

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE WORSHIP SERVICES THROUGH AT LEAST DEC. 13 DUE TO A SPIKE IN COVID CASES.

Due to increased COVID-19 related restrictions, and our commitment to the safety and well-being of our congregation, we are closing the church building for meetings, small groups, Sunday school classes, and in-person worship beginning this weekend, and running through at least December 13. Worship will continue online, and you are encouraged to join us (www.fumcpeoria.org - click on "WATCH NOW!"). Meetings, groups, and classes will all move to Zoom meetings. We will be glad to help with the transition if you let us know of your needs. This is a developing situation, so be certain to watch eHighlights, our website, and social media for updates.

Bishop Frank Beard released a statement this week that says, "I give thanks to God for each one of you during these challenging days. I also am praying that you will serve as a model for the highest and the best in Christian character as we continue to navigate these stormy waters with the COVID-19 pandemic... For the good of our 800 congregations and communities where they reside, I am instructing our churches not to meet for indoor worship for the next four weeks (Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6 and 13). On Dec. 9, a determination will be made for Christmas Eve and Christmas services in the weeks to follow."

Pastor Tim Ozment reminds you that we will still be together for worship in spirit as we meet only online over these weeks ahead.

TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PLEDGES

Even though we may not be meeting in-person, please remember that our expenses continue as we maintain our ministry and work while navigating the shutdown. Your tithes, gifts, and offerings are greatly appreciated as we work hard to continue the ministry God has given to us. Also, we encourage you to mail your 2021 pledges to our office at 116 NE Perry Ave., Peoria, IL 61603, pledge digitally (at our website), or bring your 2021 pledge to the church office once we reopen.