



Mt. Paran Presbyterian Church

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To: All the members of the Mount Paran Family
From: Pastor Ed

As you are aware, Baltimore County made the decision that it was not in the best interest to open businesses or churches or to lift the stay at home order at this time. So, **we are unable to resume in person worship at this time.**

However, we need to be prepared when Baltimore County lifts the restriction. Your Pastors, Elders, and Deacons met by Zoom last night to discuss when and what steps need to be taken before re-opening our church. After discussing the guidelines issued by the CDC, State, County, and Presbytery along with the advice of our own medical experts, we unanimously agreed that we would not reopen our church or have outdoor worship before Baltimore County enters Phase 2. At that time your Elders and Deacons will reassess our situation.

This was a hard decision because we all look forward to the day when we can meet in person. We all miss the fellowship and hugs. But our major concern is for the health and welfare of every member of our church family.

Posting our worship services on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube has been a tremendous success. Pastor Anita said we have had approximately 180 computers logged in for the entire worship service. We are reaching a number of people outside of our congregation. So we will continue to broadcast our worship services online. In addition we are hopeful to begin SMORES and Bible Discussion via Zoom in the near future. When one door closes The Lord opens another one.

Also the Deacons are looking into electronic giving to make it more convenient for you to send your offerings to the church. As always you can mail checks to the church mailbox. [P.O. Box 415; Randallstown, MD 21133]

I challenge all of us to pray for each other and to keep in contact with each other. If you or someone you know of needs some financial help because of COVID-19 please call me or one of the Pastors, Elders or Deacons. We are a family and families come along side of and help each other in times of need.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Ed

Senior Pastor, Mt Paran Presbyterian