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Grace and Peace!

Our time apart has grown long—longer than I imagined it would be. And now there is significant spread of the COVID-19 virus in neighboring counties. There is now another case in Hand County. This might delay further our plans to re-open our Sunday services to allow us to all be physically present together. This is not the news I was hoping for, but it is something we can find our way through.

I hope that you have been able to join us for worship services on the church website. All those services remain up, so if you do have a chance to watch, you can do it at any time. Somebody asked me if it is hard to preach to a mostly empty church. And it is hard, but when I preach, I always imagine that you are all there. I pretend. Or maybe it isn't exactly pretending. Maybe in some sense we are all together in that time. That's how I like to think about it.

Please know that you are missed—deeply. The session has discussed how and when we can think about things getting back to normal, and I hope you understand that doing so is a high priority for us. But the safety of the congregation and the community have to be a higher priority at the moment.

If you have pastoral needs or know of people who do, I hope you will contact me.

Blessings,

Brian Jones