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Rejoice always.

Pray continually.

Give thanks in every situation

because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us hold fast to our God of peace and love in this time of increasing anxiety and uncertainty!

At this time, all ministry activities and worship services are continuing as scheduled. However, given the rapidly changing information and responses to the spread of Covid-19, I want to let you know the steps of precaution and preparation we are taking at the church.

- Staff and parishioners are strongly urged to stay at home if contagious or not feeling well. Use your best judgment to care for and protect yourself and others.
- There is hand sanitizer at the entrances to our worship areas and in classrooms.
- If you feel the need to refrain from hugs and handshakes that is OK. Be sensitive to the needs of others.
- The preschool and custodial staff disinfect door handles, handrails, bathroom and drinking fixtures and other surfaces multiple times a day or a week depending on usage.
- Preschool and Mom's Morning Out programs are prepared to follow Duneland School schedule in case of closings.
- While meetings are still being held at the church, we have a Zoom account that can be utilized by any church group wanting to have an online meeting as an alternative. Please contact me for instructions.
- Our traditional worship services are uploaded to our website every Monday for listening pleasure at [chestertonumc.org/media](http://chestertonumc.org/media)
- The Nurture and Care team is considering ways that we can be supportive of parishioners who need to stay at home. If you have needs please contact the church office at 926-1478.

Let us not submit to fear. It is God's will for us that in all situations we turn towards Him rejoicing, praying and giving thanks.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Pastor Heather