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Members and Friends of EMUMC,

I have made the difficult decision to cancel Sunday Worship for both March 15th and 22nd. Also, any and all meetings and activities scheduled to take place within the church building are hereby cancelled, to include but not limited to Administrative Board, Worship Committee, A Better Life: Brianna's Hope, and Edwards Memorial Nursery School classes.

The response to Covid 19 is ongoing and constantly changing. According, decisions regarding future worship services will be forthcoming.

I realize this decision will not be met with total agreement. Still, having drawn upon the opinions of the medical community, education professionals, and church leadership, I am convinced that it is the correct moral, medical, and theological conclusion.

One Physician I trust and admire explained it this way. "Many people are treating this virus as if were a blizzard...here for a few days and then gone. This is more than a blizzard. This is Winter."

And so, what are we to do? Here is what I am going to do. I will strive to act responsibly, faithfully, and with eyes wide open. I will continue supporting my community of faith by reaching out to the least, the last and the lost. I will visit the sick, bless the children, preach the Gospel, and financially support my church. I will support my governments efforts to contain this virus, and I will do my best to be a responsible citizen. I will continue to employ common sense based upon information gleaned from modern science, and hope based on truth that comes from God's great love for us made real in the life, death, and resurrection of His son, and our Savior, Jesus. And perhaps most importantly, I am going to pray...
...without ceasing.

Remembering,

Pastor Scott Bell
...He's Coming Back