

Dear Congregation,

The deacons met last night to discuss our congregational response to these challenging times as we deal with the covid19 virus and our need to be separated for a season.

As Pastor Anson reminded us: "In the midst of this upheaval may we, as God's people, take to heart the words of God from the book of Hebrews 13:16, "do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". Do what you can for your neighbors. Represent Jesus well and don't forget the ministries of this church. The offering we receive on a regular basis is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship. Our offerings are a token and symbol of our desire to devote our whole selves to God's service in response to God's faithfulness."

A few points we'd like to share with you:

1. **We are here for you!** Do you need groceries? (Need toilet paper? 😊) Need a pharmacy pick up? Have an errand we could run? Have a prayer request? Need a listening ear? Please call any one of us!

2. **We encourage you to continue giving faithfully** to the ministries of the church and other causes as you are able. To facilitate that giving, we're offering the following suggestions:
 - A. You can **mail** your offerings to the church: 900 Illinois Street 53405
 - B. You can **drop off** your offerings during regular office hours: M-F 9-12.
 - C. You can **set up a bill pay option** with your bank...if you need help, call Andrew (635-8878) or Jacob (497-0205).
 - D. We'd be happy to stop by your home and **pick up** your offering, if you'd like! (We'll even bring along an offering plate! 😊) Just give one of us a call.

3. In addition to our budget offerings, we will also collect offerings for **Christian Tuition Assistance, Racine Christian School and benevolence** during the months of **March and April**. You may give gifts for these causes at any time during these months.

4. We would like to continue to support **Harvest Outreach**, as we anticipate an even greater need in these months of turmoil. We are designating the **FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH** as Harvest Outreach week. Please drop your groceries off at church during office hours.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love..."

Serving God by serving you,
Your Deacons

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