

Dear Vestry Members,

We are navigating uncharted waters and just assuredly as I put something in writing, things will change. In these times we must be vigilant and flexible. I will continue to communicate. The good news is that I've finally been able to get a handful of clarifications from the diocese. We have more discretion than the bishop's last letter instructed. With that being said, AA will continue to meet, and this will be an agenda item for Monday evenings Vestry meeting.

Since we have some discretion, I would still like for us, as a vestry, to meet in person Monday evening. Please come having already eaten at 6:30. As a precaution, we will not provide communal food. If anyone is uncomfortable meeting in person, they may call in. We are working on the technology and a digital platform called Zoom seems to be what everyone is suggesting. Additionally, I have canceled the invitation to the canon staff of our diocese. Not only are they quite busy supporting our diocese in this time of crisis, but also it seems that we now have other work to do. Our visioning meeting will be made up sometime in the future.

Aside from our normal Buildings and Grounds agenda items, I would like us to begin thinking what being the church looks like in these uncharted waters. Here are the beginnings of some thoughts.

- Since we can still gather to worship, I'd like to begin offering Morning Prayer in the sanctuary. We need to come together and pray in these times. Our sanctuary is large and our numbers for a service like this are small. We can spread out. We can pray.
- We need to build up food supply of non-perishable foods as the demand will surely increase.
- We will put together a systematic way of calling every parishioner especially our elderly. *Volunteers needed.*
- We want to assist them and enable them to self-isolate which may mean going shopping or other minor tasks.

Brothers and sisters, we as a church need to be present and visible in this time of crisis. We want everyone to know, yes, times are different, but Jesus Christ is still the answer. I hope to see you all Monday evening.

God's Peace,
Joseph+