



March 17, 2020`

Dear Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. In an effort to keep our communications current, we have been relying on electronic forms (email, social media, and the web site). We have also reached out by phone to folks not otherwise accessible, thanks to the faithful ministry of the deacons. We will continue to do all of this. However, now that we are likely settled into a new reality for some weeks, we want to take a moment to reach out in this form, hopefully capturing those who have not been able to be in touch with us otherwise. We write to share the current status of church programs and to share ways in which you can remain in touch and engaged.

In accordance with the March 16 order of the Health Officer of The County of Marin, Westminster is suspending all in-person gatherings and programs until April 8 in a communal effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. Our Christian faith calls us to live not only for ourselves, but for one another.

Groups and meetings are continuing as possible through virtual platforms such as “Zoom.” If you are part of a gathering that will use a virtual platform, you will receive an email with instructions about connecting prior to that gathering.

Though we were able to livestream a virtual worship service on March 15, no worship team will be able to gather in person in the coming weeks, so we will explore new ways to share in collective worship online. We do plan to be on Facebook Live each Sunday at 10:00am. In addition, we will continue to provide devotional material and information electronically. We also will feel permission to let go and recognize we cannot accomplish everything we otherwise would.

The best way to stay in touch and engaged is through the following:

- Facebook: Westminster Pres-Tiburon
- Instagram: wpctiburon
- Church Web Site: www.wpctiburon.org In addition to the homepage, updates may appear under the “News & Stories” tab.
- Church YouTube channel: search “wpctiburon” and choose the page with our colorful “W” logo.
- If you are convening a group, consider hosting a videoconference through a platform such as Zoom.

- You can also continue to reach the program staff (Rob, Bethany, and Jeff) through email and phone, both of which we will check remotely. There are instructions for pastoral emergencies on the voicemail.
 - Please note, our office manager Diane will not be in the office, so emails to “secretary@wpctiburon.org” will not be seen and voicemails left on the main office extension will not be heard. To leave a phone message for the program staff, please use our specific extensions.

If you need help using the above technology, we are assembling tech-savvy volunteers who can assist you over the phone. Call or email Rob, Bethany, or Jeff and we will connect you with someone who can help.

Friends, these are anxious times, but we don't have to be conduits of that anxiety. We can take the threats facing us seriously and still be a calm presence in the midst of the storm. We can rely on one another, even from afar, so that none of us has to hold it together every moment. And, we can always turn to the God of our faith, in whom we can find strength, comfort, wisdom, and companionship.

We look forward to being in touch.

God's Peace,
Rob and Bethany