Welcome to *week one* of doing church “separate in body; still together in heart.” This issue will include some of the information that has been shared by phone and social media, including our website. We will start with the letter that we posted Saturday afternoon.

To our church family and our community...

*In consideration of the public health concerns related to COVID-19, we have decided we will not be hosting live worship services the next two weeks.*

*Please know that this decision is not made out of fear, but out of love and concern for each other and for the communities in which we live.*

*Please understand, we are not “cancelling church.” Our church is not a building; it’s people. During this time away from our building, we invite you to join our church leadership in seeking new ways to strengthen our connections with one another, our care for one another, and our care for our neighbors. And together, let’s seek new ways to deepen our trust in the faithfulness of our living and loving God!*  

*Please keep closer eye on our Facebook page, our website, and your email for ways to stay connected.*

*Remember, God is a good and loving God and is bigger than anything we will face. That doesn’t mean that we won’t face difficult times. But we are promised that we will not face them alone. God will be with us as we continue to walk this road with both hearts and hands that are open to the opportunities around us to love and to serve in Jesus’ name.*

Women’s Fellowship would like to thank everyone who made this year’s auction a success. We were able to raise $4,558.50 this year! We would like to thank everyone who donated items to sell, everyone who bid on items. We would especially like to thank Lon for donating his time and talents for making it so successful! Then a thank you to the youth for helping show the items for sale and donating item also! This would not be a success unless YOU help! This is a wonderful gift we use to help a lot of others!

Today (Sunday) was to have been the Church of the Brethren’s *One Great Hour of Sharing* Sunday. We have postponed this special offering until a later date.

The CPR/AED Training Class (Group 2) has been cancelled for tomorrow night (Monday, March 16). This class will be rescheduled for another date.

Times of *gathered prayer* in the church library are suspended until further notice. However, this past Sunday we offered three times and locations for outdoor “prayer and fellowship walks.” We had a total of 16 different people participate. We will put out the word if we do it again this Sunday.

*Choir Practice* is canceled until further notice.

The Worship Tactic Team "Chat and Chew" planned for *Sunday, March 22nd* has been canceled. The team is still interested in your ideas on enhancing our Sunday morning Worship Service! Please watch for future details if an alternative brainstorming method is developed as we discern God’s plan for us in this area.

We are exploring the possibility of offering a weekly children’s story online. Stay tuned for more details in event that we actually get this idea off the ground.
Wee Folk Sunday, originally scheduled for March 29th, has been canceled. Rescheduling for a later date during this school year is possible but unlikely.

Thank you for all the time and effort already invested by Kathy and Naomi, as well as by Esther and the Wee Folk Committee. Additional thanks to all who offered to bring food or to help in any way.

There are openings for new members on the Wee Folk Committee! If you have an interest in serving, Esther Kishbaugh would be happy to talk with you and answer any questions you may have.

The Women’s Fellowship’s vegetable soup making has been canceled for this month.

Save the Date! You’re invited! Our 2020 Vacation Bible School week is Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26! This year’s theme is Great Big Beautiful World! Through worship and drama, Bible study, nature-themed art projects and snacks, active games, and science explorations, children will discover God’s love for all of creation. They will be challenged to care for God’s world in tangible ways—both during VBS and at home. Please see Reba or Pastor Mark if you would like to help!

Julie Bechtel is participating in her 4-H Exchange Clothing Drive by collecting donations of clothes, shoes, belts, etc. (see full list on poster in Narthex). If you have some clothes that you could donate during the month of March, Julie will be happy to come to your home and collect the items!

A BDM Trip is being scheduled for this fall from Sunday, September 27 to Saturday, October 3. The destination has not yet been determined. Please contact Don Moyer to sign up or with any questions.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Attendance
Sunday School: 34  Worship: 108

Offering for Operating
[2020 Weekly Operating Amount Needed] $5,474.00
Amount Received for Operating:

NOTE: During this time of suspended gatherings, we are encouraged to continue to support the financial needs of our church as we are able. Checks can be mailed to the church at any time. Mail will continue to be delivered and checked regularly. You may also contribute by direct deposit. If you have any questions about direct deposit, we can try to help you with that.