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In our last communication, we indicated that our Sunday service was canceled as a result of the public health concerns regarding COVID-19. Since that announcement, our predictable, 'normal' lives have been put on hold. Schools have been closed. International flights restricted. Public gatherings cancelled. And social distancing has become the norm. These times may feel somewhat unsettling and yet we, as Christians, can hold onto a hope that extends beyond what we understand in the present moment.

On Monday the leadership of Grace Point Church (Board of Trustees, Board of Elders and Staff) decided **to suspend Sunday services and all programming/events/rentals in the Grace Point building indefinitely** in order to support public efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.

As a church, this is an opportunity to consider what it truly means to BE the church. The church is not the building we meet in, but the church is comprised of the people of God. Going forward, we seek to discern what it means to BE the church rather than simply gathering at a church. How can you be the church in your neighborhood? To your family? Our prayer is that we might allow God to open our eyes and ears to recognize the ways He is working around us. As you seek God and discern His will, you might consider these questions:

- **UP:** How does God want to care for me today?
- **IN:** How can I care for my spiritual family today?
- **OUT:** How can I bring the Good News to the world around me today?

During these uncertain times, we recognize that needs can and will arise. We want you to know that we care. If you are in need, know of a need around you, or if you have a desire to help, please let us know by submitting the information via the form on our website. You can find the link under 'Contact Us / Urgent Needs'.

We also encourage you to reach out to those around you and see how you personally can assist them. There are many ways you can offer help to your neighbors: phone, email, note on the mailbox, social media forums and even apps like 'Nextdoor'.

We invite you to check our church website regularly where we will be posting any new information and a weekly message in addition to our email updates. If you are currently not receiving the email updates, you may also sign up on our website to be added to the email list.

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