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Our Purpose
To make disciples
of Jesus Christ

Our Mission
St. Paul's is a welcoming
broad-based community of
faith, centered in Jesus
Christ, engaging the spiritual
gifts of our people, and
sharing the grace of God with
all persons.

Our Vision
We will be an inclusive,
diverse church loving others
according to the teachings of
Jesus and working for justice
and peace in our world.

Our Welcoming Statement

St. Paul's United Methodist Church celebrates the sacred worth and value of all individuals. We welcome all who seek a home in this house of God with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We invite people of every age, race, ethnicity, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, diverse ability, or legal status to join us on a journey toward full participation and service in Christ's church.

November 18, 2020

Dear friends,

Based on the greatly increasing number of COVID cases in Allegheny County and the concerns about gatherings around the upcoming holiday (be they intentional or unintentional), the St. Paul's Re-opening Task Team and the Leadership Team have decided to curtail in-person worship for the next three weeks (November 21/22, 28/29, and December 5/6). Please make wise decisions about staying home and saying safe, and re-consider any planned large family gatherings at Thanksgiving. The medical community is reminding us that much of the spreading of the Coronavirus is happening through friend or family gatherings, restaurants and bars, and church.

St. Paul's will livestream worship at 8:30AM on Sunday for the next three weeks, and a call-in audio devotional service will be available beginning at 9:30AM these Sundays as well [call (412)485-0213 to listen].

For now, outdoor activities such as the Harvest Hustle, Light Up Night, and the delivery of Thanksgiving meals in conjunction with NHCO will occur. For other in-person activities such as for our children or youth, please expect guidance from Erin Soza or Tami Weisner.

The St. Paul's Leadership Team is following a communications protocol to keep you all informed, should COVID cases emerge "in house." Here are some of the pertinent elements of that protocol for the congregation:

- In the case of a positive test in any of the **Weekday Ministries**, send blanket letter to congregation via Constant Contact, and inform all staff via Remind* link.
- In the case of a positive test among any **church staff** or of notification of an **attending church member** testing positive, follow above procedure, also informing Weekday Ministries through the Children's Ministry Director and program directors.
- If anyone in your household has been told to quarantine due to exposure to someone with a positive COVID test, please refrain from attending in-person church-sponsored activities.

We are thankful for all of our leaders and volunteers who have made our recent in-person worship experiences go so smoothly, and for our technical people who have labored through many challenges to make livestream and recorded virtual worship available. We are all disappointed to have to "backpedal" at this point, but St. Paul's fully backs the efforts of our county officials (and our own medical advisors) to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Again, we encourage all of our people to make safe and wise choices around the holidays. As always, if you have a need we may address, please contact one of our pastors or an appropriate member of our staff.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff Sterling