

March 17th, 2020

Dear Four Mile,

Your elders and church staff met yesterday to further discuss our mission in light of the rapidly evolving situation regarding the coronavirus. At least for the remainder of March:

- In place of gathering at our church facility, our Sunday worship services will be broadcast online, both on our Facebook page and our website, www.fourmile.org. Note – some people lost connection with our webcast last Sunday but that was due to high usage worldwide. If that happens check back afternoon and it should work.
 - We do encourage everyone to take precautions and limit contact. At the same time, we encourage you to keep connected via facetime, skype, phone calls, etc. to encourage each other and pray for each other and for our world.
 - If you know of someone who is alone, reach out to check in and see if there are ways to help.
 - Remember that though we broadcast live at 10:30am, you can view the service any time after.
- All meetings at the church are suspended for the time being.
 - Our church childcare facilities are also closed by mandate.
- Discipleship – We are looking at all possibilities for continuing to provide opportunities to study and grow as a church in this new social environment. Keep an eye on our website for updates.
- Our Mexico mission trip will be canceled for this year. Any decision regarding the Dominican Republic mission trip will be made once we get into the summer months.
- Our foodbank will remain open for those in need on its normal schedule.
- The church office will remain open, however, hours of operation may periodically change so be sure to call before dropping by.
- Tithing and giving – even though we are not physically meeting on Sundays our ministry continues and like at your home – our regular expenses still need to be paid. That is why included with this mailing on another sheet are options and instructions on how to continue to faithfully support the work God is doing here at Four Mile.
- Serving and bearing witness: As unwanted and as negatively impacting this pandemic is – it is also an opportunity for the people of God to be light in the darkness. So we encourage you individually as well as small groups, ministry teams, families, etc. to seek and pray for opportunities to serve and bless those around you in your neighborhoods, workplaces, your circle of friends, and of course those who are part of your church community.
- Our deacons will reach out to our elderly members and anyone else in a vulnerable or compromised physical condition to check on wellbeing and to provide any help or support that may be needed.
 - If you would like to support the ministry of the deacons in any way – meal preparations, rides, visitation, etc. you can contact them via email: deacons@fourmile.org

So in summary for Sundays March 22 and March 29 – our worship gatherings will be online only. As things continue to develop and for ongoing updates, schedules and changes related to the developing dynamics and impact of the coronavirus visit our website: www.fourmile.org

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Four Mile elders and ministry staff

A few notes from the office –

Suggestions for either one-time or reoccurring tithing and giving options:

- Online through our website at www.fourmile.org. Simply click on the GIVE button in the top right corner and follow the directions on the page.
- Through your bank -
 - If you have online bill paying capabilities, just insert Four Mile Presbyterian Church as the business name and follow the steps from there. If you know your giving envelope number, we encourage you to use that as your account number.
- Mail your contribution to 6078 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Please remember to make checks payable to *Four Mile Presbyterian Church*.

Also, if you are receiving this letter via normal mail, that means we do not have a viable email address for you. If you would like to receive these updates much quicker via email, please send your information to marcy@fourmile.org so that we may update our database.

We will also be sending updates via our What You Need To Know weekly emails. If you would like to be added to that list, please email abby@fourmile.org.