

~ An Update From Pastor Tim ~

Dear Friends,

Out of concern for the health of our parish, neighbors, and the wider community, and in keeping with recommendations of health officials, we have reluctantly decided to cancel church services for the next eight weeks or till further notice.

Contact Information:

I will be on call and checking email regularly:

- timatwater@juno.com (508) 563-9215
- Bourne Secretary Vicki Horne will continue office hours Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9-1 and will check phone messages (508-759-4898) and email (bumcsecretary37@gmail.com) daily
- Cataumet Secretary Linda Henderson will be checking messages left at the church phone (508-563-3555) or email (cumcsecretary2@gmail.com) daily.

Once a week I plan to send out a worship bulletin with readings and words of hymns and songs suitable for home worship. We are exploring ways of live-streaming small group worship, and/or posting worship to our website and Facebook page.

Facilities – Limited Access

Our Thrift Shop is closed and all non-essential church activities are postponed till further notice.

Twelve-step groups may continue to meet, 25 or less at a time, with cleaning of building space after each meeting. These meetings are life-saving for some, comparable with access to pharmacies and emergency health facilities. I have been meeting in person with each group to be sure communication is clear.

Our dedicated custodians who remain on duty have been asked to take extra care for their own health.

Reaching Out to Each Other:

Please let us know your needs, and how we can best serve you and others – as we seek to make the loving presence of God evident in our communities in these very

challenging times. The church building is closed, but God's work in our community continues.

We continue to humbly ask all who are able – please continue to fulfill your offerings and pledges to the church (which can be mailed to Bourne UMC, PO Box 3037 Bourne MA 02532 – or Cataumet UMC, PO Box 812 Cataumet MA 02534).

Schools Are Closed:

As you know, Bourne schools are closed creating many difficulties for families. Some workers have been laid off, many more face job uncertainties. We continue to request generous contributions for the School Backpacks Project and Bourne Food Pantry, which can be left in either church. The Bourne school system's social worker is delivering backpacks weekly to families.

Fellowship:

Let's continue to call and check on one another often and let each other know we are here, caring and willing to help. Above all, let's continue in prayer for one another, and for all those suffering and at risk.

May the grace, the peace, and the everlasting love of God in Jesus Christ be with you,

Pastor Tim

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