

## Plain City Presbyterian Church

*We preach not ourselves but Christ Jesus, the Lord. II Cor. 4:5*



March 18, 2020

Dear Church Family,

Greetings from the Resource Committee on behalf of Session. We usually send a letter to the congregation with some clever quotes or examples of why it is important to contribute. Well, not this time! We have many things to discuss so I will get right to it.

To say we are in challenging times with the Covid 19 virus is an understatement. This virus has impacted many people from various walks of life.

First, our own congregation is affected by having to resort to video-churching and cutting other activities like Bible study, choir etc. With the lack of "attendance" in the church there is a lack of funds from the offering plate not being passed. The Resource Committee urges you to continue your tithing via mail. We have cut many expenses such as turning down the heat throughout the church, and of course, I'll explain how to submit your tithe shortly.

Second, we have an opportunity to be part of a local mission supporting our Jonathan Alder school kids. Some of the children receive free or reduced breakfast/lunch. During this shutdown, the school district is supporting feeding the children this week and the following week. Next week is "spring break" and they need support. The PC Clergy, JA and Hope's Lantern are going to feed the kids that next week. They are reaching out to the local churches for support. Normally, your physical effort is as welcome as your checkbook; however your checkbook is needed more. We are phrasing it this way to keep the number of people to a minimum to stay in compliance with the Governor's orders. Please consider providing an extra contribution towards this local mission.

The tithe to the church or contribution to JA school food program can be mailed directly to Suzanne Merkle. Please denote the amounts if they are all in one check so Suzanne and Gary can separate. The Merkle's address is below. For security, place your offering envelope inside a U.S. mail envelope and then mail.

Together not only as a country but as a church we will get through this ordeal.

Best Regards,

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