Stay home as much as possible to help isolate contact or the virus from spreading.
2. Please be especially considerate of those vulnerable, such as our elderly.
3. Respect the distance you stay from others to minimize the virus spreading and to respect the wishes of others.
4. Practice good sanitary hygiene as in washing hands, etc.

Opportunities

1. Ask yourself, "When I look back on this moment in history, what will I be proud of having done?"
2. If at home- tackle a home project!
3. If at home- plan a special family activity/event!
4. For another- help an elderly neighbor (maybe get groceries).
5. For another- share needed supplies with another.
6. For another- occasionally help another family with childcare.
7. For another- give a struggling family a gift card to a restaurant or maybe cash.

As we move through each day, let us journey with confidence in God. Consider these words from David in Psalm 118,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever... The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans... The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!... The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!... You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
Psalm 118:1, 6-8, 14-15, 24-25, 28

Praying with you and for you,

Pastor Ollie