

## Phone Tree Message 2/17/2021

Dear Messiah friends and family, this is Tom Griffith, your Council President.

I hope this message finds everyone in good health during this difficult time. The Council met virtually last night to discuss several issues involving the church. One of the items on the agenda was whether we should start the Park and Pray outdoor services again. After much discussion, we voted to hold off on the Park and Pray until next month, since we are currently in a period of unusually cold weather and snow. We hope the weather will improve enough to be more tolerable so that Palm Sunday can be celebrated outside.

A couple of people have asked me when we think the church will be open again. So, the Council discussed the prospects of opening the church at some point in the future. It was emphasized that our church does not have a forced air and heat system, thereby providing little continual air circulation. Churches with such systems can install special filters which remove about 99% of contaminants including viruses. Older churches such as ours are also experiencing such apprehension about opening. The Council will start to monitor the percentage of people who have been vaccinated in the State of Ohio in order to measure the progress. Everyone in Messiah is encouraged to seek vaccination for their health and well being as well as in preparation for our being together again.

We continue to look forward to resuming our usual routine. Stay safe and may God's blessing be with us.