



# New Covenant United Methodist Church

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Greetings to my New Covenant family,

As always, I am praying for your wellbeing especially in these times of uncertainty. I am praying that God's grace abounds in your lives in every aspect. I am praying that you know the love of our Lord in a true and personal way. There is a song called "I wish you Jesus". The words say:

I could wish you leaves of Gold and may your path be smooth. I could wish that all your dreams come true. But I wish you Jesus more than anything because when I wish you Jesus, I have wished you everything.

Please know that I am praying for you.

I am writing this letter as an appeal to our stewardship over the ministry God has given us at New Covenant United Methodist Church. We need stewardship support in the following areas:

- First, the dinner ministry on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm. We need help. I cannot stress to you how important this ministry is to the community around us. For some of those who come regularly this may quite possibly be the only two meals they get in one week. So, it is a vital ministry.
- Second, we still need time and talent to be able to reopen our church. I understand the desire to want to be in our worship space. I understand the hunger for each other's physical presence. But my priority is to ensure the safety of every member of this community. First, we need to follow the guidelines and regulations of the CDC, the state, and the New England Conference for cleaning the facilities. This includes not just the areas that are used for worship but also the areas that are used for our outreach ministry. Please know this is an ongoing process that changes with the information that comes from the CDC, Connecticut State, and the New England conference.
- Third, the church office. The office needs someone who can donate time and talent to basic office functions.

You will also find the stewardship covenant enclosed in this letter. We are changing the language from a pledge card simply because we are in relationship with one another as well as in relationship with Christ. Covenants have been a way of living together since the beginning of human civilization. We, as Christians, have a covenant because of the gift of life that Jesus Christ has provided through his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

I want to say thank you in advance to any efforts that you are able to put forward, particularly in the area of the process that needs to happen when we return to our building. Again, I want to stress to you that it is of the utmost importance to me that you are well and that you are safe. I am committed to both your physical and your spiritual care. I will do, with God's help, everything that I must to make sure that you are cared for in the best way possible.

And so, I ask for your prayers as we navigate these uncertain times. I also ask you to remember that we are the sons and daughters of the living God. He has guided us, He has blessed us, He has kept us through many dangers, toils, and snares. And it is our fervent confidence that he will continue to guide us through these uncharted times.

Be blessed, be at peace.

In Christ, Pastor Althea