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Dear Faithful People of God,

Well, suffice it to say that managing a worldwide pandemic is not the Lenten journey we thought we'd be taking this year. Yet, I imagine that when Jesus arose out of the Jordan River in Baptism and heard the voice of God say, "This is my beloved," he, too, did not anticipate being sent out into the wilderness for forty days.

Sometimes life is surprising in ways we do not anticipate, but I find that it is in these times we are able to rest in the things Jesus shared with us and gave to us so freely, like God's peace, patience, wisdom, and love.

As a community of faith, we know that God is with us. In spite of the bad news of a coronavirus outbreak, the good news of God's presence in Christ is here sustaining us and encouraging us through this time.

Following the CDC guidelines for community safety during this outbreak:

**The Session of Sharon Church has officially closed the church for worship and activities for a period of two weeks, until March 30.
The church office will remain open for staff and elders only.**

Please do not stop by the church office, but **call** for any church updates or if you are in need of assistance.

The elders and deacons will be reaching out to you by phone and email on a regular basis as our community plan evolves these next days and weeks. It is possible that we may need to close public worship and activities for an extended period of time. And while we are making every effort to contain the coronavirus in our area, we are also seeking ways to stay connected as a community of faith and care for you and our neighbors.

Please make sure the front office has your **current phone number and email**. If you did not receive a call last weekend, there is a chance we do not have your current contact information. Anna will update your primary phone number and email, please give her a call at 412-264-7400 or send her a note at admin@sharoncpc.com.

To quell the proliferation of the virus, we are all asked to practice "social distancing" in public spaces by keeping six feet between ourselves and others, regular handwashing, and self-isolation if you are showing symptoms of illness.

If you are in need of assistance during this time, **please do not hesitate to call on one of our deacons, elders or me**. All of our contact information is listed in the March/April *Good News*, our website and the church directory. It is our desire to care for you, encourage you, and support you. We also ask that you exercise your spiritual strength and pray faithfully for containment of the virus, that we are able to attend to the needs of our community, and a prayer of thanksgiving that God has so graciously empowered us to love our neighbors. Friends, the good news was alive and well even in the wilderness.

May you feel God's loving presence today and may we be God's love in the world as we care for one another.

Lenten peace,
Pastor Becky

P.S.

It is recommended to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Here is an inspirational video produced by St. George's Episcopal Church in Maplewood, NJ to aid us in "faithful" handwashing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sEjc2esWNas> (press Ctrl + right click to view).

Disclaimer: This video may officially be used as a guide to singing the Doxology, for guidelines on correct handwashing technique, see <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing>.

Prayers of the People



Art Christian
Brenda & Dave Donegan
The Gartner Family
Patricia Hersh
Carol Musgrave
Lorna Quinn
Kathryn Roth
Jane Schuliger
Miriam Wolf
The family and friends of Judy Yeck
John Zebroski
Our at Home Sisters & Brothers

Sharon Prayer Chain

[Click here to submit your prayer requests.](#)



March 17 Nancy Handerhan

March 19 Madeline Henry

March 23 Lorraine Keith

March 26 James Cratsley



If you would like to support our Lenten Mission, please use the special envelope in the pew racks to make your donation. If you use a check, make it out to Sharon Community Presbyterian Church and on the memo line please note that it is for 'OGHS.'



The March/April 2020 "Good News" is available on our website: <http://sharoncpc.com>.



Want to know more about Sharon Church? Go to <http://sharoncpc.com> (or just Google Sharon Community Presbyterian Church).

You will find information including programs we offer, past and present issues of the *Good News*, and recent audio recordings of Sunday's sermons.

Our website is also the place to safely give your offerings online. Check it out!



Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 AM - 2 PM. Need help? Change your email or phone number? Call 412-264-7400 or email admin@sharoncpc.com.

Worship Service on TV

Each Sunday at 10:00 am and 5:00 pm, the previous Sunday's service is televised:

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on Channel 35 for Verizon subscribers

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