

March 16, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of TCC,

As you are no doubt aware by now, public gatherings of over 25 people, including in Houses of Worship, are not permitted in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts between the dates of March 16 and April 6.

This means that we can say with certainty that our worship services on March 22, March 29, and April 5 (Palm Sunday) must be canceled. It is, of course, impossible to predict if these restrictions will be extended as time goes on.

Because of this uncertainty, we will not be placing any Easter flower orders, and any payments received thus far will be returned to you. If we are able to hold our Easter Sunday service, the church will provide flowers.

Please understand, however, that canceling morning worship does NOT mean that our Church is "closed." Marilyn will continue to keep the office open during regular hours (9:00 – 2:00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) and smaller groups, such as ministries and the cabinet, have the option of meeting. Other details of Church life will be included in the weekly "Trumpet Blast," sent by email and posted at the TCC website every Thursday.

The Golf Tournament committee will have its first meeting this Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Church lounge. This year's tournament, scheduled for July 11, is one of our major fundraisers, and requires many helping hands. We encourage you to support Gail Bedard in this effort in any way you can.

As you would expect, TCC must continue to meet its normal financial obligations, such as heat, light and payroll. If you are able, please maintain your weekly giving during this period.

Most importantly, let us continue to support each other during these uncertain times. Please remember to notify Michele Lawler or Patter Field when you know of someone needing special attention and care. Since visits to long term care facilities are no longer permitted, continue to send cards or make phone calls to those who are confined to their homes or nursing homes. Be safe, and do not take chances with your own health.

Yours in faith,

The Executive Committee
(Sue McGowan, Martha Morse, Marion Scott, Gwen Trelle, and Kathy Wright)