FIRST CHURCH

A United Methodist Congregation

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that we are **CANCELING ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.** The only reason we agreed to this action is to protect our church family, our visitors, and the public from the spread of COVID19. We have had no known cases in our congregation or among our friends. However, we are called to love one another and our neighbors; therefore, this is the best course of action for everyone's sake.

The good news is our 9:45 and 11 a.m. services will be live-streamed each Sunday. The 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be shown live on our website: firstsrq.com and Facebook: facebook.com/fumcsarasota/. Services will also be posted on the website for later viewing.

Staff will be busy and the office will be open our normal hours.

CANCELED:

- Worship Services (in-person canceled; 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. live-streamed and archived on the website)
- Early Care Center
- Choir Rehearsal
- Team Treble
- Sunday School
- Youth Activities
- Confirmation Classes
- Homework Tutoring
- Song Squad
- All Bible Studies: Women's, Men's and Pastor's Bible Studies
- Prayer Group
- All United Methodist Women's Meetings
- Book Club
- All Administrative Meetings: Finance, SPRC, Trustees & Church Council
- Word Weavers
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- ECC Easter Luncheon
- Fresh Expressions Meeting
- Family Promise Meeting

We know that some of our church family will need help getting groceries or prescriptions. Some of you have already volunteered to help. We are setting up a system to match those in need with volunteers. Please contact Ondie Vinson at 859-490-0617 (call or text) or ondievinson@gmail.com if you need help or if you'd like to volunteer. If you know of someone who needs assistance but may not call us, please let us know so that we may contact them. Thank you!

May God keep us safe and grant us peace.

In God's Amazing Grace,

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To Celebrate and Share the Joy of Christ's Love