September 30, 2020

Dear Charge Family,

 Due to a rise in COVID-19 cases in the Red Lion area we have made the difficult, but responsible, decision to worship online only for the next two Sundays, Oct. 4th and 11th. Sunday School for these two Sundays will be canceled. During this time, we will be monitoring local cases, especially any that affect our membership. We will also be working with the leadership of both churches to evaluate our current COVID-19 policy to see where any improvements can be made to allow for everyone to feel that they can worship safely in our churches when we are able to reopen on Oct. 18th.

 There will be one worship service for the charge on each of the next two Sundays that will be shown online at 10am. This Sunday we will continue with our plan to share communion together. You will need to provide your own bread and juice and follow along with me in the practice of our communion liturgy. This is obviously not the way I wanted us to celebrate our first communion together, but I am glad for our passion, faith and creativity to allow our practice of faith to continue even in the midst of crisis.

 As for already scheduled meetings in our church buildings, we are allowing them to continue, at the discretion of those ministry leaders, with the requirement that people in attendance wear masks and practice social distancing. If the meeting is scheduled to be outside, these can take place with fewer restrictions, asking that people still follow distancing guidelines. The YF leaders have decided to cancel YF for this Sunday Oct. 4th.

 Thank you for your understanding. Please know that we will always do all that we can to care for the safety and wellbeing of those who worship with us. Please join me in praying for the Red Lion community and all who have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus. God is good, and ‘we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.’ Together, in faith and in prayer, we will get through this and any difficulty we will ever face. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office. Please check emails, Facebook, our church websites and the prayer chain for any further announcements.

 Yours in Christ,

 Rev. Bill Jones