

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

At our Monday night meeting, the Session, with great regret, voted to suspend all activities in our building until at least April 20th. We will continue holding virtual services at 10:30 AM each Sunday morning, and you are invited to join us either by going to our website at northminsterlife.org or by going to <https://www.youtube.com/NorthminsterChurchOH>. Gordy and I are currently working on an option so that those without computers and internet access can dial in by phone to hear our services each Sunday, and we are hopeful that this may be possible in the near future. For now, however, the only option for worshipping with us is by joining us live on the internet, or by watching the service after it is recorded. But we are also hopeful that sooner rather than later, our building will be open to the public, so we won't have to worry about such issues.

I think it is worth emphasizing that although our building is closed to all church activities, Barb and I are still keeping our regular office hours, so if for any reason you need to come by the church during the week, feel free to do so. At this time we are simply following the advice of the CDC and other medical professionals to suspend all group activities in order to prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

I can't tell you how proud I am of our Session for their hard work on Monday night to come up with creative ideas for how we can stay connected as a community during this time of social distancing. Among the decisions they made was to start a church network of volunteers who are willing to pick up groceries for anyone in the church who may need them. So if you are either in need of someone to pick up your groceries, or you have some time to shop for others, I encourage you to sign up for this network.

Again, I thank all of you for your patience during this time, and I remind you that with God's help, we will all get through this together.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which can never be moved, but abides forever." (Psalm 125:1)