



# Ken Mawr

United Presbyterian Church

*Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love, as  
Directed by God's Word*

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Dearest Christian friends,

My warmest greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord! We are so accustomed to our daily rhythms and our way of life, yet all of that has changed in just a matter of weeks due to the COVID-19 outbreak. At our house Jayne leads her Middle School students through music classes five days a week by way of distance learning that her school district has established. I'm thinking that I have not ventured very far from my church laptop the last couple weeks so I can stay connected to many of you, as well as the news related to the coronavirus pandemic. We still miss seeing all of you in person on Sunday morning very much.

We're also leaning on our church website to invite folks to worship with us each Sunday on YouTube (you'll find a link on the church's home page at: [www.kenmawrchurch.org](http://www.kenmawrchurch.org)). Matt Hoffman is posting a "Tour Through the Bible" series for kids (of any age) on YouTube also. And we're relying on email to communicate about news and schedule changes. Please send your email to me or to Vicki at [kenmawrsecretary@comcast.net](mailto:kenmawrsecretary@comcast.net) if we don't already have it. We also send important messages through U.S. Mail, such as this letter.

Our Session has determined that with the new guidance from government officials for social distancing through the end of April, we are prayerfully setting **Sunday, May 10, 2020** as our "Reunion Worship Day." There will probably be precautions that we must follow, even then, but I'm praying that our second biggest spring holiday (Mother's Day) will turn out to be a joy-filled reunion. If that plan should change, we will of course send you notice of the change. Sunday School will not meet again until September and our food pantry is closed until further notice because of difficulty restocking and concerns with distribution precautions.

In this season of economic uncertainty we are also giving consideration to the church budget, including utilities, payroll and other budgeted expenses. Giving remains a very practical way in which we can "*demonstrate God's love*" as our Mission Statement says. Besides mailing your church envelopes to 1760 Pine Hollow Road, let me encourage you to explore the online giving option on our website that Session made available through the Presbyterian Foundation. It is a safe and secure way to give. On the topic of finances, our Session has also made a missional decision to send Dr. Freddy Elbaidy at Salam Medical Center in Cairo \$5,000 (of the \$25,000 they need) to properly care for their patients during the pandemic.

Much of this feels like a huge disruption of the routines and rhythms of our church family. But the Lord is with us in the midst of all the uncertainty. We can be certain of that. As we live in this new reality, remember to pray without ceasing and to lift up in prayer all health care workers and others working in essential services.

See you in church (online)!

*-Pastor Karl*