Dear Church Family,

First of all, I want to express my deep appreciation to you and for all that you are doing during this very challenging time in the life of our Nation, our communities, and our families. It is encouraging and heartening to see so many of you living out your faith in real-time!

I'm reminded of a wonderful Scripture in Psalms 46:1-3 (NIV) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging”.

With all my heart, I believe we continue to serve a gracious God who has already been to “tomorrow” and knows “the rest of the story”. While we continue to have great faith in God, we also must use our God-given wisdom during these times.

As a result of the Coronavirus, we as a church are experiencing issues, we would never have anticipated only a few short weeks ago.

While we could become distressed about what we are going through, we can also view it as an opportunity for God to show up powerfully through His people.

We will continue to pray for all effected directly and non-directly as a result of the Coronavirus, we will continue to pray for our families as well as our church family, and those not of our church family daily.

We will continue to have a live fakebook service each week at10:30 am, on Sunday mornings. So please tune in and invite others to join as well.

We are having phone conversations through out the week to stay connected.

We have been working from remote locations, checking emails and phone messages daily. Our Director of Music is sending out “Let’s Stay Connected” pages on a weekly basis. I will continue to send out live video devotionals on our Facebook Page and am continually staying connected to the Conference Center with weekly conference calls. Information will be sent out as it is gathered. Our prayer chain remains active thanks to Janice Cappella. Our Administrative Board chair has encouraged our council to send out cards to nursing home members.

There may be some of you, or someone you know, that is in need of assistance at this time. We are here to help you! Whether you need groceries, picking up medications, or a friend to talk to, we are here for you! Please email or call the church office and leave a message.

It is important that in times like these, that we remain faithful, generous and gracious in our tithing.

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) says 10Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Listed below are ways for us to remain failhful.

Online Giving: Go to our webpage at bethanylatrobe.org and scroll down to where it says “donate online”.

Mail in your offering or tithing by check to the church office.

**Beginning this Friday, March 27th at 4-5 pm, we will offer a drive by blessing in the church parking lot, where you may also place your offering in a basket that will be provided.**

Continue to remain safe at this time.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Les Hutchins