



Zion and Hallie United Methodist Churches

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Dear Members and Friends of Hallie and Zion United Methodist Churches,

Because of the Coronavirus, life has taken a huge step towards struggle, sickness, and great uncertainty. What will be over the next two months is not clear at all. How will the COVID-19 virus affect us here in the Chippewa Valley? There are many unknowns at this point and, yes, time will tell. This letter is to encourage us to be faithful disciples of Jesus. This will be a time of testing, a time of sharing, claiming our faith, and trusting in God.

This letter is to welcome and invite your continued support of our mission and ministry at Zion and Hallie UMC. As the song says, "I am the church, You are the church, We are the church together."

Our ministry continues and we need your financial offerings to continue throughout this time when our worship services are closed because of the Coronavirus. We have turned the heat down below 60 degrees and are running only absolutely necessary ministry activities. Please send your offerings and tithes to your church address through the USPS. For those who are able, we need your faithful financial support. Thank you!

- Our buildings are closed. All activities and worship services are canceled through April 24th as we comply with Governor Evers "Safer at Home" order
- Daily emails and messages on Facebook will continue
- Our church is participating in the "Feed My People" mission
- Weekly letters will be sent to shut-ins and those who do not use social media
- Call Pastor Don if you could use any type of pickup and delivery, as we have a plan and people ready to help
- Your financial offerings will bless and build up the community
- The Zion UMC ministry is asking those who pledge monthly to the debt/remodeling loan fund to redirect those donations to the General Budget for the next two months. This would help the ministry significantly
- Thank you for all the big and little things you do as followers of Jesus

The Gospel of Mark tells the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. With the spirit of thanksgiving and with the spirit of sharing; God blessed and multiplied, and from the gift of 5 loaves and 2 fish, thousands were fed and cared for.

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. Mark 6: 39-44

Keep shining bright, stay safe, share generously and love deeply!

Sincerely and in Great Hope,

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