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March 27, 2020

Dear Knightdale UMC family and friends,

Our nation continues to face a serious crisis with the spread of the Coronavirus. We have not yet seen the peak of the spread of the virus. Late this week Wake County has issued a Stay at Home order which limits our going out to essentials like obtaining food, medical care, essential jobs, etc. In light of this, the Knightdale UMC office will be curtailing hours. The office will be open from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday. To set a good example and to protect our staff, please avoid casual visits. It is also good to call ahead and make sure someone is in the office before stopping by. The staff and I will work from home at other times. If you have difficulty getting out to buy groceries or pick up meds, please call the church office. We have volunteers who are happy to help. The Food Pantry will continue to be open for food distribution on Monday mornings at 9:30am. If you do not get an answer at the church, you can leave a voicemail, which will be retrieve periodically when we are not in the office. If there is an emergency, you may call 919-679-5037 to be forwarded to a staff cell phone.

Our Bishop has advised the Methodist churches in our Conference to cancel public worship services and other activities until at least early May. She has asked this out of concern for protecting the most vulnerable persons among us and after consulting with other religious leaders and state officials.

Therefore, Knightdale UMC will not be having public worship services for the foreseeable future. At 10:00 AM each Sunday I will continue to preach on Facebook Live on my Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/david.haley.77>). Also a link to the video of the sermon will be posted on the church webpage at [www.knightdaleumc.org](http://www.knightdaleumc.org) so you can access it at other times. If you have a computer, tablet, or smart phone connected to the internet you should be able to hear the sermon. I will be happy to provide printed copies of the sermon upon request.

Our Preschool policy is to be open when Wake County Public Schools are in session. They anticipate being closed until mid-May also. The many groups and organizations that meet in our church facilities have also canceled their meetings until we are able to safely reopen.

We encourage electronic giving through the website, texting, or Bill Pay through your bank. Call the church office if you need more information. People can also drop offerings in the church mailbox or bring by the church office when it is open. We are also hoping to have locked drop box installed by the main entrance to the church building.

Thank you for your understanding and support during these challenging times. Join with me in praying for our church family and community to be safe and responsible.

Blessings,  
Pastor David