



May 19, 2020

Woodmont Family,

We hope you and your family are staying healthy during these challenging times. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as we draw closer to the summer months. The irony of this time is that we need each other for support, but we've had to socially distance ourselves to slow the spread of coronavirus

We first want to thank you for your ongoing financial support of Woodmont. Your generosity makes so many of our ministries possible, especially right now, and we are truly grateful. Obviously, not having regular church services and programs for ten weeks has been a new experience for all of us. At Woodmont, we have now moved into "Phase One" where we are offering virtual services online, drive-in services in the front parking lot, and allowing very small groups of people to meet at the church. Our leadership continues to discuss the details of "Phase Two" with no set date in mind, making the health and safety of our congregation a top priority. Because of COVID-19, we have been unable to run our traditional stewardship campaign this spring. We did not feel like the timing made sense with everything that has been happening. It would also be insensitive to those who have been heavily affected economically. Providing pastoral support to our church family during this time and serving this community has been our top priority. We have held food and supply drives, continued outreach giving, and done everything we can to support people during this time.

As we look ahead to a new church year beginning July 1st, we are encouraging everybody who can to continue supporting Woodmont at the same giving level if that is possible. We are going to be very responsible on the expense side of our budget. We want to hold on to our talented staff, continue our strong outreach to those in need, and maintain the great momentum that we have built in recent years, especially with the new Chapel and Children's Wing set to be completed this fall. So far, the church remains in a healthy financial position. Woodmont's generosity has continued throughout the pandemic and shutdowns. This has been very encouraging and again, we are grateful.

The leadership slate is included in this edition of The Spire. There will be some sort of congregational meeting on June 21st (whether in person or online), where the congregation will be asked to formally approve the slate and the proposed budget. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. It is a new normal, but we are glad to report that Woodmont remains healthy and vibrant.

With sincere gratitude,

Dr. Clay Stauffer
Senior Minister

William Crawford
Chair of the Board

John Stauffer
Chair of the Elders