

Hey, everyone. Hope you all are safe and planning to stay that way!

We had a super experience Sunday morning around 11 a.m. Thanks to Meg Farmer, we set up a video conference with Google Hangouts and had a live get together, at least over the computer and cell phones, with many of the kids in our church. We are planning to continue that. (You can see a video I made for them on our website).

(By the way, the kids in those video conference were asked to draw some pictures that represented "Peace." As they share them, we will place them on the website.)

Checkout Good Hangouts because we might want to use it for meetings or if any of you just need to talk with me. Easy to use. You can use it by using my email [pastor.bass@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bass@gmail.com). If you have any questions about how to use it, email or call Meg Farmer (540) 335-3157 or [megfarmer44@gmail.com](mailto:megfarmer44@gmail.com)

We are also looking into using ZOOM, a really great resource we might could use to have live worship services. More on that soon.

The sermon from last Sunday has been loaded on the website at [mmumc.org](http://mmumc.org)

Also, Debbie uploaded a video I made for the kids of our church. I will be doing more of those and maybe even for you since I am certain you may be going stir crazy and getting really bored. This is also your chance to "mute" me 😊

We are also working on a way to have a live Bible study. Will keep you in the loop about that.

If there is something you want uploaded to our website, please send it to me at [pastor.bass@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bass@gmail.com) and we'll take care of the rest.

Remember, if you need anything or know anyone who does, especially food, call the church office at (540) 740-8959.

Though we certainly do not wish to get out and around others anymore than is absolutely necessary, sometimes we just have to. So, if you do, check with an elderly neighbor or someone in our church and see if you can pick up items for them as well. We already have a group of volunteers who will do this for you. They will shop and deliver. Just call the church and share what you need.

Please keep all our folks in your prayers, especially those for whom being shut-in is a way of life. Though they cannot have visits right now, some can get calls. Check with Elizabeth at the office to get contact information.

Just got this from our Bishop:

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis has issued an invitation to the Virginia Conference to join her at noon every day in praying a prayer she has provided. "Let us invoke the power of the Great Physician to do a mighty work in eradicating this disease all over the world," she writes.

We will NOT have worship or any meetings through March 29th. We are waiting to hear from the Bishop about when we can resume. The Bishop and cabinet are working really hard to stay on top of this and we can count on their guidance. We will keep you updated.

I know this is a scary and confusing time, more so than any I can remember in my lifetime anyway. But I also know this - God saw us through many a hard time in the past. God has a way of bringing us together when we most need that. I see everywhere that happening. I see signs of hope, of healing, of sacrifice. We are strong because the Lord gives his strength. We can do ALL THINGS through the one who strengthens us!

So...

Keep on loving like Jesus...

and washing your hands like Pontius Pilate.

It feels like Good Friday...a long Good Friday...but Easter is coming!

Pastor Bass