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Grace and Peace!

The challenge for us in these days is to be the church. We have ideas about how to do that in more normal times, but in these days, we are sometimes at a loss. As we continue to try to stay connected and be the church (while we are told to remain distant from one another!) I want to let you know that I am very often in the office these days. If you have prayer concerns, or ideas about something we, as a church, could be doing, or anything else you would like to talk about, I hope you will let me know. You can call me at 853-3386.

Also, I would like your feedback as to how our Sunday morning online worship is going. It is hard for me to see how it is working for you, when I only see it from this end. I have enjoyed the pictures of your worship settings at home. Maybe you have seen some of them on our website. We will continue to post them, so please keep sending pictures. You can email them to the church (millerpresbypastor@gmail.com) or text them to me (204-0625). Also, please make sure you let me know if you are having any trouble gaining access to these services at millerpresby.com.

You have probably noticed that, for our Sunday morning services, we have pulled in a musician or two or three over each of the past weeks to help provide some worship music. If you are interested in providing special music for one or more of our services, that would be great. Please let Janice Palmer (853-3198) or me know.

In these times of waiting and worrying, I think we are in danger of doing one, or both of a couple of things. Either we take the pandemic too seriously and become anxious about the future, or we take it not seriously enough and thereby endanger ourselves and others.

I know that the pressure of being separated has begun to work on us, and it is becoming harder. As I write this, we have not yet had a COVID-19

diagnosis in Hand County. The models I have seen indicate that it coming, and we may have a difficult time ahead.

Remember that, as God's children, we are cared for, even in difficult times. And know that you are prayed for, by your church.

I look forward to our being together again one day.

Blessings,

Brian Jones