Dear Mount Vernon Church Family,

Yesterday, your Church Session met via virtual conference to discuss our long-range response regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Session has closely monitored events as they have developed and as such have made the following decisions:

1. All in-person church activities are suspended until public health officials deem that groups of people can congregate safely. At this time, there is no set future date for when we will reconvene for corporate worship in the physical sense.
2. The Session has divided up the church directory and will be reaching out to each of you every 1-2 weeks. Consider this one way of staying connected and being the body of Christ while we are physically apart.
3. Small groups are exploring video conferencing platforms, (such as Zoom) to continue their fellowship and ministry. If you would like to explore such options and it be church related, please inform the staff so we can assist and support you. You could consider doing this for Sunday School, Presbyterian Women, Small Groups, Youth Group, et cetera.

The church will continue to hold Sunday worship through our website, www.mvpchurch.org, and on our Facebook page. I am also hosting the Mount Vernon Moment each day at Noon on my personal Facebook page and then uploading it to the church's page. This is a daily devotional/check-in that occurs Monday-Friday.

We are already working on plans for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. We will celebrate the entrance, last supper, crucifixion, and resurrection, and then when we return to worship in the flesh, we will again celebrate the bodily resurrection of our church coming together.

If you have any other ideas of how we can keep and maintain community, please let us know. We want to support and lift up our entire community. These are uncertain times, but these are also times that foster abundant creativity. If you have an idea, please reach out to any of our Session members or feel free to contact me directly.

With Hopeful Expectation,

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