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Dear Fallingbrook family and friends;

In light of the rapidly developing situation and elevated concern in our community, the city and the country about the COVID-19 virus, we want you to know that the Kirk Session and I as your Minister are taking every precaution to keep our church family healthy and safe.

Although we are a smaller group gathering in the name of Christ as a body of faith and hope, we are still at risk especially with those who are vulnerable among us. So in light of that and the state of emergency declared by the province of Ontario, we will be postponing worship together as a group for March 22 and 29. We will re-evaluate the Palm Sunday and Holy Week services as we get closer to them.

There will be services provided for you over the time via a variety of means to be finalized. Sarah and I are working on inventive ways to connect, such as sharing services via the internet, in print and by phone calls. Although, these means will not be us as a family gathered as two or more in his name, we will be gathered in our love and worship for the Lord from our homes.

The Church building is closed at this time to only those needing to go into the building. This would include Carmen and myself and others who are entering to care for the building or doing essential church work, as needed. The programs that run from our church are temporarily suspended as well. If you wish to drop anything off to us, please use the church mailbox which we will check daily.

At this time, my office hours are suspended but I am available by phone, text and e-mail at all hours and times! I sincerely mean this. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be making personal contact with everyone throughout this time of social distancing via various means of contact.

We pray for the experts to continue to create ways that we can combat this virus and stop the spread. We continue to hold in prayer those who are ill or who have been lost to the virus. We pray for comfort and healing. We remember the health care teams, those working to keep the shelves stocked and others providing essential services. We pray that the end is near for this time of uncertainty.

As Christians we trust in God, and know that fear is not something that should consume our thoughts. We walk instead with hope and trust in our hearts.

Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am Your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41: 10

In Christ's service, *Angela*

