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SUSPENDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

Dear Farmington First Church Family,

We pray that this letter finds you physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy during this challenging time. As we prepare to observe a very-different Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Season, we pray you will continue to hold on to hope and encourage others to do the same. As many the CORVID-19 pandemic in Michigan have risen to an alarming height. The leadership of the church has reviewed Governors new restrictions and the call from our Episcopal leader Bishop David A. Bard. We have made the prayerful and difficult decision so suspend in-person worship for the remainder of 2020. This decision was not made lightly nor fearfully, rather out of an abiding sense of care and concern for each of you. Our main priority has and continues to be the health and safety of each of you and your families.

WORSHIP

We will continue to offer our worship service via our livestream on our Facebook page. In addition, we are exploring opportunity to have the service available live on our website. We recognize for those who do not have access to a computer, smartphone, or internet, this could be a time of isolation. To that end, we are investigating options to listen to our worship service by calling-in via telephone. We will continue to offer our live weekly video devotion and daily emailed devotions. As we move into the Advent season, we will offer our Annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service virtually, along with a new unique Christmas Eve Journey. We encourage you to regularly connect, by phone or through electronic mean, with family, friends, and other members of the church for encouragement and support.

GIVING

Your continued financial support is needed and greatly appreciated, as we continue to seek creative ways to serve you and our community. We ask that you continue to mail-in or drop-off your contributions, to give using "PayPal," or the "Bill Pay" option on your online banking website. Our finance team continues to do a masterful job being good stewards of the gifts you give. We deeply appreciated your continued financial support.

Again, our main priority has and continues to be the health and safety of our membership. Our decision to suspend in-person worship emphasizes this concern. We ask that you continue to encourage and pray for/with one another as we all adjust. Be encouraged friends, we will get through this together, for God continues to guide our way.

Hope and Joy,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood, Pastor

Sharon Gesse, Church Council Chair