

Staying Connected

In times like these, we strongly encourage all members of our community to listen carefully to the advice of our health officials. It is important that we limit our engagements to matters that are most essential. If you can, stay at home. It is our way of supporting the wider effort to keep ourselves and others healthy. But as we begin to isolate ourselves, we must turn our attention towards keeping our community connected and feeling uplifted in these uncertain times. One of the most powerful images for me over the past few days has been the open windows in Italy, as people fill the streets with singing. Undoubtedly feeling cooped up in their homes, and longing to connect with others, they flung their windows open so that they might hear and be heard by their neighbours.



Although it may not be feasible to fling open our windows and connect, we are pursuing our own version of staying in touch. It is our plan to prepare a weekly email with a message of encouragement and a few readings and songs that will hopefully lift your spirits. Something you can read and reflect on when your tired of watching the news on the television or online. We would also like to create a phone tree so that we can call each other and make sure all is well. You are also strongly encouraged to call or email the church or me directly whenever you desire. I will also be making calls throughout the days, weeks and months ahead to touch base with you.

Staying connected is important. In times like these, we need to find new and meaningful ways of doing so. If you are feeling particularly down at any point along the way, please do not struggle alone. Call us, email us or open your window and sing.

May we never forget that God is with us through it all. God is our anchor – and He will hold us steady as we endure and experience troubled waters. And God will work through each of us, bringing comfort and strength, healing and hope. Thanks be to God!

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