

Dear State Line Church family,

After prayerful conversation with the leadership team and directives from our Bishop and Governor, we are not going to meet in person for a few weeks until the COVID-19 issue is better under control. All activities at the church have been put on hold indefinitely at this point. This all aligns with the recommendation that is being given by our state government. We are convinced that being apart is the most responsible and faithful choice at this time. We as the leadership team will monitor the situation daily, and communicate decisions with you.

We are committed to remaining in contact with you and worshipping as best we can electronically. We are looking at the options that are available to do this. I am aware that everyone in our congregation does not have internet access. We will use Facebook Live and continue to put the sermon on YouTube. Copyright laws forbid us to use music in our online interactions without a costly license that is limited in what can be covered. We will communicate how to access these things, so that we might be present together in a new way.

As a family of God, we are still the Church, and will strive to be faithful in our prayers, presence, giving, and faithful living. We encourage you to continue to present your tithes and offerings through the mail by mailing your check to State Line UMC, P.O. Box 277, State Line, PA. 17263. We have our regular bills to pay, but these will also be days we need to be a blessing to our community, and your giving allows us to show God's light in a scary time.

For now, we are working from home as much as possible. We are checking our voicemail remotely but feel free to call Pastor Steven on his cell phone at 814-414-7505 with any questions or needs. Mary and Pastor Steven will stop in at the office periodically to check the post office box and the answering machine as long as circumstances allow it. However, we humbly ask that you communicate as much as possible through phone or email to help in this current situation.

These are uncertain times that are changing day by day, and we ask for patience and prayers as we adapt to being the Church in unprecedented times. None of us have ever lived through such a time as this and we must remain faithful and continue to trust that God is in control. Fear is the enemy and we cannot allow fear to win.

If you have a need and are afraid to go out, please make your need known and we will do our best to help meet those needs. An article written by 16 Health Care Leaders for the USA Today stated, "Be a neat freak. Wash your hands. Give to people in need. If you're going to spread something, spread help, compassion, and humor. And do not panic."

In His Love,

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