

Dear LBUMC Family & Friends

Grace and peace to you in the Name of our Lord. These are difficult days, as we see the Coronavirus outbreak continues to spread. Throughout the day I have been monitoring recommendations from the CDC, World Health Organization, our Governor, and most recently, this afternoon, our Bishop.

In keeping with due diligence, this Sunday, we will begin worshipping solely through our live stream on Facebook. We will work to have a recording of our Livestream posted on our website soon thereafter. Only essential staff will be present in the sanctuary to bring you and our community an abbreviated worship experience at our usual worship time of 10:00am. We will have someone welcome any newcomers outside the sanctuary doors to communicate these actions.

If you have prayer needs, please communicate them by email to our office. If you have private prayer requests or personal needs, please contact Pastor Debbie or myself by email or cell.

Our office will continue to be open 8:00am to 1:00pm M-F and can be reached at (949) 499-3088 or office@lbumc.org.

We will have leaders of all of our Small Groups, Bible studies and other gatherings be in touch with their participants to communicate the ways each will meet. With the variety of online communication options, I want to encourage each of you to stay connected as a faith community in these challenging times.

John Wesley stressed the importance of caring for our health; both in body and in spirit. In this Lenten season, we have entered another type of wilderness. Let us pray. Stay connected. And care, especially for those at high risk and those who have contracted COVID-19.

In these days of uncertainty, I invite us all to lean into God and remember these words of solace from Psalm 46:1-3, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble." And from Hebrews 13, God's promise, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Finally, let us remember to be generous with ourselves and each other as we take a deep breath and learn new ways of being Church. Facetime, Skype, Email, Text, Phone and even a letter by post; all of these are possibilities for connection and Community . Let us give of ourselves in creative ways to one another and to those most vulnerable among us in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our LBUMC leadership and staff will do our best to update you continually with new information through our E-newsletter, text and on our Facebook page.

May God's grace and peace be yours as you all have my continued prayers.

Pastor Lynn